

# Library Link

FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2025

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## Your donations at work



We wrap up 2025 with a look back at what your donations and dues have funded—numerous major improvements at the Nipomo Library, including the sunshade over the back lawn, which greatly expands usable space for

storytimes and other programs; sturdy new chairs (a total of 4) that match the two tables in the front walkway; and a super fun, colorful carpet and comfy cushions and pillows to spruce up the children's area and encourage young readers.

In addition, two permanent benches are on order for the paved patio area in front of the library and should be in place within the next couple of months. None of this would be possible without your generosity. Thanks a million!



## Manager's Message

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

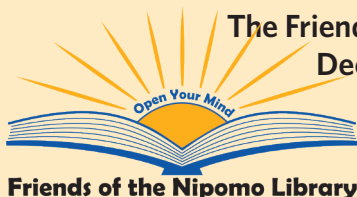
**Thank you to everyone** who donated to the TMHA coat drive in November. Your Nipomo Library collected over 13 huge bags of coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and sleeping bags for adults in need through your generosity.

Our library is now taking part in the "Operation Santa" toy drive for the Department of Social Services, which began in mid November and ends Dec. 19. Please donate new toys, games, clothing, or shoes. There are wish lists for babies, toddlers, kids and teens in the lobby bulletin board and a collection box near the front desk.

On Dec. 13, the library will be hosting a kids' craft fair from 10–11:30am. Come to the Community Room and support budding young entrepreneurs and artists by purchasing their homemade crafts. All items are made by Nipomo kids and cost under \$10. Please support them by dropping by.

Don't wait until midnight to celebrate New Year's Eve. Ring in the new year with us at our "Noon Year's Party" from 11:30am–12:30pm on Dec.31. Adults and kids

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The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 1:30pm, beginning with our annual membership meeting and followed by our regular board meeting. Meetings are held in the Community Room at the library, 918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo. The public is always welcome.

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## You're invited to our Annual Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 10 • 1:30pm

**Hear about all the ways our organization has helped the Nipomo Library** during the past year at the Friends of the Nipomo Library's annual meeting—all members are encouraged to attend. You'll also meet our board of directors for 2026. Our regular board meeting will follow—you're invited to stay for that, too!

### Holiday-themed dolls featured

**Soak up some holiday spirit** at the Friends' December window, courtesy of the Cuesta Doll & Study Club, featuring a collection of holiday-themed dolls, including Santas, elves, and magical characters to celebrate the season. The window is located inside the library near the service desk.

The Cuesta Doll & Study Club is an established Central Coast doll club centered in the 5 Cities area since 1978, affiliated with the United Federation of Doll Clubs, headquartered in Kansas City, MO. Its monthly meetings focus on the study, history, artistry, and collecting of dolls of all

vintage—from antique to modern day. The club actively raises funds throughout the year for various philanthropic efforts, including local food banks, shelters, Season of Hope, and museums.



## Operation Santa Needs your help

**Are you in the giving spirit? Now through Dec. 19** you can bring joy this season by donating new toys, clothing, or shoes to brighten a child's holiday. The library is partnering with Operation Santa, a program that helps fulfill holiday wishes for local foster youth and families—look for the big box and a list of desired items by the service desk. Last holiday season, Operation Santa fulfilled 2,731 wishes!

Questions? Contact Christy Lounder at [clounder@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:clounder@co.slo.ca.us) or 805-423-6238.



### WANTED: FONL Treasurer

We are actively looking for a new treasurer to join the board in 2026. This volunteer position requires 7–9 hours per month. We're looking for someone who has capability with Excel spreadsheets and enjoys working with numbers; bookkeeping or business background would be beneficial.

A sampling of duties includes attending monthly board meetings; emptying the lobby cash box 3–4 times per month and making bank deposits; writing checks as required; and preparing annual budget and monthly and annual reports. For a complete description, contact Angie at [abraun529@hotmail.com](mailto:abraun529@hotmail.com).

### ...and a volunteer eBay sales assistant

Help make a positive impact on your community and local library! Duties involve listing books and collectibles for sale by FONL, including item photography and writing descriptions—a commitment of about 4 hours monthly. Use of your own computer/cell phone...training provided. If interested, contact Judy at [jftrecartin@yahoo.com](mailto:jftrecartin@yahoo.com).

### Book sale wrap-up

**We finished out the year** bringing in nearly \$1,300 at our Nov. 8 book sale. Our thrice-yearly book sales are a major fundraiser for the Friends.

Books and magazines are always available for sale in the Nipomo Library lobby.

Mark your calendar for our 2026 sales:

**Saturday, March 14**

**Saturday, July 11**

**Saturday, Nov. 14**

*See you at the sale!*

## FONL partners with Meals That Connect

**This holiday season**, the Friends of the Nipomo Library is partnering with Meals That Connect, the county's Senior Nutrition Program, to bring books to homebound Nipomo seniors who receive its services. In December, board members will gather to gift wrap books, which will be delivered by drivers along with meals.



Every weekday, Meals That Connect provides free, healthy noontime meals to over 2,000 seniors 60+ throughout the county. It is an independently run, charitable, nonprofit organization; to learn more, visit [mealsthatconnect.org](http://mealsthatconnect.org).

# Congratulations, winners!



**We were amazed at the creativity** that was on display in the Nipomo Library during the month of October as young patrons demonstrated their pumpkin-decorating skills and the public voted. Entrants chose a book or literary character and decorated their pumpkins using a variety of media. Please join us in congratulating the three winners and thanking everyone who participated.

## Check it out!

## The Library of THINGS

**Want to see what it's like** to cook using convection technology—before investing in an expensive new stove? Not sure pickleball is your thing but itching to give it a try? How about assessing your musical chops on a digital keyboard or ukulele?

You've always known the library as the place to check out books, CDs, and DVDs...but how about **THINGS**?

Your SLO County Library card is the key to accessing the aforemen-

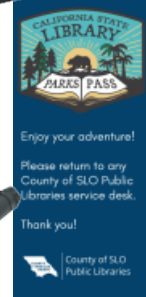
tioned items and so much more.

Check out a day pass good at 200 participating state parks...along with a backpack that includes birding, wildlife, and plant guides, binoculars, and compass.

You'll also find lots and lots of games, ranging from old-school favorites like Monopoly and Candyland to exciting new ones to try.

Reserving an item to be delivered to the Nipomo Library is FREE—all it takes is your library card. Just place a

request through the "SLO County Public Libraries" app, go online by [clicking here](#), or use your smartphone's camera to scan this QR code and you'll be on your way!





## What's Happening at your library

### **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME HORA DE CUENTOS**

for ages 0-5

**Wednesdays, 10:30-11am**

*Learning is fun! Join us for books, songs,  
and a lot of wiggling. All children welcome.*

### **LEGO CLUB**

for ages 5-11

**Sat., Dec. 6, 2-3pm**

*Engineer, build, and create with Legos.*

### **KIDS' DAY AT THE LIBRARY: CHALK ART!**

for K-6th

**Thurs., Dec. 11, 2-3pm &  
3:45-4:45pm**

*Create amazing art using chalk of all  
colors.*

### **NIPOMO CHILDREN'S CRAFT FAIR**

**Sat., Dec. 13, 10-11:30am**

*Come by to purchase crafts handmade  
by kids 7-13.*

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

for adults

**Tues., Dec. 16, 10-11:30am**

*The Shadow of the Wind  
by Carlos Ruiz Zafón*

### **CHESS CLUB** for all ages/levels

**Fri., Dec. 19, 2-4:30pm**

*Learn to play or improve strategy—  
game boards and instruction provided.*

### **POKEMON CARD TRADING**

for school age, tweens, teens

**Sat., Dec. 20, 2-3:30pm**

### **NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

for all ages

**Wed., Dec. 31, 11:30am-12:30pm**

*Family-friendly refreshments and noise-  
makers provided.*



## Teen Book Club launched



**Nipomo Library's new Teen Book Club got off to a great start**, with seven attending the Nov. 22 kickoff.

The next meeting is set for Saturday, Jan. 10 (3-4pm) and the book chosen by the group is *If He Had Been With Me*, by Laura Nowlin. February's book is *Betting on You*, by Lynn Painter.

The club is still in its formative stages but the teens already have some fun activities planned, like anno-

tating their books and writing to their favorite authors. If you're a teen (or know of one) ages 12-15, come talk about books and build community. Everyone is welcome!

### **MANAGER'S MESSAGE**

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can start 2026 off on the right foot with cake, crafts, and a balloon drop.

Winter (Reading) is coming! Get your Cozy Winter Reading Challenge card from our front desk, starting Jan. 2. This fun program is for all ages and runs through Feb. 14.

Do you know about the "Library of Things"? The County of SLO Public Library checks out nontraditional items ranging from pickleball sets to crochet hooks, and more (see article on page 3 of this issue)! We are always adding to this collection. Just place a request through the "SLO County Public Libraries" app or however you access your library account to try out one of our latest "things."

NOTE: Nipomo Library will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Dec. 25 and will close at 5pm on Wednesday, Dec. 24. The library will be closed for New Year's Day on Jan. 1 and will close at 5pm on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Reminder: Don't worry if you get an email that states that your card is expired and needs to be renewed. Just visit us at the front desk and show us your current ID so we can renew your library card for another 4 years. Remember that you must be in our service area to renew your card.

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

**Sat., Dec. 6, 10am-12:45pm**

*Annual holiday tradition: Open  
microphone and potluck holiday party.*

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



### **Friends of the Nipomo Library 2025 Board of Directors**

Angela Braun, Co-President

Jamie Hartshorn, Co-President

Anna Zucker, Recording Secretary

William Palmer, Treasurer

Lynda Flynn • Susan Galluzzo

Merril Lynn Schalla • Linda Short

Judy Trecartin

## Library Details

**The Nipomo Library is located at:  
918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo 93444**

**Branch Manager:**

**Margaret Kensinger-Klopper**

**Information: 805-929-3994**

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**Hours:**

**Tuesday 10am-6pm**

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**Thursday 9am-5pm\*\***

**Friday 1-5pm**

**Saturday 9am-5pm**

**\*Closing at 5pm on Wed.,  
Dec. 24 & Wed., Dec. 31**

**\*\*Closed on Thurs.,  
Dec. 25 & Thurs., Jan. 1**