

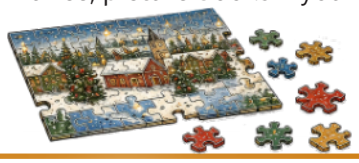
BOOK SALE
holiday gift-giving



Saturday, Nov. 14 10am–2pm

It's the final sale of the year and a great opportunity to stock up on books, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs for holiday gifts. Fiction and nonfiction for all ages in all genres—mysteries, biographies, romance, picture books—you name it!

Arrive at 10am for best selection and please remember: credit cards cannot be accepted.



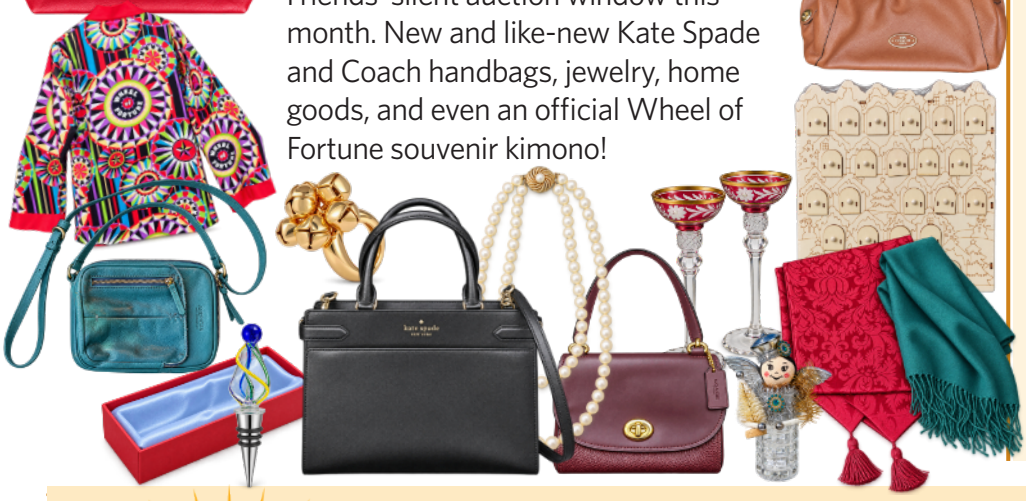
Great finds for a great cause

It's our final silent auction window of the year



Support your favorite library and stock up on still more great holiday gifts at the Friends' silent auction window this month. New and like-new Kate Spade and Coach handbags, jewelry, home goods, and even an official Wheel of Fortune souvenir kimono!





Manager's Message

From Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer
Library Branch Manager

Did you know that in 2025 California seniors reported $1.4 billion in elder fraud losses to the FBI, with 22,157 victims aged 60 and older? Learn how to avoid becoming a victim of senior scams and fraud with the County Sheriff's Department on Nov. 19 from 1–2pm in the Community Room.

Starting Oct. 14, Libby and Kanopy users were asked for a PIN to download books, movies, or audiobooks. No need to worry. This PIN is just your County of SLO Library account password. If you're not sure what your password is, you can reset it through the **slolibrary.org** account login page or reach out to library staff.

Did you have your power out in October? The Nipomo Library was able to serve as a charging location during the October PG&E power outage allowing folks to charge their medical devices, phones, and computers, get AC during the 90+ degree heat, and get a PG&E-issued emergency kit. We handed out

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Open Your Mind
Friends of the Nipomo Library

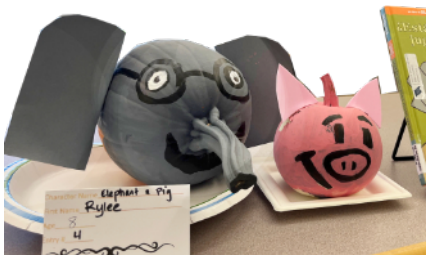
The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 1:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the library, 918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo. The public is always welcome.

www.friendsofnipomolibrary.org *Follow us on Facebook*

HALLOWEEN HIJINKS



The ballots were still being collected as this issue went to press, but every entry in the library's annual pumpkin-decorating contest was a winner in our book! Here's just a sampling of some of the creativity on exhibit in October.







FONL ballots due Nov. 13

November is election month—not only for state and local offices but also the Friends of the Npomo Library Board of Directors. Ballots have been distributed and are due by Friday, Nov. 13.

The FONL Board of Directors helps guide the organization's work in supporting the Nipomo Library. Board members set priorities, oversee finances, approve projects and expenditures, coordinate fundraising and volunteer activities, and work with library staff to identify needs. They also help ensure that FONL operates responsibly and in accordance with its bylaws, while promoting library programs, services, and resources throughout the community.

Here's the slate of directors for 2027: Angela Braun, Lynda Flynn, Susan Galluzzo, Jamie Hartshorn, Merril Lynn Schalla, Linda Short, Jitu Thakkar, Judy Trecartin, and Anna Zucker. The board will be seated at the Dec. 9 Annual Meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend.

Interested in future service on the board? You're invited to learn more about what we do by attending the Annual Meeting or any one of our regular board meetings, held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm in the community room (unless a holiday conflicts). And please let us know of your desire to serve well in advance of next year's election.

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over 170 kits in two days, with many grateful Nipomo folks getting a blanket, flashlight, phone charging power bank, and more. The Nipomo Library will be closed all day on Wednesday, Nov. 11, for Veteran's Day and Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. Note that the Library will close at 5pm on Nov. 25.

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

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Friends of the Nipomo Library
2026 Board of Directors

Angela Braun, *Co-President*
Jamie Hartshorn, *Co-President*
Anna Zucker, *Recording Secretary*
Jitu Thakkar, *Treasurer*
Lynda Flynn • Susan Galluzzo
Merril Lynn Schalla • Linda Short
Judy Trecartin

WE ♥ NIPOMO LIBRARY!



After several bursts of hot autumn weather, Oct. 10 dawned mercifully cool as an energetic group of volunteers gathered at the Nipomo Library, rolled up their sleeves, grabbed shovels and rakes, and got their hands dirty. Their mission? To spruce up the planting areas beneath the library's bay window and along the road opposite the skate park—clearing, trimming, planting, and mulching, while helping prepare the grounds to meet upcoming fire-safe landscaping requirements.

The effort was spearheaded and funded by the Friends of the Nipomo Library as part of **We ♥ Nipomo Day**. Organized with support from Supervisor Jimmy Paulding's office, County Parks, and local community groups, the annual event gives volunteers a hands-on way to show their love for Nipomo. As the morning progressed, Supervisor Paulding stopped by (below) to meet our volunteers and applauded their efforts.

Next time you stop by, keep an eye out for the newly refreshed planting areas!







Books head off to faraway destinations

A novel or biography donated in Nipomo may now be accompanying a traveler from the San Luis Obispo County Airport to just about anywhere. Beginning in October, the Friends of the Nipomo Library became one of several Friends groups supplying free books for passengers to pick up past the TSA checkpoint. The popular book exchange operates on the same principle as those little libraries you see around neighborhoods: take a book to enjoy during flight and, if you wish, leave another behind.

Understandably, the supply needs frequent replenishing. Airport employees initially donated books, but demand soon outpaced supply. So after learning of the need, the Atascadero Friends of the Library contacted others countywide to participate and the Friends groups now take turns providing books.

For its contribution, FONL sorters select books among the many donations that make good traveling companions, such as paperbacks that tuck easily into a purse or carryon.

The project gives donated books another opportunity to be enjoyed while extending the Friends' support for reading beyond the walls of the Nipomo Library. It also saves travelers money and offers a welcome alternative to scrolling through their phones or staring at an airport TV.

There's no telling where the books may end up. A paperback donated in Nipomo could be opened somewhere over the Rockies, finished on the East Coast, or passed along to another reader hundreds of miles from home. For these books, the airport is only the beginning of the journey.



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

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., Nov. 7, 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!



KIDS' DAY AT THE LIBRARY: PET PORTRAITS

for K-6th

Thurs., Nov. 12, 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. This month, paint a picture of your favorite pet!

FICTION ADDICTION

book discussion group for adults

Sat., Nov. 14, 11am–noon

The Rosie Project *by Graeme Simsion*



SENIOR FRAUD AND SCAM PREVENTION

for adults

Thurs., Nov. 19, 1–2pm

With the holidays approaching, now is the time to learn simple ways to stay safe while shopping, giving, and connecting with others!

Join crime prevention specialist Brandy Swain from the SLO County Sheriff's Office for a special presentation on how you can protect yourself from common holiday scams and fraud. Learn how to recognize red flags, avoid common scam tactics, protect your personal information, and know what to do if you suspect you've been targeted. Get practical tips and professional advice to help you stay safe and secure this holiday season. Presented by TLC: The Literacy Connection.

CHESS CLUB *for all ages/levels*

Fri., Nov. 20, 2–4:30pm

Would you like to learn to play chess? Would you like to improve your chess strategy and meet other players? Join us on the third Friday of the month from 2–4:30pm. School ages to seniors are welcome. Game boards and instruction will be provided.

NIPOMO BOOKIES

for adults

November meeting canceled; next meeting is Tues., Dec. 15, 10–11:30am

A Woman of No Importance *by Sonia Purnell*



Coastal Dunes Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC)

Sat., Nov. 7, 10am–12:45pm

Speakers: Catherine Kitcho and Judy Katz

Coastal Dunes CWC founder Catherine Kitcho and her Monarch Dunes Media Club associate, Judy Katz, return to talk about their local history documentary film, *Life and Times at the Foot of the Hills.* They will address the various types of historical research, methods, and tools they used to develop their documentary and will feature a film clip, Viticulture and Winemaking, and describe how it ties together the history of the land, the industry ,and the people. A Q&A will follow.

coastaldunescwc.com

ELECTION DAY: TUES., NOV. 3

The polls will be open in the Community Room from 7am–8pm. Vote-by-mail ballots may also be dropped off during those hours.