

# Library Link

FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2026

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## Show our community you care!

**During Good Neighbor Month each September**, we're reminded that being a good neighbor can take many forms. Here in Nipomo, it might mean volunteering to drive a senior to a medical appointment through Community Partners in Caring or donating canned or packaged food to help stock the shelves at

The Nipomo Food Basket. Or it could be by supporting South SLO County Womenade in providing emergency toiletries and other assistance to local individuals and families facing unexpected hardships.

These three very worthwhile charities are highlighted this month in the Friends of the Nipomo Library

window near the service desk as part of Good Neighbor Month, an extension of National Good Neighbor Day (Sept. 28). The latter holiday was first proclaimed in 1978 to "raise public awareness that good neighbors help achieve human understanding and build strong, thriving communities."

In this, the Friends' sixth year of celebrating the month, The Nipomo Food Basket and South SLO County Womenade are joined by Community Partners in Caring. The window features sample baskets from the "wish lists" and bins for leaving donations, as well as information on volunteering. If you'd like to make

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**South SLO County Womenade**



**The Nipomo Food Basket**



**Community Partners in Caring**

## Manager's Message

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

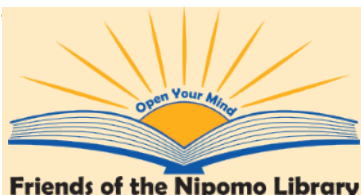
**Did you know** about the County of SLO Library's Book Connection service? If you feel like you have read everything in the library, would like help finding books on a specific topic, are short on time, or just want a recommendation, then check out our Personal Shopper option through the [slolibrary.org](http://slolibrary.org) website under "services."

Libby Partner libraries are easier than ever to add. When you log in to your Libby app, you will now automatically have digital collections from 14 partner libraries added to your account.

Save the date: The Manhattan Short Film Festival will be returning to the Nipomo Library on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 1:30-4pm. This event features short films from around the world and includes a chance to vote for your favorites. Many of these films are nominated for or win Oscars, so here is your chance to see them first.

Kids' Day at the Library is back! Every second Thursday of the month the Nipomo Library will host arts and crafts for kids from 2-4:30pm, starting on Sept. 10.

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**Friends of the Nipomo Library**

The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 9, 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.

[www.friendsofnipomolibrary.org](http://www.friendsofnipomolibrary.org)

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*Check it out!*



## Learn a new language with your library card

**Interested in learning a new language**, brushing up on one you already know, or picking up a few useful phrases before a trip? Your library card now gives you free, unlimited access to LingQ, an online language-learning platform offering more than 50 languages.

LingQ takes a different approach from traditional language lessons. Instead of relying primarily on grammar drills or repetitive exercises, it emphasizes reading and listening to real-world material. Learners can use LingQ's library of lessons or turn favorite shows, articles and podcasts into interactive learning experiences.

Built-in tools such as dictionary,

ies, text-to-speech and transcript support make it easier to follow along, understand unfamiliar words and build confidence.

Whether you're beginning from scratch or improving skills you already have, you can work at your own pace.

Getting started is easy: use your library card to create a LingQ account through the library's LingQ page ([click here](#)) or scan the QR code and select "Create a new account here" in the LingQ description paragraph.

Learn at home, on the go—or wherever curiosity takes you!



*Due to low usage, Pronunciator, the previous language-learning app available through the library, was discontinued July 1, 2026.*



### Friends of the Nipomo Library

#### 2026 Board of Directors

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## 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.*

### MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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TLC will be offering Internet Safety classes for parents who want to know how to keep their kids safe on social media and online. The class at the Nipomo Library is Sept. 17 from 1-2:30pm. (For more on this and the Manhattan Short Film Festival, see pages 3 and 4).

NOTE: All County of SLO Public Libraries and offices will be closed on Friday, Sept. 25, in honor of Native American Day.

Please take a moment to enjoy the beautiful new landscaping around the Migrant Mother honorary plaque in front of the Nipomo Library. The new low-water-use plants and drip system were installed by the County of SLO to augment the bronze plaque that highlights the importance of Nipomo to Dorothea Lange's iconic photograph.

## 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](http://www.slolibrary.org)**

#### Hours:

**Tuesday 10am-6pm**

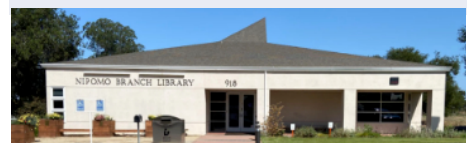
**Wednesday 10am-6pm**

**Thursday 9am-5pm**

**Friday 1-5pm\***

**Saturday 9am-5pm**

*The library will be closed on Friday,  
Sept. 25, for California Native  
American Day*





# It's Library Card Signup Month

**It's September, school is well under way,** and there's no better time to

discover the value of a library card and your Nipomo Library. Don't have a card—or have a friend or family

member who doesn't? No worries! If you're a resident of Nipomo or any of the other cities in the SLO County Library service area, just stop by the li-

brary during open hours and get one—it's free! If you're 13 or over, simply present a valid photo identification (such as a current California Driver's license or DMV ID card) and address verification if a valid address is not on your photo ID (such as a piece of mail with a postmark no older than 30 days).

Teens and younger children are encouraged to get cards, too; 13 and up can show their current Lucia Mar student ID, driver's license, or DMV ID card. Kids 12 and under need to bring a parent or legal guardian along to show identification and proof of mailing address. For more on getting a card or to apply online, visit [catalog.slolibrary.org/get-a-library-card](http://catalog.slolibrary.org/get-a-library-card).



By borrowing instead of buying, you can save hundreds of dollars. The library's online catalog features hundreds of thousands of books—from the latest bestsellers to literary

classics—as well as DVDs. You can request titles to be delivered to Nipomo (or browse the shelves IRL). There are

no request fees or overdue fees.

Your card also allows access to thousands of free eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines through the library's free Libby and PressReader services and use of the online streaming service Kanopy for movies and series. Learn a new language with LingQ, featured elsewhere in this issue. Or borrow a pickleball set, parks pass, or portable induction cooktop through the fabulous Library of Things!

## Calling all movie buffs!



**Discover your inner film critic** by casting your vote for Best Film and Best Actor in the 29th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival, **Saturday, Sept. 26, from 1:30–4:30pm**, in the Community Room (for teens and adults).

You'll join more than 100,000 film lovers in over 500 venues across the globe gathering to see the 10 finalists in this year's event as selections screen simultaneously across the world during a one-week period.

With past finalists garnering Oscar wins and short films continuing to move into the Hollywood mainstream, come see this entertaining program featuring the best short films in the world today!

MANHATTAN  
**SHORT**

## GOOD NEIGHBOR MONTH

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financial donations, visit their websites below or ask for an envelope at the service desk.

**Click here for wish lists**

or scan the QR code (they're also attached to the digital version of this newsletter).



### About our featured organizations:

Since 2010, The Nipomo Food Basket has provided food and aid for needy families in our local community, each week serving more than 100 individuals and families. For additional information, visit its website

at [nipomofoodbasket.com](http://nipomofoodbasket.com).

South San Luis Obispo County Womenade provides urgent financial assistance to families and individuals. Through potlucks and other efforts, this all-volunteer nonprofit raises critical funds for food, clothing, utilities, and other necessities. For more, visit [sslocw.org](http://sslocw.org).

Community Partners in Caring provides free volunteer support services to seniors 62 and older and adults over 18 who are mildly disabled or otherwise unable to drive. Volunteers provide transportation to medical and other appointments, grocery shopping and errands, or wellness calls or visits. For details, visit [partnersincaring.org](http://partnersincaring.org).

## Did you know?

**Library members must renew their cards every four years.**

Bring your photo ID to Nipomo Library (or any of the 14 libraries in the SLO system) to renew or reactivate your card.





# What's Happening at your library

Visit [sanluisobispo.librarycalendar.com](http://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**

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., Sept. 5, 2-3pm**

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

iAcompáñenos a construir con Legos!

## KIDS' DAY AT THE LIBRARY

for K-6th

**Thurs., Sept. 10, 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., Sept. 12 11am-noon**

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt



## INTERNET SAFETY 101

for adults

**Thurs., Sept. 17, 1-2:30pm**

Strategies to help kids navigate the digital world safely. Full description at right.

## CHESS CLUB for all ages/levels

**Fri., Sept. 18, 2-4:30pm**

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

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

for adults

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

Eighty Days by  
Matthew Goodman



## WALK SAFE: SENIOR HEALTHY WALKING WORKSHOP

for adults

**Wed., Sept. 23, 3-4pm**

Learn how to prevent falls and walk with confidence. Full description at right.

## MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

for teens, adults

**Sat., Sept. 26, 1:30-4:30pm**

Discover your inner film critic! Full description on page 3.

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

**Sat., Sept. 5, 10am-12:45pm**

Speakers Donna McCrohan Rosenthal & Davis Kunz present "The Year Without a Summer," a workshop commemorating the 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the literary gathering that resulted in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*—a response to theories of the time that science could reanimate dead flesh.

[coastaldunescwc.com](http://coastaldunescwc.com)

## More about:

## Internet Safety 101

**Parents and caregivers:** Join Crime Prevention Specialist Brandy Swain from the SLO County Sheriff's Office for an informative presentation in internet safety (**Thursday, Sept. 17, 1-2:30pm**). Learn about cyberbullying, social networking sites, online gaming, texting, cell phone safety, and practical strategies for helping children navigate the digital world safely.

Because of the mature themes, this presentation is intended for adults only and will provide valuable tools for promoting safe and responsible technology use at home.



## Walk Safe workshop for seniors

**Older adults:** Learn how to improve strength and balance to prevent falls at this workshop on **Wednesday, Sept 23, from 3-4pm**.

You'll be shown how to walk with confidence and independence, cross streets safely and be seen by drivers, and choose safer walking routes. No preregistration required.





# Good Neighbor Month

## WISH LISTS

### Nipomo Food Basket

#### CANNED GOODS

Cranberry Jelly \*\*  
Yams \*\*  
Pumpkin \*\*  
Olives \*\*  
Tuna \*\*



Beans  
Soups  
Vegetables  
Tomato Sauce  
Canned Milk  
Chicken  
Fruit

#### DRIED FOOD ITEMS

Bagged Beans  
Bagged Rice  
Cereal  
Pasta  
Crackers  
Instant Potatoes  
Mac and Cheese  
Instant Rice  
Stuffing Mix  
Instant Gravy  
Coffee  
Cocoa Mix

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Peanut Butter  
Jams/Jellies  
Salad Dressings  
Mayonnaise



\*\* Items most needed for the holidays

Please **NO** expired or perishable items

### South SLO County Womenade

Men's deodorant  
Women's deodorant  
Laundry detergent — sheets  
Baby rash cream  
Baby wipes  
Baby bar soap — Ivory  
Lotion



Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Bar soap  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Floss  
Adult wipes

**Why these donations matter:** Toiletries and personal-care items generally cannot be purchased with CalFresh/SNAP benefits, making donated essentials especially helpful to families and individuals in need.