



Friends of the Atascadero-Martin Polin Library

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NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Our capital campaign to raise money to expand the library continues to steam ahead. Due to the economic downturn, we have not had much success in securing grants for our project. However, on the community level, we are attracting more and more interest, with 40 donations at the Founders level (\$1000+), 3 Patrons (\$3000+) and one Major Donor. We have been honored to receive many, many donations of lesser amounts as well. Our fund-raisers have been successful both in terms of funds raised and the wide appeal of the interesting events themselves.

As you can imagine, the FOL Board and the Fund Raising Steering Committee is putting in many hours planning our various events. At the same time, we are working with County officials on the selection of a site for the expanded library, and the County is also working with city administration to address issues related to site selection. We are eager to move ahead but we recognize that complex issues require due diligence before a decision can be reached.

Our annual membership meeting has been scheduled for May 13, 2010 at 7 pm in the library's Community Room. We will present a campaign update, including a financial report, and we will nominate and elect FOL officers for the coming year. We have revised the FOL By-Laws, which we will present for your approval, and we have created Operating Procedures which we would also like you to review. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting.

Grenda Ernst, President

Expansion Fundraising News: Read-Seek-Grow

Atascadero: Dancing with Our Stars was a huge success, generating \$30,000 from voting, ticket sales, and auction proceeds. After expenses, the event will net just under \$25,000 for the library expansion drive. So many people contributed, especially our dancers: **Barbie Butz, Molly and Giovanni Comin, Jay DeCou, Jim Lewis Joanne Main, Jim Patterson, E.J. Rossi, Keith Schmidt, and Tina Wysong**, and their instructor/partners: **Dan Davis, Sharon Davis, Debi Lewis, Judie Magonacelaya, and Tracy Rossi**.

We also thank M.C. **Andrew Cherry**, dance commentator, **Nancy Beckett**, and sound and lighting expert, **Bob Jones**. **Sue Galbreath-Sly, Christina Lefevre Latner, Leigh Livick, and Judie Magonacelaya** formed the backbone of the event committee with able assistance from **Dan and Sharon Davis**.

Significant help in requesting wine donations was provided by FoL Board Secretary **Susie Blackwell** and by FoL member **Cindy Wood**. Among the generous wine donors were **Carol Kiessig (Salisbury wines), Vailia Esh (Lotus wines), and Daniel Daou (Paripaso wines)**. Other businesses that sponsored the event were the following wineries: **Blue Belly Estates, Castoro, Derby, Halter Ranch, Opolo, Sculpterra, St. Hilaire, and Zenaida**, as well as **Pacific Harvest Catering**.

Wines, tours, and auction items were also donated by **Turley, Peachy Canyon, Jada, Kelsey, Tablas Creek, Eagle Castle, WCP, Dubost Ranch, and Hidden Oak** wineries. Other auction donors include

George Marrett and Ed Morrison, Sweet Earth Chocolates, Dana Sanchez, Kai Lani Sushi and Seafood, Debra Jurey, Grenda Ernst, and Eileen O'Grady.

Colby Jack Café provided gift cards while **Trader Joe's, Food-4-Less, Spencer's, Albertson's,** and **Von's** contributed candy, sparkling water, and gift cards. In addition, **Jennifer and Jeff Carey** provided an overnight stay at their guest house; **Hart Impressions** donated paper for the programs; and **Bloom 'n' Grow** donated a costume.

Just as our success in this event depended on many generous donors, the success of our campaign depends on many businesses, civic organizations and individuals who will make the expansion of the Atascadero Library a top priority.

By Eileen O'Grady, Vice-President

P.S. Community response to this event was so positive that we tried to schedule a repeat performance in April. Unfortunately, the busy schedules of our dancers and available dates at the Pavilion did not permit us to do this.

New Founders (\$1000 Donors)
Central Coast Seafood
Joe and Judie Magonacelaya
Joanne and David Main

New Patrons (\$3,000 Donors)
Claudia Collier
Dan and Eileen O'Grady

You can see pictures of
Dancing with our Stars
on the Internet.
Just click on
Communitygivingback.org Atascadero
Click on photos communitygivingback
Click on community events
Click on Dancing with our Stars

From the Reference Desk
Adult Services
Free Yoga Program

April is Physical Wellness Month. In that spirit, the Atascadero Public Library is hosting a free

“introduction to yoga” class presented by Shelley Massa Gooch, a registered yoga teacher, on Saturday, April 10th at 10.30AM.

This one hour class will introduce participants to the art and exercise of yoga. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat and a large beach towel or blanket to sit on as Ms. Gooch will demonstrate various yoga poses for participants to emulate.

Shelley Massa Gooch teaches Hatha Yoga, and is a registered teacher with the Yoga Alliance. Her classes are influenced by Shadow Yoga. Ms. Gooch teaches yoga classes at all skill levels in San Luis Obispo County. She also offers workshops and an annual 5-day retreat at Tassajara Zen Mountain Center. Her website is:

<http://www.into-balance.com>

The program will be held at the Atascadero Library's Community Room at 6850 Morro Road. Space is limited; however, signups are not required. For questions, please call the Atascadero Library Information Desk at 805-461-6162.

Note: The week after is National Library Week, April 11-17. We are kicking it off by donating any canned goods to Loaves and Fishes. If you have any canned goods you wish to donate, please bring them to the yoga class as well.

Thanks

Brian Coburn, Reference Librarian

Celebrate National Library Week
April 11-17-2010

This year's theme for National Library Week is “Communities thrive @ your library” and the Friends of The Library will be presenting many special activities to celebrate our library and community. Among them will be a breakfast for our wonderful library staff. Please be sure that you also remember to let the staff know how much you too appreciate them. And since we also appreciate you, there will be a Patron Appreciation Day on Wed., April 14th from 1-3 PM. Come and join us for lemonade and cookies.

Other activities planned for the week include sidewalk chalk drawing for ages 4-104. Come and express yourself! Create a book cover or draw a picture representing your favorite book or character.

Youth Services Children's Library

The weekly story time for 3-6 year olds will again feature celebrity readers. This year's celebrities will be Mayor Roberta Fonzi, Assistant City Manager Jim Lewis, Main Street Director Steve Martin and Atascadero News Editor Heather Young. Each will read a story that has a special meaning for them or their children.

Once again we will be asking that you bring a food donation for Loaves and Fishes for each activity or event you choose to participate in. This year your food donation can also help you pay for fines or the cost of reserving books. Each food item earns \$1.00 towards a maximum of \$10.00 worth of fines. Items that are most needed by Loaves and Fishes include tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, canned fruit, veggies and soup.

Look for the complete schedule posted at the library the first week in April

Come and celebrate with us!
Georgie Arnold

Direct from Deborah

Congratulation and thanks to all who participated in the Dancing with our Stars Gala fundraiser! Since others are writing more about that, my "news" this month is more of a reminder of something we've been providing for a while that you may not have been using.

The Library Foundation is on a campaign the raise money to purchase more 24/7 access to the library, such as books on Netlibrary and Overdrive. We applaud them and look forward to seeing some new databases as well. In the meantime, please take a look at several of the fabulous databases that are already available at www.slolibrary.org. You can browse in your jammies, help the kids with last minute homework, or learn a new language. The Online Resources are all highlighted in a new hot pink flyer available throughout the library.

In addition to the 24/7 databases, there are several that are only available in the library building, such as Grantstation (for which we will soon be offering a training session) Ancestry.com for genealogy and All Data Pro for DIY auto repairers. Take a look!

Deborah Schlanser, Branch Manager

The Martin Polin Community Room Rocked in February to the beat of the musical group "Bucket Busters". Under the direction of Steve Holstein, Drum School 101, San Luis Obispo, about 12 teens performed on buckets, trashcans and water bottles.

For several years, Lina Ouyang has shared facts, stories and a craft about the Chinese New Year at our pre-school story time. Her husband Bin, who works at the Golden China Restaurant, generously donated eggrolls and fortune cookies. We are really grateful to have such giving people in our community.

Several events will be held during **National Library Week, April 11-17.**

On Wednesday April 14 at 10.30 the following celebrity readers will share favorite childhood stories during pre-school Storytime:

*Jim Lewis, Assistant City Manager

*Roberta Fonzi, Atascadero Major

*Steve Martin, Executive Director, Atascadero Mainstreet.

*Heather Young, Atascadero News, editor.

More information on other happenings that week will be available shortly.

May Event

Atascadero HS Robotics Club Program

Wednesday, May 12, 6.30 – 7.30 PM, Ages 10+

Space is limited – Sign ups are not required.

The AHS Robotics Team, Greyhound Revolutionary Robotics, will bring robots to the library and show a slide presentation covering this year's season. There will also be some hands-on activities.

Summer Reading Program

The 2010 Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, June 12 and ends Saturday, August 21.

Children and young adults are invited to read and keep track of the titles on a reading log. Upon completion, each youngster will receive a book bag, a popular paperback book and other special awards.

The theme for preschool (starts at age 2)-5th grade is "Make a Splash@ Your Library" and the Young Adult theme for anyone entering 6th grade -- High School is "Make Waves at your Library".

June Events

Playstation Rock Band

Saturday, June 19th, 11:00 AM – 12.30 PM

Ages 10 - 21

Location: Atascadero Martin Polin Community Room

Space is limited.

Sign up at the main desk after May 28

Banana Slug String Band

Wednesday, June 23rd, 6:30-7:30 PM, Ages 4+

Location: Colony Park Community Center
5599 Traffic Way

Join the Banana Slugs as they travel upstream and downstream with science, song and sillybration!

Programs by Performing Artists

Thursdays at 11 AM at the Colony Park Community Center, 5599 Traffic Way.

Recommended for ages 4+

June 24th – **Diana Carter**, singer/songwriter

Integrates music, dance, storytelling and theater

July 1st – **Gerald Joseph**, magician. Experience amazing slight of hand, magic, funny sight gags, etc.

July 8th – **Tom Knight**, singer, songwriter and puppeteer. Puppet show includes a vibrant collection of original songs and skits.

July 15th – **Craig Newton**, singer/songwriter. A journey in story and song with a variety of musical instruments.

July 22nd – **SONando**. This trio will perform traditional music and dance from various regions of Mexico and Latin America. Sabra Weber and Jorge Mijangos provide an engaging bilingual educational experience filled with stories, music and hands-on learning.

July 29th – **Dean Giles**, professional drummer/studio musician. Experience the roots of rhythm through today's popular music. Learn about African rhythms, techniques to play the Djembe drum and recreate and create a traditional drum circle.

*Sponsored by the Atascadero Friends of the Library and the City of Atascadero, Department of Community Services.

Joan Bloomfield, Children's Librarian

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

James Brookins, Sandy Jack, Steve Lindhorst, Mike Storneta, Matt Erin Turrentine, Kristen Thorpe.

Donations

We thank the following people for their generous donations.

Expansion fund:

Robert & Virginia Powers (2)

John & Diana Lehman (2)

Donn & Christine Clickard

Tina & Jay Salter

Deidre Gallagher

Central Coast Tastee Freez(2)

Undesignated:

Mike Byrne

Joan & Tim O'Keefe

Financial Statement

January 1 Through February 28, 2010
(Rabobank account)

Income:	\$
Magazine*, books*, equipment	1,048
Book sales	1,019
Membership	795
Donations	155
(Expansion, book fund, undersign.)	<u> </u>
	3,017
Expenses:	
Children's Programs	820
Adult Programs	1,275
Postage	100
Administration	200
PG&E	<u>18</u>
	2,413
Balance +	<u>604</u>
	3,017

*Lobby Sales

Darleen Brainard, Treasurer

INTERNET

Available in the Library and by Remote Access

- **Biography Resource Center**
- **Facts On File**
World News Digest
Issues and Controversies
Issues and Controversies in American History.
- **Heritage Quest on Line**
- **Mango Languages**
- **Reference USA**

For the complete listings check the (pink) brochure available in the library.

The Kiosk

Our book and magazine kiosk is located in the lobby of the library.

We have an excellent collection of “previously owned” books and magazines, which are all in good and clean condition.

The prices are right and the Kiosk is always open whenever the Library is.

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Book Sale!



Friday, April 9, 2010
From 6 to 8 PM
For Members only

Saturday, April 10, 2010
From 9 AM to 2 PM
At the Book House
6907 Atascadero Avenue
(behind the Library)

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