

Library Link

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FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Sorting it out

Here's what happens to the used books and other materials generously donated to the Friends

Thrice-yearly sales and a bookstore in the lobby are the primary tools the Friends uses to raise funds for the Nipomo Library—and there's no way we could do it without your generous donations. These not only include used paperback and hardbound books of all genres but also magazines, puzzles, DVDs and CDs, and even video games—turned into cash or diverted to other potential users.

"The primary purpose of any Friends group is to resell books and media received either from generous patrons or from the library's periodic review/removal procedure," explains former Friends Board member Marie Kyle, who oversees the process. "Sales provide the necessary funds to supplement the library budget

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Volunteers Gwen Bachman and Cindy Summers sort every Wednesday and have worked together about a year. Says Gwen, "Marie thought we'd be a good team." "And we are!" adds Cindy.

Manager's Message

From Heidi LoCascio, Library Branch Manager

Happy October!

There is something for everyone being offered at the library this month. We are hoping to see lots of pumpkins decorated as your favorite literary characters adorning the library (details on page 3). On a more serious note, we have invited a representative from Bank of the Sierra to discuss the timely topic of fraud prevention. She will go over the many ways to spot a scam and ways to protect yourself from becoming a victim. This important presentation will take place on Oct. 18 at 2pm.

The Healthy Brain series will continue on Oct. 19 from 10:30am-noon. You don't have to attend all the sessions to gain useful information on protecting your brain or helping a loved one negotiate through dementia.

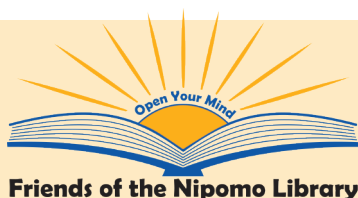
Idle hands??? Not at the library. The local chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America is providing a series of classes to share their knowledge and skill with needle and thread. This is a family friendly event for children 8 years and up, teens, and adults to stitch a project selected for the October/fall

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We need YOU!

WANTED: Board members for our organization!

It doesn't require a huge commitment—we meet once a month—but having a full board is vital to the continuation of the Friends. If you can spare just a couple of hours a month, email us ASAP at info@friendsofnipomolibrary.org.



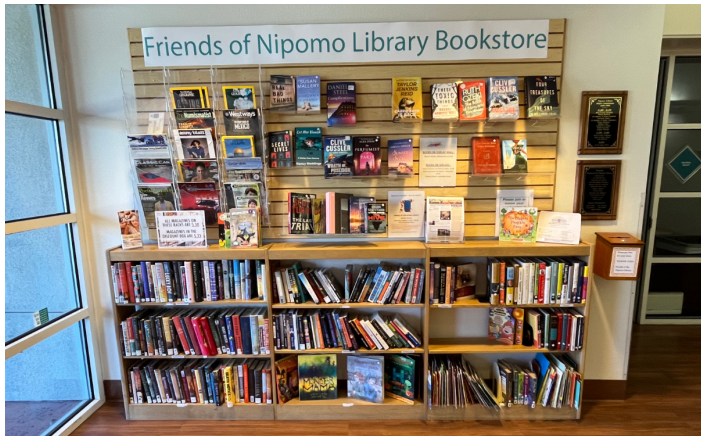
The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 2pm. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the library, 918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo. The public is always welcome.

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You'll always find an ample supply of good books and magazines at the Friends of the Nipomo Library Bookstore in the library lobby.

so that books, magazines, media, supplies, and other items can be purchased for the use and benefit of the patrons of the Nipomo Library."

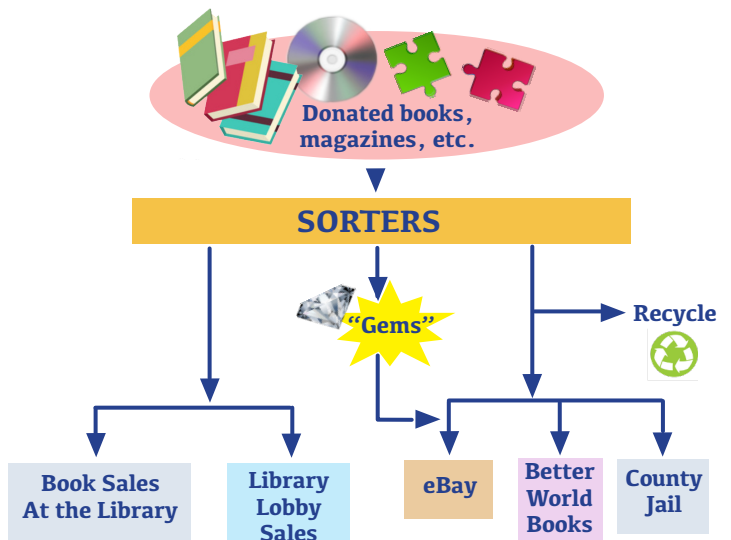
Donations first go through a sorting process that winnows them down according to genre, copyright date, condition, and potential value to collectors (see diagram at right). Performing this task is our intrepid band of sorters, which includes Merrill Schalla, Suzanne Schwake, Ellen Polinsky, Gwen Bachman, Cindy Summers, Jamie Hartshorn, and Helen Chang. "The volunteers who perform the initial task of book sorting are at the heart of the book donation process," explains Marie. "The work that the sorters do is essential because it maximizes the financial benefit of each book for the Friends group.

"Our newest fundraising endeavor is selling books on eBay!" she continues. "A team of volunteers has been formed to choose, list, and sell classic, educational, and other valuable books, maximizing profit on each book sold. Examples are a gold-embossed *Grimm's Fairy Tales*, a vintage collection of *The Wizard of Oz* books, and the Harley Merlin series, just to name a few, provided by the generous donations of Nipomo Library supporters."

Other, usually more recently published books and magazines are set aside for sale in the Friends of the Library Bookstore along the wall of the library lobby. Still others, including CDs, DVDs, and puzzles, get stored in the shed and brought out for the Friends' Saturday book sales. There you'll find Marie and Friends Co-President Linda Short in charge of a group of volunteers who serve as cashiers and helpers. The sales are held outside on the lawn and in the Community Room and never fail to draw a crowd.

Older books that are still in good condition are sent in postage-paid boxes to the nonprofit Better World Books, which sells them to raise money for literacy programs, sends them to nonprofit partners for use in their programs, or recycles them. And still other titles are taken to the County Jail for readers there. Books that are damaged or otherwise unusable get recycled.

Our next book sale is Nov. 18 (mark your calendar!) but you'll always find worthwhile reading in the lobby Bookstore shelves. In the meantime, donations are gratefully accepted—just bring them to the front desk during library hours.



Window highlights Nipomo 4-H

This month, the Friends window in the library lobby plays host to Nipomo 4-H. "4-H is America's largest youth development organization, delivered by Cooperative Extension and empowering nearly 6 million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime," explains adviser Lottie Martin. "In 4-H programs, kids and teens complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles." Nipomo 4-H meets at the Edwards Barn at 7pm on the second Monday of each month and welcomes new members.



What's Happening at your library

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST for all ages **Oct. 3-28**

Deadline for entries: Oct. 21

STORY TIME for ages 0-5 **Wednesdays, 10:30am**

READING TO ROVER **Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm**

LEGO CLUB for ages 5-12 **First Saturdays, 2-3pm**

EMBROIDERY for ages 8-adult **Sat., Oct. 14, 21 & 28, 2-3:30pm** Registration required

CHESS CLUB for all ages/levels **Third Fridays, 2-4:30pm**

FRAUD PREVENTION for adults **Wed., Oct. 18, 2-3pm**

HEALTHY BRAIN SERIES for adults **Thurs., Oct. 19, 10:30am-noon**

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP for adults—NOTE CHANGE: **Tues., Oct. 24, 10-11am** No meeting in Nov.

DAY OF THE DEAD CRAFT: SUGAR SKULL MASKS for adults & teens **Thurs., Oct. 26, 3:30-4:30pm** Registration required

Coastal Dunes Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC) **Saturday, Oct. 7, 10:30am-12:30pm**

Dyllan Coehlo-Holm & Dianne Smith: "Writing for Today's Silly, Savvy, Stressed-Out Teens"
www.coastalduneswc.com

October fun at the library

The annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest opens Oct. 3 with the deadline for entries at 5pm on Oct. 21. Open to all ages, decorate a pumpkin as your favorite book character using paper, glue, paint, markers or other craft items. (Carved, cut, or punctured entries will **not** be accepted.) Library patrons can vote on their favorites from Oct. 24-27, with winners announced Oct. 28.



On Thursday, Oct. 26, from 3:30-4:30pm the library is hosting a **Day of the Dead crafting event** for teens and adults. Paint and assemble a Día De Los Muertos sugar skull mask; all supplies and instruction included and no experience is necessary; [registration is required](#).

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season. On Saturday, Oct. 14 from 2-3:30 the project will be a simple cross-stitched bat. Over the following two Saturdays, Oct. 21 and 28 from 2-3:30, get in the spirit of Día de los Muertos and stitch a colorful skull. All supplies will be provided, and you will have a lovely handmade decoration to take home. Registration is required for this class so [go on-line and sign up early!](#)

On Oct. 26 at 3:30 teens and adults are invited to decorate a Día de los Muertos sugar skull mask with paint and other embellishments. Registration is required for this event and can be accessed from the [library event calendar](#).

For a fun and informative time, come to the library!

Library Details

The Nipomo Library is located at:
918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo 93444
Branch Manager: Heidi LoCascio
Information: 805-929-3994

www.slolibrary.org

Hours:

Tuesday 10am-6pm
Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 1-5pm
Saturday 9am-5pm



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