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FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2023

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A look back at 2022

Our general membership meeting

on Dec. 14 wrapped up another successful year for the Friends of the Nipomo Library. Outgoing President Susan Gillespie noted in her remarks that the Board of Directors has been "committed to serving our community library in



Outgoing President Susan Gillespie (center) passes the gavel to new co-presidents Linda Short (left) and Helen Kanda.

our belief that libraries are important for a thriving community." The organization boasts nearly 150 members, "is fiscally stable, and we continue to safeguard our assets," she added.

In 2022, the organization worked to provide funds for materials and services not provided by San Luis Obispo County, including books, periodicals, and DVDs, and programs for children, teens, and adults. This was achieved through our primary fundraising efforts:

- Four outdoor book sales that raised funds and showcased our library as a gathering place; Covid-era online sales on Amazon were suspended so greater attention

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Manager's Message

From Heidi LoCascio
Library Branch Manager

Happy New Year!

There is something new at Nipomo Library in 2023. For children 5-12 we have a Lego Club on the first Saturday of the month at 2pm. The library will supply the Legos. For adults we are starting a new monthly book discussion group on the fourth Friday of the month at 10am. Spread the word, join in, and bring a friend.

Did you know that the library has a digital subscription to *Consumer Reports*? This is the same consumer group that has provided independent product testing, ratings, and reviews for over 80 years. To gain access to this valuable information, begin at our home page: www.slolibrary.org.

Hover over the Reference tab and select Online Learning. Scroll down to the Consumer Research heading and click on *Consumer Reports*. Then start searching for that perfect car or toaster.

We are planning more events in the coming year. Check out the Library Events calendar for the latest information.

See you at the library!

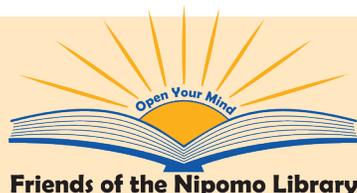
New website goes live!

Next time you go online, be sure to visit our new and improved website! There you'll find the latest information pertaining to the organization, including upcoming events and past issues of our newsletter. A huge shout-out to board member Priscilla Gruenewald for all her hard work! You'll find all this at:

www.friendsofnipomolibrary.org



NEXT FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY BOOK SALE:
Saturday, March 18, 10am-2pm



The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 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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What's Happening at your library

for children:

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

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

LEGO CLUB for ages 5-12
First Saturday of the month,
2-3pm

for adults:

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Fourth Friday of the month,
10-11am

BOOK TALK: TERI BAYUS
Thursday, Jan. 26, 2:30pm

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

Guest speaker: Mike Sewall
Topic: Wrangling Ideas, Goal
Setting and Beyond

www.coastaldunescwc.com

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:

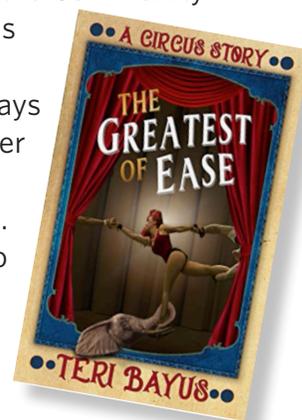
Tuesday 10am-6pm
Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-5pm



Local author to speak Jan. 26

The Nipomo Library is launching a series of **Book Talks** starting with author Teri Bayus of Pismo Beach. Join us in the Community Room on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 2:30pm to hear this "writer of words and builder of worlds" who has self-published two novels, optioned two screenplays and two teleplays, as well as a nonfiction book. Her latest novel, *The Greatest of Ease*, is based on her experience as a trapeze artist in a traveling circus.

An entrepreneur and business owner, she also was a food and film critic for 20 years and the executive director of the Central Coast Writers Conference for six years. She has taught many writing and marketing classes at colleges and adult education forums.



First book club meeting is Jan. 27



Please come to the very first meeting on Friday, Jan. 27, 10am, to help this new group decide how to move forward and select books to read. It's an exciting opportunity to get in on the ground floor of what should be a stimulating new club. Make it your resolution to read more books in 2023—and get started by joining the discussion!

When you shop on Amazon...SMILE!

It's an easy, "set and forget" way to support us: AmazonSmile. When you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases—at no cost to you.

Simply sign up at smile.amazon.com and select Friends of the Nipomo Library as your charity. You'll find the same prices and services as the regular Amazon site—and at the same time you'll be helping our public library!



Friends of the Nipomo Library

2023 Board of Directors

Helen Kanda, *Co-President*
Linda Short, *Co-President*
Nancy Brown, *Recording Secretary*
William Palmer, *Treasurer*
Susan Gillespie, *Past President*
Angela Braun
Susan Galluzzo
Priscilla Gruenewald
Jamie Hartshorn
Merril Lynn Schalla

Silent auction window

November's silent auction window netted more than \$450 to go toward the purchase of library materials and programming to benefit our community.

The first silent auction of 2023 is going on through the month of January. Stop by and place a bid (or two) on a number of donated items, ranging from a like-new Badgley Mischka handbag and coordinated beaded necklace to a signed copy of *Wines of California*, glass bucket, and wine lover's wall decor.

We're running low on items for future silent auction windows and are looking for new and gently used items (we cannot accept dirty, mildewed, or damaged items). Please bring them to the library during regular hours. Our next silent auction window is scheduled for March.



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could be given to these and to our lobby book sales

- Silent auctions which raised funds and involved the community

Other activities in 2022 included:

- Assistance with the library's summer ice cream social;
- Continued support for the library's Tale Trails;
- Responsibility for community windows in the library that through the year highlighted the Central Coast Watercolor Society, the Nipomo High School Drama Department, and others;
- Collection of necessary supplies for disadvantaged members of our community;
- Work on a modern webpage and an update of our newsletter; and
- Continued investigation of a patio for multipurpose use to be paid for by Friends' funds.

Volunteers are vital

None of this would have been possible without a core group of volunteers, who were honored by Gillespie as "the heart of our organization.

"Volunteers are vital to non-profit organizations such as ours... it is the Board and the group of volunteers who actively participate in fundraising and programs that has aided our organization tremendously," she said. "They have boosted our visibility and are advocates for our group."

Library volunteers have spent countless hours in a variety of activities ranging from sorting donated books for the next book sale to collecting items for an auction window.

Interested in volunteering? Ways you can help are listed on the Friends of the Nipomo Library website: www.friendsofnipomolibrary.org/participate.

Volunteers honored at the meeting included*:

Gwen Bachman

Kathy Boyd

Milly Bruno

Helen Chang

Phyllis Connolly

Marty Dasher

Denise Fromm

Anita Giangreco

Jamie Hartshorn

Helen Kanda

Patty Kuprewicz

Marie Kyle

Jackie Lund

Fran Norris

Suzanne Schwake

Darlene Slack

Ken Stangl

Cindy Summers

**sincere apologies if anyone has been accidentally omitted from the list*