



Summer Newsletter

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Library News – with Monique Matta, Reference Librarian

Summer is almost here, and at the library, that means some of our busiest months are upon us. Hundreds of families will be coming through our doors every day, and we're ready! We have a multitude of exciting programs for all ages planned in the coming weeks. So many programs, in fact, there's only room to mention some highlights here.

First and foremost, summer means fun – and *Summer Reading!* Our Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 1st and continues through July 31st. Children and teens can participate by reading for 5 days (20 minutes per day), or by reading 5 books. All who finish will receive a book bag, Frisbee, lip balm, and a free book! Readers of all ages can sign up at their local branch.

Summer reading isn't just for kids. For adults, the library offers the "Short & Sweet" reading program. Adult readers can sign up to read **10** books of **100** pages in length (more or less). A list of suggested titles will also be available for your convenience. Turn in your completed reading log by July 31st to receive your very own book bag and complimentary book. Those who complete the "Short & Sweet" challenge are eligible to enter their name in a drawing to win one of three possible prize packages: a Bi-Plane Ride with Banner Airways, a Zipline Tour at Margarita Adventures, or a Stay-cation Experience Basket!

Mark your calendars for our **Summer Lunch Kick-Off BBQ and Party** on Wednesday, June 12th from 11:00 to 1:00. There'll be a free family BBQ, face painting, and more! This date also marks the official start of our summer programming series. From June 12th through July 24th at SLO Library, there'll be a free family program at 10:30 on Wednesdays (except for July 3rd). On June 19th, musician **Dino O'Dell** will stop by for a concert, and on June 26th, the **Roaming Reptile Show** will feature visiting animal ambassadors! On July

10th, check out the ***Wild Child Bubble Show*** and on July 17th, be thrilled by the ***Magic Show with Chris Lopez***.

Finally, to usher out our summer reading celebrations, we're thrilled to host the fan favorite music group, "***Harry and the Potters***." This band, featuring brothers Paul and Joe DeGeorge, has performed their *Potter*-inspired music all over the world. They are bringing their special brand of "wizard rock" to the SLO Library on Friday, July 26th at 6:00.

We're continuing to celebrate our Library Centennial Year during the summer months with special events focusing on local history themes. Architectural historian James Papp comes to SLO Library on Saturday, June 8th at 10:30 to share some of the secrets of our local downtown buildings. Our partners at Foundation for SLO Public Libraries will host a gala event at the Dallidet Adobe on Saturday, June 29th from 5:00-8:00. On July 6th, the SLO Library will throw a special birthday "party" celebration, complete with cake and music, to commemorate the official founding of the County Library. As part of the festivities, historian Joe Carotenuti will give a presentation on local library history at 1:00 in the Community Room. Library branches across the County are holding their own birthday parties at various times as well, so be sure to visit the events calendar on our website for respective dates and details!

As part of our continuing mission to offer the best customer service, SLO Library is pleased to offer Sunday open hours to the public. This summer, we are now open on Sunday afternoons from 12:00-4:00. We will be presenting programs on Sundays as well. Guitarist Jay Leach of "*American Idol*" will perform on Sunday, June 30th at 2:00, and "*Yoga for Every Body & Mind*" will be held at 12:30 every Sunday in June. Just bring your yoga mat to the 2nd Floor Teen Area to join in! These Sunday hours are only available at the San Luis Obispo location at this time. For now, this is only a summer schedule, but based on public response, these hours may become permanent. So, spread the word about this new service!

This is just a sample of what's on the agenda for San Luis Obispo Library these summer months. Remember to visit www.slolibrary.org for a complete list of all upcoming events.

Thank you so much to our Friends of the Library for your tireless support! It can't be said enough how much we rely on the energy and effort of our volunteers. With your help, the Library can expect our best, most exciting summer yet!



Friends Raise Funds for Our Library

Our Friends group sells gently used books and magazines to raise funds for our library programs. Please remember to shop our bookstore, located on the first floor, whenever you visit the library. Our volunteers restock the shelves at least twice weekly and you don't want to miss out on a great find. And help us support this worthy endeavor with donations of books you've enjoyed and recent editions of magazines. What a great way to recycle and share reading material, while helping your local library.



Annual Meeting

Our annual Friends of the Library Luncheon at the Madonna Inn was an enjoyable afternoon. After a delicious meal, Joe Carotenuti, local historian, shared about the early years of our local libraries and the individuals who were pioneers in their development. Several beautiful gift baskets were raffled and we celebrated 100 years of local libraries with a special cake. Please be sure to join us next May

.March Book Sale Results

Many have asked about the results of our annual March Book Sale. We are pleased to share that our sales generated a total \$19,687.97, exceeding the previous year! These funds will go towards programs offered at our San Luis Obispo Library. We had the largest membership signup in recent years, and we extended our "Members Only Thursday" from three to eight glorious shopping hours. Families also happily used the cozy new Kid's Reading Corner throughout the sale. Thanks to the community for making our 40th Book Sale the most successful on record!

Save the date for 2020: Thursday, Friday, Saturday: March 5, 6 and 7



Our Friends of the Library Board President, Margaret Haneberg, would like you to consider joining our Friends of the Library Board. We are always looking for new members to help us support our SLO Library. If you are interested, please contact us through our website: www.slofol.org

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