

Library Link

May 2026

FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Contact us at info@friendsofnipomolibrary.org



Bid often, bid high!

Time for another silent auction window

Bring home a great find—and feel good about it, too. Funds raised through the Friends' silent auction windows help pay for library programs, services, and other needs the ever-shrinking county budget can't cover.

This month, from May 2-28, bid on a number of new and just-like-new items generously donated for this purpose. Pictured are just a few of the 20-plus treasures that will stock the window...including not just one, but *three* beautiful Coach handbags.

Doing some spring cleaning? We're running low on silent auction donations for November—please help us restock! (Bring items to the library service desk.)



Come celebrate with us!

Mark your calendar—Wednesday, June 10, is the day Nipomo Library will celebrate its 30th anniversary at 918 W. Tefft and the Friends will officially “cut the ribbon” on the new sunshade purchased with FONL funds. It's also the kickoff for Lunch at the Library (see details in the Manager's Message)! There will be free BBQ lunch for both kids and adults, games and crafts, booths and more. Festivities start at 11am and end at 1pm. More next month...don't miss out on the fun!

Manager's Message

**From Margaret Kensinger-Klopfert
Library Branch Manager**

The Nipomo Library summer Lunch at the Library program is about to kick off in a big way on June 10th from 11am-1pm. This summer kickoff party will include a celebration of the Nipomo Library's 30th anniversary at 918 W. Tefft, a ribbon cutting for our lovely new sunshade on the back lawn, face painting, crafts, local nonprofits, and a free community BBQ from 11:30am-12:30pm.

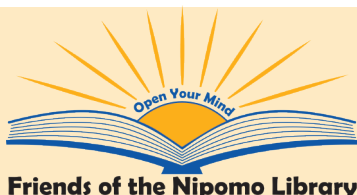
What is the Lunch at the Library program?

Lunch at the Library is a program sponsored by the California State Library and the Lucia Mar School District that provides free lunches and healthy activities at libraries during the summer when school is out.

Who gets to join the fun?

Lunch at the Library is for kids ages 0-18, but thanks to the Nipomo

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The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 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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Friends of the Nipomo Library

Nipomo Library celebrates volunteers

A sumptuous buffet spread of pastries, meats and cheeses, salads, and fruit awaited at Nipomo Library's annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch held April 17 in the Community Room and attended by Friends of the Library members and other volunteers, plus special guests. This year's theme was "You Make a World of Difference" and featured colorful world maps and décor.

A marvelous time was had by all, and we'd like to take this opportunity to turn the tables: *YOU* Make a World of Difference, Nipomo Library staff!



Kids' swimwear needed

From now through May 15, Nipomo and the other libraries in the system are collecting new and gently used children's swimsuits and packages of new swim diapers for babies. These items will be distributed by the San Luis Obispo County Parks & Recreation Department to children in need at local swimming pools. Help make a local child's summer a little brighter with a donation!



A reminder about your FONL membership

Your membership in the Friends of the Nipomo Library, regardless of the month you join, runs from **January 1 through December 31**. This is how it has always been, although it has sometimes caused confusion.

As always, your membership dues, additional donations (always welcome!), and money raised through book sales and other fundraisers go to support the library beyond what the county is able to (most of the library's funds, including day-to-day operations, are provided by property taxes).

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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Friends of the Library our summer kick off BBQ on June 10 is for community members of all ages.

When can kids and teens get lunch?

Nipomo Library provides free lunches every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30am-12:30pm starting on June 10 (at that kickoff party I keep mentioning) and ending on July 23.

What other fun things will take place during the summer?

Stay tuned! We will have toddler meetups on Tuesdays in June, the instrument petting zoo, a concert with the SLO Symphony, a visit from a beekeeper, Reptile Ron, a painting class, all-ages chess club, and much more.

Check our event tab on slolibrary.org to see all of the fun in May and June! Remember to select Nipomo Library.

Big benefits from little books

The benefits of reading to young children stretch far beyond simply learning how to read, according to the Child Mind Institute. They include building language skills, learning information about the world, and building empathy and cognitive capacity. Studies have found that children who are read to daily are exposed to at least 290,000 more words by the time they enter kindergarten than those who aren't, plus it helps them build empathy. And obviously, it strengthens the bond between child and parent or caregiver with cozy, focused time together.

Check it out!

Don't see what you're looking for?

Suggest a title!

The SLO County Libraries system

purchases thousands of books each year, but that doesn't always mean you'll find the one you're looking for. If this is the case, you can go through a process to suggest a title to purchase. To do this, you'll need to sign into your account at SLOLibrary.org to fill out a form. To reach the page with FAQs and other information, [click here](#) or scan the QR code:



You may submit up to 12 suggestions in a calendar year (January through December). These may be requests for new or recently published items, but requests for items that have not yet been published will not be considered and the request will be denied. No need to put in requests for popular titles and best sellers—they will definitely be on the list to be purchased.

If you provided an email address with your suggestion, you'll receive email notifications on its status, or you can contact the library at any time.

Approved titles will be available in



6 to 8 weeks, but shipping delays and order cancellations beyond the library's control may occur.

The system receives hundreds of suggestions each month, so not every request can be fulfilled, unfortunately. The most common reason a title isn't added to the collection is simply that it is unavailable through the system's vendors (please note, Amazon is not one). This is particularly common for older titles (which may be out of print), or titles from small presses which don't always fit the selection criteria.

Need more info or want to follow up on a request? Shoot an email to request@slolibrary.org or ask staff at the service desk for help.

Keep your eye on our lobby book store

It has always featured lots of books and a plentiful selection of magazines, but soon you'll be seeing lots more...jigsaw puzzles, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs, and newer books. No need to wait for July and the next book sale to stock up for your home bookshelves and game table—stop by and do it now, with proceeds benefiting your favorite library!



Friends of the Nipomo Library

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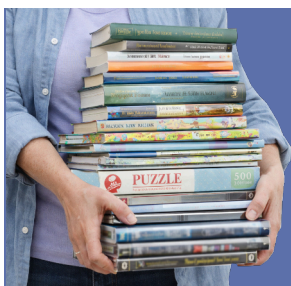
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We're still in need of a book sale co-chair! Don't you have 10-15 hours to spare, just three times a year, to play a major role in our fundraising efforts? Duties include setting sale dates; recruiting, scheduling, and overseeing volunteers for various aspects of sale (setup, takedown, staffing); setting out signs; staying at book sale entire day. Contact Linda at keighleyshort@yahoo.com.



NEXT BOOK SALE

Saturday, July 11, 10am-2pm

Stock up on summer reading plus jigsaw puzzles, CDs, and DVDS galore!

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



What's Happening at your library

Visit sanluisobispo.librarycalendar.com



READ TO A DOG / PROGRAMA DE LECTURA CON PERROS

for ages 4-up / edades de 4 y más

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Kids are invited to 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., May 2, 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!

TEEN BOOK CLUB

for ages 12-15

Sat., May 9, 3-4:30pm

Come talk about books, build community, and participate in activities.



ORIGAMI WORKSHOP*

for tweens and teens

Wed., May 20, 3:30-4:30pm

Fold, create, and have fun! All materials provided

KIDS' DAY AT THE LIBRARY

for K-5th

Thurs., May 14, 2-3pm & 3:45-4:45pm

Monthly event with a different program or activity each month.



CHESS CLUB

for all ages/levels

Fri., May 15, 2-4:30pm

Learn to play, improve your game, meet other players!



TAIKO DRUMMING*

for all ages

Tues., May 26, 10-11:30am

Enjoy an energetic taiko drumming performance on the lawn with Ichimi Daiko. Fun and engaging for all ages.

And don't forget



30th ANNIVERSARY, SUNSHADE RIBBON CUTTING, & SUMMER LUNCH KICKOFF

everyone's invited!

Wed., June 10, 11am-1pm

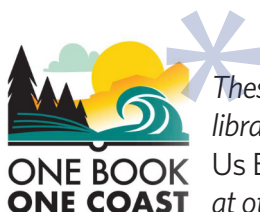
Coastal Dunes Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC)

Sat., May 2, 10am-12:45pm

Speaker: Mara Purl

"Series Building: Creating Sustainable Plots & Characters in Series Fiction"

coastaldunescwc.com



These programs are offered as part of One Book, One Coast, a book club in partnership with libraries on the West Coast from Seattle to San Diego. The selection for 2026 is They Called Us Enemy, a graphic memoir by George Takei. For more about the book club and programs at other SLO County libraries, [click here](#) or scan the code.

