

Library Link

FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Contact us at info@friendsofnipomolibrary.org

July 2026

Stock up for summer!

BOOK SALE

Saturday, July 11, 10am-2pm

Whether it's a page-turner for a day on the sand at Pismo...a jigsaw puzzle for summer evenings in the RV...or a stack of DVDs to watch on your "staycation"... you'll find them all and more at our next book sale!

Remember: FONL members receive tickets for two free books. Get there at 10 for best selection!



Manager's Message

From Margaret Kensinger-Klopfert
Library Branch Manager

You might notice a new staff person at the Nipomo Library help desk. Megan Bruening-Van Artsdalen comes to the Nipomo Library with three years of County Library experience, having worked at the San Luis Obispo and



Arroyo Grande libraries. Megan will be hosting a new Fiction Addiction adult book club on the second Saturday of the month at 11am. Fun fact: Her great grandma worked at the Santa Margarita Library in the 1950s and '60s.

The Nipomo Lunch at the Library program is having its biggest summer ever, breaking record numbers for how many children are receiving free lunch every Tuesday-Thursday during the summer. We saw over 400 meals given to Nipomo kids in the first week alone! Thanks to Lucia Mar, the California State Library, the USDA, the Trilogy Volunteer

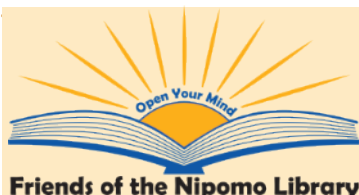
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Nipomo Native Garden spotlighted

The Nipomo Native Garden will be showcased in the Friends' window near the library help desk throughout July. This 12-acre, volunteer-maintained natural park provides a living display of Nipomo's native vegetation and features level walking trails and a special children's area. Open to the public between dawn and dusk, 365 days a year, it is located between Pomeroy, Camino Caballo, and Osage roads, with a parking lot off Osage. For more information, visit nipomonativegarden.org.



Library will be closed July 3 & 4 for Independence Day



The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 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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All aboard for the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

It's now in full swing, but there's still plenty of time to join! Stop by soon to pick up a Summer Reading & Activity Guide, browse for books and movies, and discover fun activities for all ages. Best of all, participation is completely free. Don't forget: It ends on Aug. 8!

How does this program work? Simply spend time reading—or listening to audiobooks—and keep track of your hours in your Summer Guide. Read anything you enjoy, from mysteries and biographies to cookbooks, graphic novels, and picture books. Kids, teens, and adults who complete at least five hours of reading can earn prizes along the way.

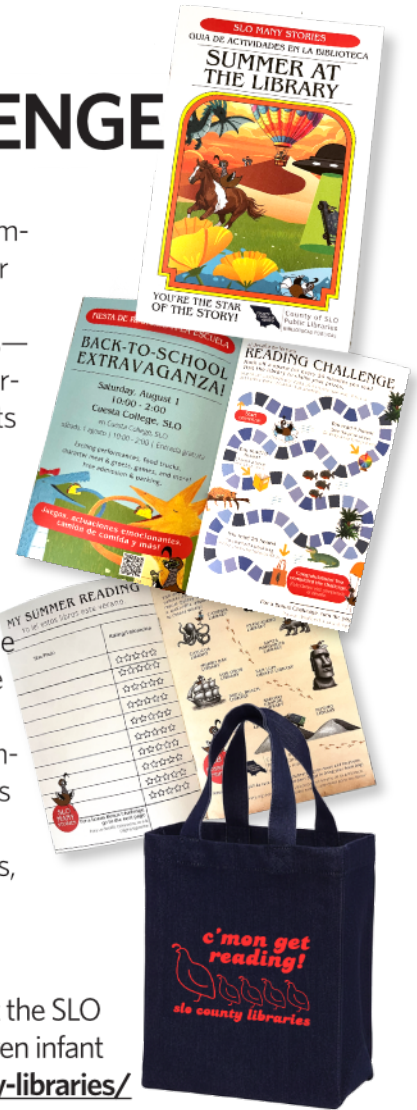
Participants who read:

- **5 hours** earn a spin on the prize wheel;
- **10 hours** earn a free book;
- **20 hours** earn a fun recycled-denim mini tote bag (pictured at right).*

This year's optional bonus activity invites readers to take the Quail Trail and help rescue Quincy the Quail. Visit Nipomo or any of the other county library branches to continue the adventure. With 28 possible endings, every journey can turn out a little differently!

Be sure to check the Summer Guide and **online calendar** for free library events happening all season long. From family activities and crafts to games and special programs, there's something fun for everyone at the library this summer.

And remember—the library is full of more than just books. Borrow movies, audiobooks, and more (don't forget the Library of Things!), or browse the **SLOLibrary.org** catalog from home to place requests and discover new favorites.



*Want to support the SLO Library system and nab some more cute swag? Visit the SLO County Library Foundation's merch page for more totes, T-shirts for all ages (even infant onesies!), mugs, and more! You'll find it at www.bonfire.com/store/slo-county-libraries/

July is a music-filled month at the library

In partnership with the SLO County Library Foundation, Festival Mozaic's popular Young Artist Program Mini-Concert returns to Nipomo Library on Friday, July 17! (The library will open at 9:30am in honor of this special musical performance.) All ages are invited to enjoy a free mini string concert and discussion with four rising musical all-stars from top U.S. music conservatories.

The Young Artist Program is a groundbreaking initiative in collaboration with the esteemed Colorado College Sum-



mer Music Festival . The quartet will also perform at the Atascadero, Shandon, Los Osos, and San Luis Obispo libraries.

On July 23, the SLO Symphony "instrument petting zoo" returns as part of the Summer Reading Challenge. Kids, teens, and adults are invited to try their hands at a variety of musical instruments and learn about the different types of instruments, how each creates a unique sound, and how they are played.



Friends of the Nipomo Library

2026 Board of Directors

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- Linda Short
- Judy Trecartin

Kicking off summer in style!

More than 250 happy celebrants of all ages flocked to Nipomo Library on June 10 for an event with multiple purposes—to commemorate the library's 30th anniversary in its current location, to kick off Lunch at the Library and the Summer Reading Challenge, and to officially cut the ribbon on the sunshade purchased with funds from the Friends of the Nipomo Library. A barbecue lunch was provided by the Lucia Mar School District and served by the Trilogy Volunteer Association (adults' lunches were covered by the Friends), and local organizations ranging from the Dana Adobe to the SLO Master Gardeners were on hand with lots of information for adults and fun activities for the kids. Add to this sunshine, laughter, and community spirit, and the party was the perfect way to welcome the season and celebrate life in Nipomo.



Clockwise from above: Former Nipomo Library Manager Kristin Nibbe (now at the Morro Bay Library) readies to cut the sunshade ribbon; lunch is served; teaching a young gardener about seedlings; numerous organizations participated with booths; relaxing on the lawn.



Ice Cream

under the sunshade

You're invited to a festive ice cream social marking the final day of Lunch at the Library!

Thursday, July 23
12-1pm



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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Group, and the County of SLO Outreach department for helping Nipomo provide this program at NO COST to the library. We know that this program fills a critical gap for families that are finding ways to stretch their dollars. Summer lunches will go until Thursday, July 23, when they will wrap up with an ice cream social from 12-1pm.

July will also bring a special Festival Mozaic concert on the 17th at 10am. The Nipomo Library will be open from 9:30-11:30am that day.

Nipomo Library will be closed on July 3 and 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

Changes are coming to Libby users. County of SLO Library cardholders can now add partner California library collections to their Libby accounts—14 partners in all—for checkout. Owners of older Kindles might notice that their devices are no longer supported by Amazon, which will impact your Libby use. Please check with staff if you need any assistance with these Libby changes or have questions.



What's Happening at your library

Visit sanluisobispo.librarycalendar.com



NO PROGRAMS JULY 3 & 4

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

for all ages / todos edades

Now through Aug. 8

Pick up your Summer Guide today!



FREE KIDS' LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY / ALMUERZOS GRATIS

for ages / edades 0-18

Tues., Wed., Thurs. (last day: July 23), 11:30am-12:30pm

Kids—join us on the lawn for lunch!

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.

FICTION ADDICTION

book discussion group for adults

Sat., July 11, 11am-noon

Conan Doyle for the Defense by Margalit Fox

WHAT DOES A BEE CARETAKER DO?

for school age, all ages

Thurs., July 16, 11am-12:30pm

Hear, see, and touch some of the items used to care for local bees. Sponsored by a grant from the CA State Library, Lunch at the Library program 2026.

FESTIVAL MOZAIC YOUNG ARTISTS MINI CONCERT

for all ages

Fri., July 17, 10-11am

Enjoy a free mini string concert and discussion with four rising musical all-stars. The library will open at 9:30am for this special event.

CHESS CLUB for all ages/levels

Fri., July 17, 2-4:30pm

Game boards and instruction provided.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT "PETTING ZOO"

for all ages

Thurs., July 23, 10:30-11:30am

Part of Nipomo Library's Summer Reading Challenge. Come learn about the SLO Symphony's musical instruments and try them out yourself!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

for all ages

Thurs., July 23, 12-1pm

Marking the last day of Lunch at the Library with ice cream and all the trimmings!

ACRYLIC OCEAN PAINTING

for adults

Sat., July 25, 2-4pm

~~SORRY—CLASS IS FULL~~

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

for adults

Tues., July 28, 10-11:30am

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Coastal Dunes Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC)

Sat., July 18, 10am-12:45pm

Speaker: Laurie Woodward
Subject: "Adapting Your Novel into a Screenplay"

Have you ever wondered what it would take to turn your novel into a screenplay? Writer-producer Laurie Woodward shares her journey from novelist to screenwriter and offers practical guidance on making the leap. Learn how to think visually, reshape story structure, translate inner thoughts into action and dialogue—and lots more!

coastaldunesclc.com



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*

*Closed Friday, July 3,
and Saturday, July 4,
for Independence Day

