

SLO Friends of the Library

Winter/Spring Newsletter

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Massive 41st Annual Book Sale

Book lovers, music and movie buffs are in for a special treat on March 5, 6, & 7, 2020—the **41st 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 30,000 books, CDs and DVDs, all in great condition.

Thousands of DVDs include a large collection of classic movies, plus a large collection of books on film.

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.

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 2020

- Thursday, March 5th 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Members only, with memberships sold at the door)
- Friday, March 6th 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7th 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Bag sale 3:00-5:00)

We're looking forward to seeing you! 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. For more details, or to volunteer, visit our website at www.slofol.org

Membership Renewals

Don't forget, the first day of the book sale is open to members only. You can join/ [renew online](#) or print the [form on our website](#) and mail it with your payment. Annual memberships are for the calendar year, January through December.

Library News - with Monique Matta, Reference Librarian

The new year has officially dawned - and that means another year of information and innovation here at the Library! As we gear up for spring, our SLO County Libraries will be featuring books and topics that highlight our local food economy, as well as explore the wonders of the natural world.

The Cuesta Book of the Year selection for 2020 is *The Honey Bus* by Meredith May. This inspirational memoir details May's experience of finding renewal through working alongside her beekeeper grandfather in Carmel Valley. The acclaimed author is coming to Cuesta College on April 22nd, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 for a special book discussion and event. Tickets are \$15 and available now at cpactickets.cuesta.edu. In support of this theme, SLO Library will be hosting two buzzworthy programs in the coming weeks: *Gardening for Bees* (or, *How to Identify & Attract Pollinators*), on Saturday, February 29th at 1:00 pm, and *Intro to Beekeeping* on Saturday, March 14th at 10:30 am. Both programs will be held in our Community Room.

The popular Book to Action program returns to SLO County Libraries this year, highlighting the issues of food literacy and equality. Book to Action is a community reads program that illuminates culturally relevant topics through book discussions, programs, and community participation. Join us as we examine the theme of local food systems during the months of April–June with a series of programs on gardening, farming, and other important aspects of

food economy! The featured Book to Action titles will be: Letters to a Young Farmer and The Food Activist Handbook. Free copies of these titles will be made available (in limited quantities) to all our library book clubs for distribution and sharing. Our librarians will be working closely with local partners such as [GleanSLO](#) and [Food Bank](#) to present entertaining educational programs, including film screenings and “meet and greet” sessions with local farmers. More information on these events will be coming soon, so check our online calendar regularly for updates!

SLO Library continues to offer a variety of exciting artwork and historical artifacts through a rotating series of displays. This February, we are partnering with R.A.C.E MATTERS to present “Portraits and Perspectives,” a curated collection of photographs and artwork showcasing the voices of our local African American community. This exhibit is a component of the multi-media art installation, “Belonging: Local Expressions of Black Empowerment and Possibility,” featured at different locations throughout downtown San Luis Obispo. “Portraits and Perspectives” is available for viewing on the first floor of the library from February through the month of April, so be sure to take the time to experience it!

During February and March, SLO Library is also hosting the exhibit, “Wherever There’s a Fight,” on our second floor - a commemoration of our continuing journey to greater civil liberty. This exhibit will close with a presentation by co-curators Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi on Saturday, March 21st at 2:00 pm. Elinson and Yogi will lead a “virtual civil liberties tour” of key events and locations in California, with a focus on the Central Coast. These are just a few of our upcoming events and offerings. A complete program schedule is available online at www.slolibrary.org.

As always, thank you to Friends of the SLO Library for your tireless support of the library. Your organization provides so many resources that make our programs and services possible. We appreciate you! Here’s to an inspiring and transformational year ahead!

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