



Fall Newsletter

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Library News – with Monique Matta, Reference Librarian

The final days of summer are here in San Luis Obispo! Soon, it'll be time to pull out our Central Coast version of "winter wear," and brush the dust off those boxes of holiday decorations. SLO Library has packed so much activity into these past few months, time has seemed to fly by even faster than usual! But we're taking just a moment to celebrate our accomplishments—while gearing up for an amazing fall season ahead.

This summer, over 11,000 people attended programs at our County branches! This is a testament to the amazing roster of events hosted at all library locations. We presented programs designed for all age groups, including everything from crafting workshops and concerts to educational activities. We celebrated the incredible milestone of our Library Centennial with a special gala at the Dallidet Adobe in June, featuring a presentation by photographer Paul Mobley. In addition, a variety of film screenings and birthday festivities were held across the county.

The Library Summer Reading program registered over 4,000 children this year, as well as over 700 adult participants. The "Short & Sweet" adult reading challenge culminated in a raffle award of amazing prizes, which included a bi-plane ride and a zip line tour, to three lucky winners! Throughout the summer, our librarians went out into the community to promote the library, by visiting schools, juvenile detention centers, and even the local swimming pool, to share our resources and register people for library cards. We are deservedly proud of our staff for all the tremendous outreach work they do.

As memorable as this summer has been, the Library is always focused on how we can maximize our potential and prepare for the future. We are constantly acquiring new resources to offer our loyal customers. Our collection of Maker Kits is expanding, now including induction cooktops and Oculus Quest headsets. Maker Kits are available to

check out for three weeks. Our Zip Books program continues to grow in popularity, and library cardholders can now order up to **five** books at a time to be shipped from Amazon directly to their home! A title must be unavailable through our Black Gold catalog to be eligible for Zip Books. For more information about Zip Books, or to order a title for yourself, be sure to visit our website at <https://slolibrary.org/index.php/about/zip-books>, or contact your local library branch.

In other news, the Sunday hours pilot program at San Luis Obispo Library has now officially been made permanent. The SLO Library is open on Sundays from 12:00-4:00, offering the community even more access than before! Sunday hours are currently only available at the San Luis Obispo branch.

SLO Library is always seeking new and innovative programs that inform as well as entertain. This September, SLO Library presents "Trademark Basics," with USPTO attorney advisor Jason Lott. Find out how to select a trademark, and the differences between trademarks, patents, and copyrights on Saturday, September 21st at 11:00. Later that same day, you can learn "How to Home Brew," courtesy of the folks at Doc's Cellar! If you're 21 or over, visit the Community Room on September 21st at 2:00 for this free workshop. On September 28th, the famous Righetti High School Ballet Folklorico and Marimba Band will perform in the SLO Library Community Room at 1:00. Don't miss this concert for the whole family in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month!

November will feature visits from two local authors. Bruce West will discuss and read from his book "Auspicious Journey" on November 2nd, and Margaret Pinard, author of "The Grasping Root," will speak on November 30th at 1:00. November is also Native American Heritage Month, and on November 16th, presenter Patti Dunton will speak on the history and culture of the Salinan People.

There are some returning favorites on our fall program lineup as well. Our 2nd Annual SLO Comix Fair will be held at SLO Library on October 12th, bringing together artists and fans of comic books and animation, and we expect it to be even more *epic* than last year! Famed guitarist Jay Leach also returns to SLO Library in December for a special, holiday-themed concert, although the specific date is TBD. Keep checking our events calendar for updates!

Once again, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all our amazing Friends of the Library. Thank you so much for all that you do, both individually and collectively. As we move into the closing months of 2019, SLO Library continues to rely on your energy, creativity, and support in creating our very best future!

--Monique Matta, Reference Librarian



Library Bookstore

During your next visit to the library, why not take a few minutes to visit our bookstore on the ground floor of the library (located to the left of the public computers). If you walk through the A/V area, you'll see it straight ahead of you. The large red-lettered sign on the wall above it will let you know you're in the right place. New offerings are added at least three times a week.

Our shelves are brimful of tantalizing fiction, non-fiction and children's titles, many of which are on the current best-seller list. All are in excellent condition. The prices are a real bargain: adult hardcovers are \$2.00, paperbacks \$1.00. Children's hardcovers are \$1.00 and paperbacks are 50 cents.

We also offer an interesting and varied array of current magazines for the astonishingly reasonable price of 50 cents each.

Payment is in cash at the wooden box on the wall above the magazines. Every penny goes back to the library to support a myriad of children's and adult programs.

Big cheers to our patrons and to the wonderful and generous people who donate the books and magazines that fill our bookstore shelves. Many, many thanks for your support.

--Cheri Jump & Sue Keller

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