

# SLO Friends of the Library

Winter/Spring Newsletter

February 2019



## Massive Book Sale!

Book lovers, music and movie buffs are in for a special treat on March 7, 8, & 9, 2019—the 40th Annual Book Sale at the SLO Veterans Hall, 801 Grand Avenue, SLO. At this largest book sale on the Central Coast, you'll browse dozens of tables displaying over 24,000 books, CDs and DVDs, all in great condition.

As always, the prices can't be beat! Just \$1.25 per inch for books; \$2.00 each for CDs and DVDs; with special books priced as marked.

### Extensive Selections for 2019:

Each year, our many customers browse the aisles to add to their collections, also finding those perfect gifts for friends and family. This year, the sale features a full range of categories: mystery; fiction (general, historical, fantasy, western, romance); thousands of books for children and teens; literature and poetry; history (ancient, local, U.S., world, political, military); gardening; house and home; crafts and hobbies; travel; sports and adventure; science

(biology, environment, technology); an amazing collection of cookbooks; books about philosophy and psychology, relationships, parenting and self-help; stunning coffee table books in pristine condition; beautiful and timeless books...the possibilities are endless. And you won't want to miss our "special price" books featured on the stage. These include unusual, collectible and rare finds that are priced according to value.

### **Extended Hours for 2019:**

Members of the SLO Friends of the Library will enjoy extended shopping hours this year. On Thursday, March 7th, members-only shopping kicks off at 12:00 noon and closes at 8:00 p.m. (Memberships may be purchased at the door: \$10 individual, \$20 family). Shopping for the general public begins on Friday, March 8 (10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) and continues Saturday, March 9th (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

We're looking forward to seeing you at the 40th Annual Book Sale! Our dedicated volunteers have worked for twelve months to prepare a great event for the community. As always, all proceeds will go to support the San Luis Obispo Library's enrichment for our community through unique programs and services, and thoughtfully developed collections.

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## **Library News** – with Monique Matta, Reference Librarian

A new year has dawned, and it's a year of celebration for County of SLO Public Libraries. This year marks our Centennial! In honor of this milestone, we will be presenting programs throughout the entire year commemorating our history. A variety of Centennial-themed events are happening at each of our branch locations throughout 2019. Here at SLO Library, historian Joseph Carotenuti will share his extensive knowledge of local library history with us on July 6th. More details will be forthcoming soon! In the meantime, be sure to check our events calendar regularly for updates on all the programs coming up at libraries all around SLO County.

This January, County of SLO Libraries enacted a month-long amnesty program for customers returning late items. Any patrons returning overdue library materials had their late fees waived. This program was such a tremendous success that it sparked deliberations about our fine policies in general. Late fees are a proven obstacle to free, equitable use of library services. As a public library, it's our goal to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to access our resources. Therefore, as of February 1st, we've decided to eliminate all late fees for library materials. Our library is now truly a "Free Library," and equally accessible to all people regardless of their circumstances. We are excited to welcome many new and returning library patrons with this new policy!

Our display of Jack Kerouac's "On the Road" scroll manuscript last fall was a resounding success. In the coming weeks, we will be hosting another historic exhibit. Beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>, we welcome "Backstage Pass: Baron Wolman and the Early Years of Rolling Stone," a photo exhibition featuring iconic images from legendary photographer Baron Wolman. Wolman was chief photographer for Rolling Stone magazine from 1967-1970, and he captured many seminal moments of that period in musical history. The display will continue throughout the month of February before coming to a close on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

As you may know, you can now apply for a passport at our regional libraries in San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande, and Atascadero. This new service has proven tremendously popular with the public. Due to overwhelming demand, the SLO Library is extending its passport service hours. Our new hours for accepting passport applications at this location will be Monday-Saturday from 10:30-4:00.

We've had a new addition to our staff here at the SLO Library. Please join us in welcoming our new Teen Librarian, Leslie Weaver! Leslie previously served as the youth librarian at the Atascadero Library. At our branch, she will act as our first-ever, full-time Teen Services librarian. She is currently working to form a teen advisory group comprised of local youth, and will coordinate with them to develop teen-specific programs and events.

Our library is fortunate to host many exciting, science-themed programs for local families, thanks to generous funding from the Harold J. Miozzi Charitable Trust! Our first set of Miozzi programs have been a hit with our patrons. Over 200 children and parents attended the "Dinosaurs Rock!" activity on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Kids learned about dinosaurs, fossils, and even participated in a fossil dig! Our next Miozzi program, "Zoo to You: Desert Magic," takes place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 in the Community Room.

Acclaimed author Ana Castillo is coming to San Luis Obispo this March to discuss her book, and this year's Cuesta Book of the Year selection, "Black Dove: Mamá, Mi'jo, and Me." A lecture and book-signing will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00–7:00 at Cuesta College in the Harold J. Miozzi Cultural & Performing Art Center. Tickets are available online at [cpactickets.cuesta.edu](http://cpactickets.cuesta.edu).

Come and join us for a free, exciting concert of music and dance when we host the Righetti High School Ballet Folklorico & Marimba Band on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 in the Community Room. Also, there will be a Mexican Tin Art craft in the SLO Library Conference Room on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. Registration is required, so sign up online today!

We're excited to announce that renowned author and artist Jarrett Krosoczka is coming to SLO Library on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Krosoczka's book, "Hey, Kiddo," movingly depicts his personal experiences as a child growing up in a family haunted by addiction, and how he found freedom through artistic expression. "Hey, Kiddo" was selected as a National Book

Award Finalist for 2018, and will be the subject of book discussions at Morro Bay Library on February 6th at 10:00 and Atascadero Library on March 5th at 11:00. SLO Opioid Safety Partners will be visiting us here at SLO Library on April 13th at 11:00 to discuss the impact of the opioid crisis on our community, and highlight available resources. Read the book, come to the author event, and join the discussion!

These are just a few highlights of the events coming up this spring. A complete program schedule can be viewed online at [www.slolibrary.org](http://www.slolibrary.org).

It's impossible to conclude without once again thanking you, Friends of the SLO Library, for all of your hard work, positivity, and dedication. With your support, we look forward to making 2019 the best year for our library yet!



**Friends Bookstore**

Please remember to visit our book corner whenever you stop by the library. A carefully curated selection of books and magazines are restocked twice weekly. You're sure to find something of interest and you will be supporting your local library. All sale proceeds go to library enrichment. Also, we will gladly accept your donations of gently used books and current magazines. Just drop them off on the cart to the right of the library entrance.

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