

Library Link September 2022

FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Ice cream hits the spot at the library



Nearly 100 kids (and accompanying adults) cooled off at the library on Aug. 6 at a festive end-of-the-summer ice cream social featuring games, crafts, big bubbles, and—of course—lots of ice cream!

Volunteers from the Friends of the Nipomo Library were on hand to help out and everyone agreed—a fantastic time was had by all!



Your library is on the move!

The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board got a sneak peek at one of SLO Library's three new Branch Out vans, vehicles designed to bring books and library services to hard-to-reach residents. These eye-catching mini libraries provide the system with a way to find people where

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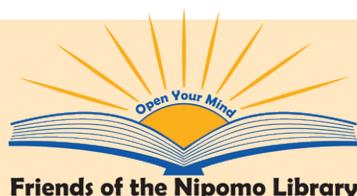
Manager's Message

**From Heidi LoCascio
Library Branch Manager**

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month!

If you already have one, it is one of the most powerful cards in your wallet. A San Luis Obispo County Library card goes far beyond just access to books and movies. Have you been curious about induction cooktops? Check one out from the library. Are your kids interested in simple electric circuits? Borrow the Snap Circuits kit to learn the basic principles of electronics. Are you a big kid interested in electronics? You can experiment with a Raspberry Pi 3 checked out from the library. Like crafting? Check out a crafting magazine online with Libby. How about local, national, and world news? Read *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Tribune* newspapers plus articles from news sources from around the world. Need to study for your driver's license renewal? Use your library card to access driver information and take California DMV practice tests. Get homework help and tutoring for school-age kids with Brainfuse,

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The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 14, 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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research your past using Ancestry, the genealogy resource, or learn a new language with Pronunciator.

Simply stop by the library to get a library card or sign up online for immediate access to our digital resources. The library today is so much more than a building full of books and computers.

September 18-24 is Banned Books Week. We are very fortunate in the United States to have public libraries that strive to provide equal access to information without censorship. Celebrate Banned Books Week by visiting your local library. See you at the library!

It really does help to 'Smile'!

If you shop on Amazon—and who doesn't—did you know you can help your local library at the same time?

Just do your shopping through [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), which makes a donation at no cost to you to the charity you've selected—in the Nipomo Library's case, that would be the Friends of the Nipomo Library. Or use the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON, so your everyday purchases can make an impact.

To date, AmazonSmile has donated over \$560 to the Friends... over \$355 million to US charities... and over \$403 million to charities worldwide. Now, that's a lot of smiles!



September is Good Neighbor Month

Show our community you care!

Check out the Friends of the Nipomo Library's September window display near the front desk and drop off a contribution to the worthwhile charities we're highlighting 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."

This year, the Friends window is shared by **The Nipomo Food Basket**, for whom we're collecting food items (such as canned and packaged soup, vegetables, and pasta) and **South SLO County Womenade** (full-size toiletries: shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.; [click here](#) for the full list of items). It's the second year the Friends has dedicated its window to Good Neighbor Month. "Last year it was quite successful and this year it is tied to a couple of other community drives within Trilogy," reports Angie Braun, the Friends Board member in charge of window displays. These include the Trilogy Automotive Classic on Sept. 25, proceeds from which benefit the Nipomo Food Basket. Trilogy also has a group that plans to collect toiletries for Womenade during September. "All of the

events coincide quite nicely!" Angie says.

The Friends window features sample baskets from each organization with information and complete lists of the items the group is looking for. You'll find collection containers for items by the window.

If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation, just ask at the front desk for a self-addressed envelope to mail to that charity. The window and donation containers will be in place throughout September.

About the 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. As a federally recognized nonprofit, it functions with the support of local volunteers and the generosity of people and organizations. For additional information, visit its website at www.nipomofoodbasket.com.

The mission of South San Luis Obispo County Womenade is to provide urgent financial assistance to families and individuals. Through potlucks and other efforts, this all-volunteer nonprofit raises critical funds for food, clothing, utilities, transportation, medical and dental, rent, and school supplies. For more, visit www.sslocw.org.

New Tale Trail captivates young readers

There's a new story to read on the library lawn's Tale Trail—*Wonder Walkers* by Micha Archer.

Wonder Walkers is a 2022 Caldecott Honor book with lush and vibrant illustrations. "Two children go for a walk in nature and wonder about the magnificent world around them," explains Library Manager Heidi LoCascio. Author Micha Archer is a mother and teacher who recognizes how important picture books are to young readers and uses intricate collages and lyrical language to convey the wonder and magic of imagination.

The *Wonder Walkers* Tale Trail will be up for the months of August, September, and probably October.



Another successful book sale

The Friends of the Nipomo Library's August book sale netted more than \$700, plus \$100 in donations and five new members. The quarterly sales are a major source of income for the organization, which raises money for library supplies and services in this time of tightening county budgets.

Mark your calendar: the next sale is set for Saturday, Nov. 19. Don't miss a great opportunity to shop for gifts for the readers on your list—and support the library!



BRANCH OUT VANS

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they gather, at locations ranging from senior housing and parks to schools and farmers markets. The vans are outfitted with shelves as well as carts that can be removed and placed outside; the type of content that's sent out will be chosen to appeal to each audience. The vans will eventually have regular routes and schedules.

Branch Out vans are funded by a state grant as a way to improve library access throughout California—more vital now than ever because of the ongoing pandemic.



Derek Hood, SLO County facilities program manager, demonstrated a van at the August Friends of the Nipomo Library Board meeting.

Library Details

The Nipomo Library is located at:
918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo 93444
Branch Manager: Heidi LoCascio
Information: 805-929-3994

Hours:

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

www.slolibrary.org



What's Happening

STORY TIME

For all children ages 0-5
Wednesdays, 10:30am

READING TO ROVER

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm

CHESS CLUB

All ages/levels welcome
Third Fridays, 2-4:30pm

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

Topic: Screenwriting

www.coastalduneswc.com



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New Member Renewal

Individual (\$10)

Family (\$25)

Business (\$40)

Contributor (\$50)

Sponsor (\$100)

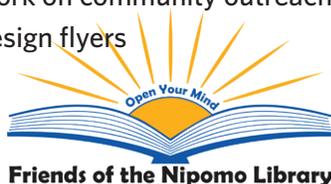
Patron (\$250)

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Friends of the Nipomo Library

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Friends of the Nipomo Library, P.O. Box 1330, Nipomo, CA 93444-1330.
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