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FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Contact us at info@friendsofnipomolibrary.org

October 2026

No tricks—just October treats!

Celebrate fall and get into the spirit of the season at your Nipomo Library.

This year's **Halloween costume exchange** has a twist—attire for

four-legged family members! Between Oct. 1–10, donate or pick out Halloween décor for your home and clean, gently used Halloween costumes for kids and pets.

You don't need to bring one to get one—donation not required to participate.

Our monthly Kids' Day at the Library on Thursday, Oct. 8, will be devoted to **mini pumpkin decorating!** The first session (2–3pm) is for homeschool groups and the second session (3:45–4:45pm) is for the after-school kids.

Between Oct. 17–31 it's our annual **book pumpkin decorating contest**—

open to all ages. Decorate a pumpkin as your favorite literary character using paint, markers, pa-

per, glue, or other craft items. **No carved, cut, or punctured entries will be accepted.** Drop entries off by Saturday, Oct. 24 and vote for your favorite from Oct. 27–31, when winners will be announced. Pumpkins must be picked up by the end of the day on Nov. 6.

Tweens, teens, and adults are invited to our **Día de los Muertos ofrendas crafting workshop** on Oct. 17 with artist and musician María Belén Luzuriaga Abad. Discover how this vibrant Mexican tradition celebrates the souls of treasured individuals who have passed on and make an ofrenda of your own (registration is required).



On Oct. 24, school-aged kids and tweens will have a blast at the **Spooky Cartooning Workshop** presented by cartoonist and educator Kane Lynch, who teaches artists of all ages at libraries, schools, and comic cons nationwide (for more about Kane, visit kanelynch.com.)



Manager's Message

From Margaret Kensinger-Klopper
Library Branch Manager

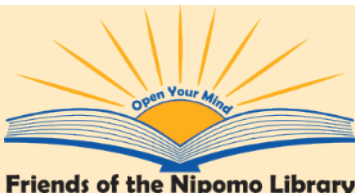
Libby and Kanopy will require a PIN/password beginning Oct. 14. This is the same password you use to sign in to your online accounts at SLOLibrary.org. Are you unsure what your library account password is? You can reset your password through our website or get help resetting it from a Nipomo Library staff person. Please have your library card or photo ID on hand if you need help resetting your password.

Did you know that 14 California partner libraries' digital collections are now available automatically to County of SLO Library patrons in the Libby app? Visit the SLOLibrary.org EBooks & Streaming Help page for more information.

We will be updating our displays in October to feature books that staff are scared to read and scary movies hand-picked by Nipomo staff member Claudia. Don't be afraid to borrow items from these spooky displays.

Also in October we are adding more board games and other fun things to our collections. Check

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Friends of the Nipomo Library

The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 1:30pm. 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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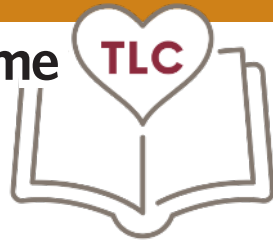
TLC

You can change a life! TLC—short for The Literacy Connection—is a service offered by the SLO County Library system to help adults learn English and hone their basic literacy skills.

You can help by becoming a tutor—you don't need to be a teacher or a linguist. The program provides free online training, materials, resources, and ongoing support. TLC is always looking for caring, dedicated volunteers at all 14 branch libraries.

Adult learners can improve reading and writing skills or other literacy goals with a trained tutor at a location that is close and convenient, one-on-one or in small groups. Goals can include anything from learning to vote, reading a book to your child, using a computer, or even passing the U.S. Citizenship exam. It's all free and confidential; no ID required.

Whether you're a potential tutor or adult learner (or know of someone who is), contact TLC to get started now—call 805-781-5077 or visit the website at catalog.slolibrary.org/tlc. Just an hour or two a week can help a learner gain confidence, reach personal goals, and build a brighter future. It's a great way to make a difference in our community!



**THE LITERACY
CONNECTION**
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
PUBLIC LIBRARIES



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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out our app or website for new board games, upholstery steamers, portable DVD players, car diagnostic tool, engraver, cell phone fixing kit, and more non-traditional library items to borrow through the Library of Things.

Finally, remember to check our events calendars in print or online. We have new events being added all the time. October's events include a lesson on the history of the ofrenda for Día de los Muertos, book clubs, pumpkin decorating and so much more! You can also read more about these very special programs in the article on page 1.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming holiday closures in coming months:

Veteran's Day – Nov. 11
Thanksgiving – Nov. 26 and 27
Christmas – Dec. 25 and 26
New Year's Day – Jan. 1



Book Sale **Saturday, Nov. 14** **10am-2pm**

It's our final sale of the year! Stock up on books for all ages, CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles for holiday gift giving.



Friends of the Nipomo Library

2026 Board of Directors

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Library Details

The Nipomo Library is located at:
918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo 93444

Branch Manager:

Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer

Information: 805-929-3994

www.slolibrary.org

Hours:

Tuesday 10am-6pm

Wednesday 10am-6pm

Thursday 9am-5pm

Friday 1-5pm

Saturday 9am-5pm



SLO County Libraries had a SPECTACULAR SUMMER!

Summer 2026 by the
numbers, systemwide



7564 Readers engaged, up
30% from 2023.

1040+ Kids lunched &
learned through
Lunch at the Library and Sheriff's
Youth Camps.

116,129 Items were
checked
out this summer at the 14 SLO
County libraries!

Center serves Nipomo's seniors

At our September meeting, the FONL Board of Directors heard a presentation about the Nipomo Senior Center that deserves sharing with the rest of our membership.

Pat Hermengildo, who is in charge of speaker coordination, class development, and publicity, told us about the center, which currently has about 75 members and was formed in 1973 to serve the needs of Nipomo's senior citizens. Membership is open to those 50 and older at an annual fee of just \$30 per person or \$45 per couple.

The center, which is located at 200 E. Dana St., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that offers a wealth of valuable services. It provides access to medical equipment

at no charge, as well as a wide variety of activities geared toward healthy aging that range from physical and mental exercise classes and line dancing to crafts and bingo. Every third Wednesday is a potluck and general membership meeting. On Oct. 14 (1-3pm) the center will hold an AI learning workshop designed for beginners to learn practical, everyday AI skills (no registration required). Classes are free to members.

The center also serves as a "cooling center" when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. Its large hall is available to public for rental.

The Meals that Connect program is unaffiliated but operates daily from the facility, offering meals



both on-site and through local home delivery. (For more, call MTC directly at 805-929-1066.)



The center is open from 9am to 1pm Monday through Friday, and on holidays other than Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Visit the website at nipomoseniorcenter.org and scroll down on the homepage for all the latest classes and activities. Or call 805-929-1615 or email contact@nipomoseniorcenter.org.



A salute to Nipomo 4-H

The Friends' October window features a display from Nipomo 4-H—just in time to celebrate National 4-H Week (Oct. 4-10). 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States, run by the Cooperative Extension system (a community of more than 100 public universities nationwide) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It helps young people aged 5-19 learn life and leadership skills through hands-on projects in STEM, agriculture, leadership, and healthy living and provides a positive environment to learn by doing. Its four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

San Luis Obispo County boasts one of the largest 4-H programs in the state. Stop by and learn what tomorrow's leaders are accomplishing today!

Needed for our upcoming book sale

We are in need of "gently loved" children's books and paper bags... books should be geared toward younger kids (preschool and elementary) and bags need to be the full-sized ones used for groceries at supermarkets like Grocery Outlet, Trader Joe's, and Vons. Please drop them by the Nipomo Library service desk—our next book sale will be here before you know it!



BOOKS for KIDS
and
PAPER BAGS





What's Happening at your library

Visit sanluisobispo.librarycalendar.com



Halloween Fun



COSTUME EXCHANGE **INTERCAMBIO DE DISFRACES**

for babies through teens & pets

Oct. 1-10, all day

Weeklong exchange for all families! Donate or pick out Halloween decor or a Halloween costume for your child or pet.

Donation not required to participate.

Intercambio de disfraces en la biblioteca! ¡Gratis! Visita la biblioteca y elige tu disfraz. No es necesario donar un disfraz para participar.



BOOK PUMPKIN **DECORATING CONTEST**

for all ages

Oct. 17-31, all day

Details on page 1. Drop off entries by Oct. 24; vote between Oct. 27-31; pick up entries by Nov. 6. **No carved, cut, or punctured entries will be accepted.**

READ TO A DOG / PROGRAMA **DE LECTURA CON PERROS**

for ages 4-up / edades de 4 y más

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Practice reading with a gentle certified therapy dog. / Juntate en la biblioteca de Nipomo para practicar tu lectura con nuestros perros de terapia.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME **HORA DE CUENTOS**

for ages 0-5

Wednesdays, 10:30-11am

Learning is fun at our lively Storytime! Join us for books, songs, and a lot of wiggling. All children are welcome.

LEGO CLUB

for ages 5-11

Sat., Oct. 3, 2-3pm

Kids ages 5-11 are invited to engineer, build, and create with Legos. All bricks provided by the library.

¡Acompáñenos a construir con Legos!

KIDS' DAY AT THE LIBRARY: **MINI PUMPKIN DECORATING**

for K-6th

**Thurs., Oct. 8, 2-3pm &
3:45-4:45pm**

Kids' Day at the Library is a monthly event with a different program or activity each month. The first session (2-3pm) is for home school groups and the second session (3:45-4:45pm) is for the after-school kids.

FICTION ADDICTION

book discussion group for adults

Sat., Oct. 10, 11am-noon

Malibu Rising by

Taylor Jenkins Reid

CHESS CLUB for all ages/levels

Fri., Oct. 16, 2-4:30pm

Learn to play or improve your strategy. Game boards and instruction provided.

CRAFTING LEGACIES— **BUILD AN OFRENDA!**

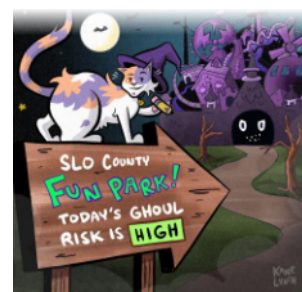
for tweens, teens, adults

Sat., Oct. 17, 2-3pm

A unique altar-making event where we explore the rich history of altar creation and its significance in various cultures.

Registration required.

Un evento único creando altares, donde exploraremos la rica historia de la elaboración de altares y su importancia en diversas culturas. **Se requiere registro.**



SPOOKY CARTOONING **WORKSHOP**

for school-ages, tweens

Sat., Oct. 24, 2-3:30pm

Join cartoonist Kane Lynch for a spooky cartooning workshop!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

for adults

**Tues., Oct. 22,
10-11:30am**

The Rose Code by

Kate Quinn

Coastal Dunes Branch of the **California Writers Club (CWC)**

Sat., Oct. 3, 10am-12:45pm

Speaker Patrick Shattuck presents "Leave Yourself Behind (and Let the Characters Talk)," which gives writers an inside look at the craft behind a magical realism novel and the unexpected ways a story can evolve during the writing process.

coastalduneswcw.com

Don't forget to VOTE!

There will be a drop box for mail-in ballots located at the Nipomo Library **starting Tuesday, Oct. 6.**

Voting in person at the library? The polls will be open in the Community Room on **Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.**

