

Library Lines

Friends of Los Osos Library



Newsletter

June, 2010

Ann Harrison, Editor

From the President...

Hello Friends,

The library is gearing up for the popular Children's Summer Reading Program, and this year a new program has been added: an adults' summer reading program! What a treat for those of us avid bookworms.... we get to indulge in a favorite pastime and even get a prize. I encourage all of you to take a look at the enclosed reading log and get started reading; who knows, it might become an annual event.



Two books I have enjoyed this month are *Tinkers* by Paul Harding and *Alice I Have Been* by Melanie Benjamin. Excellent "reads". Also of importance this month is the awarding of the Dorothy Hammond Scholarship to a Los Osos graduating senior. Jane Harrison, Vice President of our Friends group, will be presenting the check, and we will have a profile and photo of our 2010 recipient in the next issue. Enjoy the summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the library.

Ann Garfinkel

Book Sale News...

Our April Book Sale raised \$2428.15! Many thanks to our volunteers who came early and stayed late to help us with the sale. And special thanks to those who came to buy – you can't have a book sale without customers!

We're looking for a few more early morning volunteers to help us set up tables and get the books from the shed. If you have a strong back and could help us from 7:30 to 9 am, we'd love to hear from you. Email us at lososofriends@gmail.com or call Ann at 235-6749.

Starting at our August sale, we'll be serving our early-morning volunteers coffee and donuts!

Second Annual Children's Craft Faire

Saturday, August 7

Kids make and sell their own crafts!

Registration required

Applications available at the library

Get to know some of our volunteers...

Judy Berk volunteers as a storyteller at the library, and she does an outstanding job. Not only does she present an amazing storytime, but she also helps Joe connect to local pre-schools in the area, arranges visits and spreads the library word to young parents. The library becomes a little brighter when Judy visits.

Jay and Gerry Mueller designed our Summer Reading Interactive Wall for Kids. Jay and Gerry, local artists in the community, set a beach scene for the kids to decorate. Oh, one other thing. Did we mention, Gerry has two shifts weekly shelving books, and Jay does our new After School Stories for Kids every third Thursday. Truly amazing volunteers.

Editor's note:

Special thanks to Joe and the staff for preparing their own special recipes for a volunteer appreciation brunch. It was yummy!

Next Book Sale – Saturday, August 14

Librarian's Corner...

The San Luis Obispo County Literacy Council (www.sloliteracy.org) is a nonprofit organization committed to assisting adult learners and their families in the development of English language communication skills. It is an important part of our community. It provides individual and group instruction to learners in reading, writing, speaking and basic number skills, thereby furthering the ability of learners to function well in the community.

In thought and research, I was wondering what we as community members could do for the promotion of literacy, realizing that literacy is the ability to read and write at a competent level and competency in a subject or activity e.g. information literacy, computer literacy etc. What does this truly do for our society?

Very simply, it means a society that can communicate with each other with words, art and technology. It means a group having at least the potential to understand and talk to each other. The more we can learn from each other, the more we can answer our questions, explore our dreams, make friends, acquaintances and business partners, and laugh and enjoy life. Then how can we as a community promote these concepts? Readwritethink.org, in conjunction with International Reading Association and National Council for the Teachers of English have given me a few ideas.

1. Get caught reading and writing: let children, teens, neighbors see you engaged in literate activities
2. Read and write to friends, neighbors, and family. Books on CD on trips or notes on a refrigerator or on a pillow, letters, postcards and poems. Writing still connects.
3. Show interest in books, magazines and websites that friends, family and neighbors have told you about. Explore them together.
4. Enjoy programs at the library. Reading, poetry, book discussions, family concerts, art and children's programs all have potential for enhanced literacy. (I added that one!)

Maybe we can start here and little by little learn to enhance our community literacy.

Lastly, the county is working on finalizing a budget. Last year we had to lose some of our allocated funds for books, DVDs, and magazines. I am not sure what the upcoming year will have in store for us. Some libraries across the nation are losing hours, some are closing, and some are being renovated. If the library is an important place for you and your family, your friends and community, then your advocacy is a way to help. Writing letters, speaking at government meetings, and emailing appropriate leaders are all ways to do this. It's your library.

Have a great summer. **Joe**



Adult Summer Reading Program June 19 – August 21

Here's how it works...

You complete the Summer Reading Program Log and earn a raffle ticket.
(Limit: 2 raffle tickets)

We have some great raffle prizes.

Dinner for 2 at: Jimmy Bump's Pasta House, Noi's Little Thai Take-Out and
Novo Restaurant (San Luis)

One month membership at Los Osos Fitness

Round of golf at Sea Pines Resort (2)

\$20 gift certificate for Boo Boo Records (2)

Shelley Massa Gooch Yoga Session

Celia's Garden Café gift certificate

Professional Baking Service by Natalie Smoley

Friends of Los Osos Library Gift Bag

For your convenience, we've included a copy of the log in this newsletter.
No registration required - Get started now!

Summer Programs at Your Library...

Make a Splash (Children) and Make Waves (Teens)

Summer Reading Program - June 19 to August 21

Kids sign up and read 10 books over the summer and earn cool prizes: bookbags, stickers, pencils, stamps, bookmarks, food coupons, books, and tickets to Legoland.

Library Concerts for Kids at South Bay Community Center

Science and Song with the **Banana Slugs String Band** on Thursday, June 24, at 2:30 pm

Music and Drumming with **Dean Giles** on Friday, July 9, at 2 pm

Music/Dance Theater with **Karen Garmen** on Friday, July 16, at 2 pm

Traditional Music from Mexico and Latin America with **SONando** on Friday, July 23, at 2 pm

Monthly Meetings...

Early Child Storytime - every Thursday and Friday at 10:30 am

PAWS (Reading with Skipper) - second Wednesday at 4:30 pm

Afternoon Stories - third Thursday at 3:30 pm

Garden and Craft Club - last two Fridays at 3:30 pm

Book Discussion (adults) - third Thursday at 6:30 pm



Summer Music at the Library...

On the lawn – bring a blanket and lunch!

Booker Tease – Saturday, July 10 at 12:00 noon

Oso Sol – Saturday, July 17 at 12:00 noon

Bucket Busters Saturday, August 7 at 11:30 am
(Playing at the Children's Craft Faire)



Look at those tomatoes! They are part of the garden being raised by our new Garden and Craft Club which meets the last two Fridays of the month. Kids tend the garden, learn landscaping techniques, and go home with a craft. Special thanks to library assistant Kristen Nibbe for taking the lead with this new program.

Other Events...

4-H Earthquake Demonstration

especially for kids

Wednesday, June 30 at 6 pm

Registration is required

Glass Art Project (ages 12 and up)

Thursday, July 1 at 6 pm

Registration is required - \$20 fee

www.sherikleinglassart.com

A "Summer" Evening of Poetry

Thursday, July 8 at 6:30 pm

Featured Poets: Nixon Borah, Joann

Rusch and Lisa Coffman

Open Mic at 7:30 pm. Bring your own poem or read your favorite

The library will be closed
Tuesday, July 6, for Independence Day
Tuesday, September 7, for Labor Day

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Book Sale – August 14, 9 am – 2 pm

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www.losososlibraryfriends.org



Reading/Discussion Group

Los Osos Library
Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm
Please join us!

July: *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

August: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Stout

Questions or comments?
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Business	\$25	_____	Life (one-time)	\$500	_____

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Would you like to help with:

___ sorting magazines for inside sales
___ working at our used book sales

If you would like to volunteer to work in the library,
call the staff at 528-1862 and let them know.

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