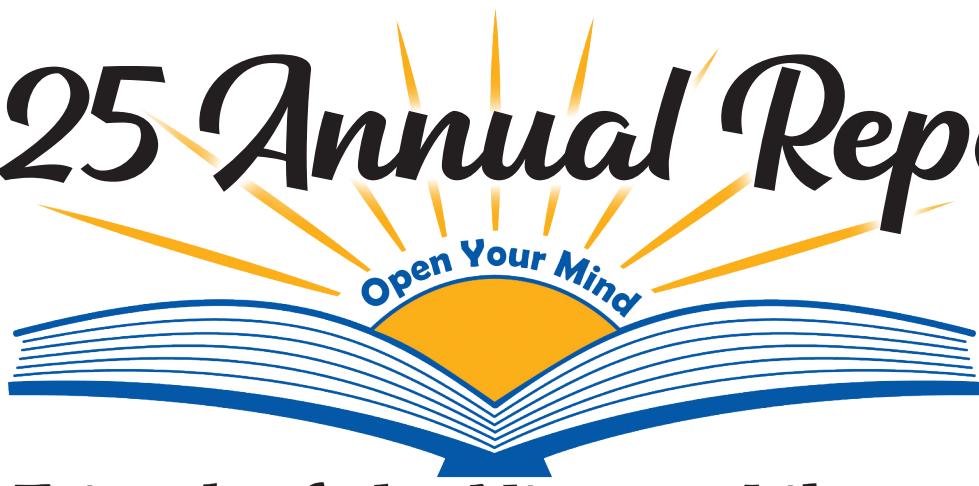


# 2025 Annual Report



## Friends of the Nipomo Library

**The past year was a particularly productive one** for the Friends of the Nipomo Library (FONL). Thanks to funding provided by your organization, the Nipomo Library saw several major improvements: a permanent sunshade covering the back lawn, which greatly expands the area available for programs and activities; four new chairs and two benches (on order) for the front; and cozy pillows and a colorful rug to spruce up the children's area. This marked the Friends' largest expenditure in years.

We also contributed to the SLO County Library system's digital programs to benefit patrons here and throughout the county. And thanks to our longterm advocacy and the support of library administration, the front area's decomposed granite was replaced with attractive paving stones.



**Other highlights during the past year** included the following:

- In **January 2025**, the Friends' window featured the Cuesta Doll and Study Club's "Celebrity Dolls" display as part of our ongoing program to showcase the work of other area nonprofits. Our window is located near the library's service desk and each month highlights a different organization or FONL's periodic silent auctions.
- **February 2025** was our annual Membership Month, during which we promoted membership in FONL with a

window display and gift basket drawing.

- **March 2025** marked the first of our very popular thrice-yearly book sales. These events, along with lobby and eBay book sales, are a major activity and source of funds.

Our March window featured the first of our silent auctions, another significant fundraising tool.

- **April 2025** saw the upcoming production of the Nipomo Theatre Company publicized in our window. The company is composed of local high school students.
- **May 2025** was another silent auction in our window.

This month, we also enjoyed a sumptuous brunch buffet hosted by library staff to recognize volunteers.

- **June 2025** saw our volunteers helping out with the annual Summer Reading Challenge kickoff party on the lawn; FONL covered the cost of lunches for the adults in attendance. Our window featured the work of the Trilogy Art Group (TAG), whose larger paintings graced the Community Room.
- The **July 2025** window highlighted the Nipomo Native Garden, while we also held our second book sale of the year.
- **August 2025** saw another arts organization—the Central Coast Watercolor Society—in the Friends' window, with 20 percent of sales to be donated to FONL and several artists pledging to donate their entire sales.
- **September 2025** was Good Neighbor Month. The window was devoted to two local organizations, the Nipomo Food Basket and South SLO County Women-made, to collect grocery items and toiletries for those in need.
- In **October 2025** the FONL window was turned over to the Nipomo 4-H Club, in time to celebrate National 4-H Week (Oct. 5-11).
- **November 2025** witnessed the year's final book sale, which not only raised funds, but also gave patrons a chance to stock up on gifts for the upcoming holidays. The month also marked our final silent auction.
- And in **December 2025**, we teamed up with Meals That Connect to deliver gift books to homebound seniors. The Cuesta Doll and Study Club again filled our window, this time with holiday-themed dolls.

**Your organization remained on extremely firm financial footing in 2025.** Our primary purpose is to raise funds to help "fill in the blanks" in the county's shrinking budget, in order to supplement programs and resources for library patrons. As mentioned previously, in 2025 a substantial amount also went to physical improvements at the Nipomo Library. Here is where funding was di-

rected (figures rounded to the nearest dollar):

- Sunshade structure, benches, chairs, children's area improvements— \$79,690
- SLO County Library system for programs — \$5,000
- Summer program kickoff expenses — \$222

Other expenditures during this period totaled \$3,485 and went toward operating expenses, insurance, storage space and P.O. box rental, tax preparation, and miscellaneous other expenses.

Our primary sources of income in 2025 were:

- Book sales — \$4,228
- eBay sales — \$3,245
- Lobby sales — \$3,448
- Silent auctions — \$1,669
- Membership dues — \$3,750
- Donations — \$1,575
- Interest on checking/savings — \$8,050

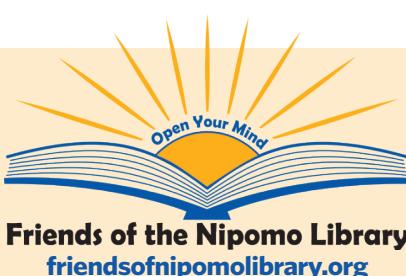
FONL finished November 2025 with \$268,576 in our checking and savings accounts and 128 individual and family memberships. For detailed financial information, please see the treasurer's reports.

**Many thanks go to our membership and Board of Directors**, without whom none of this would be possible. In addition to financial support, they provided more than 1,000 hours as volunteers. Thanks go, too, to library staff and Manager Kristin Nibbe, and after she was transferred to the Morro Bay branch, to South County Regional Librarian Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer. We look forward to a close and productive working relationship with them in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

*Angela Braun*, Co-president  
*Jamie Hartshorn*, Co-president

December 10, 2025



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