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FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2025

Contact us at info@friendsofnipomolibrary.org

2024 in review

The Friends of the Nipomo Library's annual meeting was held on Dec. 11 and included a report to the membership on accomplishments during 2024.

Our financial position remains strong. Our major sources of income were our thrice-yearly book sales and lobby and eBay sales; three silent auction windows; membership dues; donations; and interest on our savings. Funds raised by the Friends help "fill in the gaps" by supporting programs and purchasing materials for the library not covered by the county budget.

Other highlights included:

- Our display window near the

service desk was used to support other local groups ranging from the Nipomo Native Garden to the 4-H. In September it promoted Good Neighbor Month, and the Friends collected hundreds of dollars' worth of items for two community charities. The Trilogy Art Group and the Central Coast Watercolor Society also filled our window as well as the Community Room with their beautiful work and contributed a portion of sales to the Friends.

- In February we publicized our annual Membership Month with a drawing for a "For Your Reading Pleasure" gift basket.

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Celebrity dolls on display

Our January window is again devoted to dolls, courtesy of the Cuesta Doll and Study Club. This year's theme is "Celebrity Dolls"—members will present dolls such as Shirley Temple, Elvis Presley, Sonja Henie, and Greta Garbo, with a card for each describing who they were, what they were famous for, the manufacturer, and dates.

The club's focus is on the study, history, artistry, and collecting of dolls of all ages and year-round fundraising for various charities.



Manager's Message

From Kristin Nibbe
Library Branch Manager

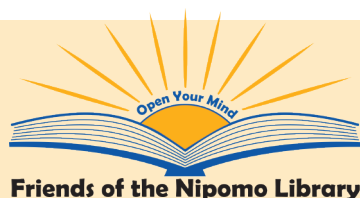
*"The new year stands before us,
like a chapter in a book,
waiting to be written.
We can help write that story
by setting goals."*

—Quote by Melody Beattie

Whatever you have resolved to do in 2025, the library has something for you. Do you want to broaden your skill sets? The library can provide you with books on subjects from making bread to better grammar to creating a small business. Want to head off the calories from all the family gatherings from the past few months? We have a book, DVD, or motivational audiobook that can help.

Speaking of goals, by the time you read this, Cozy Winter Reading will be in full swing. Pick up your Bingo card and come play! From January 2 to Valentine's Day, readers of all ages complete five fun book-related activities for a Bingo and receive a small gift.

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The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8, 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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What's Happening at your library

LEGO CLUB for ages 5-12
Sat., Jan. 4, 2-3pm

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
for ages 0-5
Wednesdays, 10:30-11am

**THE LITERACY CONNECTION:
Weekly English Conversation Group**

for adults
Wednesdays, 11:30am-1pm
*All levels welcome; no pre-registration
required, just join when you can!*

KIDS' DAY AT THE LIBRARY
for K-6th grade
Thurs., Jan. 16, 2-3 & 3:45-4:45pm
*A monthly event featuring a different
program or activity each month.*

CHESS CLUB for all ages/levels
Fri., Jan. 17, 2-4:30pm

**NOOR FREE MOBILE HEALTH
CARE CLINIC/LA DISTRIBUTION
CUIDADO DE LA SALUD**

for adults
Mon., Jan. 20, 8am-3pm
*The SLO Noor Foundation will have
their mobile clinic stationed in the
Nipomo Library parking lot for free
health care consultation. Appointments
are strongly suggested.*

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
for adults
Tues., Jan. 28, 10-11:30am

**Coastal Dunes Branch of the
California Writers Club (CWC)**
Sat., Jan. 4, 10am-12:45pm
*Publishing consultant Brian Schwartz
on "The AI Advantage: Accelerate Your
Writing, Publishing, & Book Marketing"*
coastaldunescwc.com

ANNUAL MEETING *Continued from front*

- As a sponsor of the Summer Reading Program, we volunteered with library staff at a Kickoff BBQ enjoyed by more than 100 kids and parents. We also helped at the ice cream party marking the program's end; it was attended by more than 150 children and adults.
- A landscaping subcommittee met to determine recommendations for paving and plantings to beautify the front exterior of the library. We also explored using funds to upgrade the kitchen in the Community Room.
- We produced a special banner for the library for National Library Week, refreshed signage for our book sales, and produced labels to brand the bags and lanyards for our volunteers.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to our volunteers—the heart of our organization—who spent more than 1,000 hours through November at such tasks as sorting books, working the book sales, and serving on our Board of Directors. We extended a thank you to our outgoing board member and secretary, Nancy Brown, and welcomed new board



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

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We are also proud of the relationship FONL has maintained with the Nipomo Branch Manager and the rest of the staff. We were sorry to see manager Heidi LoCascio leave in late May but were happy to welcome new manager Kristin Nibbe and feel we've developed an equally strong working relationship with her to take the Friends into 2025.

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The truly adventurous must complete all the squares on their card to enter one of our three grand prize drawings.

Here is to the next chapter in the book, and thank you for all the support the Friends will be providing in 2025.

Library Details

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

www.slolibrary.org

Hours*:
Tuesday 10am-6pm
Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 1-5pm
Saturday 9am-5pm

*** *Holiday hours: Tues., Dec. 31,
closing an hour early (5pm); library
will be closed on Wed., Jan. 1***

