



**October 2023**

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## Annual Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Meeting at Los Osos Library on **Saturday - November 18 - 9 AM** to review the past year and discuss the next.



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## Election of 2024 Officers

Per our bylaws, officers of the Friends of Los Osos Library must be elected at the end of each year to serve for the following year. Those eligible to vote are paid-up members as of September 30. Members for whom we have an email address will be sent an invitation to vote and a confidential electronic ballot the week of October 30. If you do not have an email, a ballot will be mailed to you that week. Please be sure to vote - it only takes a minute!



# Branch Manager Report - Bonnie Richan

We have been busy! Our door count was over 4100 in September; we have not reached 4000 since before COVID. Our daily door counts are consistently higher, some going over 200 in a day.

After more than a year of Qi Gong, the program has ended. Devin Wallace, who was the instructor, opted to take the program private.

**Adult programming** includes the monthly Book Group, quarterly Poetry Night (live virtual), and Read Together. We had a jewelry making class, will be hosting the annual Medicare enrollment workshop with Buff, and have a one-time yoga class planned for November.

**Children's programming** has been very popular with Emily facilitating weekly events for kids on Friday afternoons, once-a-month teen craft programs, weekly storytime, and Paws to Read with Berkeley. We served over 110 patrons with storytime last month, which was a lower number than usual. With school resuming, that program went down in attendance a little, but it still well-attended. We have displayed all the Halloween books and items for kids; most items have been checked out, but we still have a few. Emily is holding a **Teen Costume Swap Event** on Saturday, **October 21**. If you have any items to donate, drop them by the library before that date.

We have a great program scheduled for Saturday, **October 28** at 11am at the Community Center. **Pacific Wildlife Care** will be presenting a program about bats and ravens, with lots of information and two honored guests – a bat and a raven.

Diana worked diligently to create a **Banned Books display**. Please check it out. She printed up lots of information and selected books we have in our library that have the honor of being challenged, banned, and well-read.

Eric has given his notice; his last day will be October 21. I am participating in interviews for a new Library Associate.

For more library information go to the website at: <https://www.slolibrary.org/>

## Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will be held the third Thursday of the month at 5:30. More information can be found at the library.

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## Read Together - Come One! Come All!

On Thursday January 11, Read Together begins its fourteenth year as a quarterly play reading program at the Los Osos Library.

It is an opportunity to be in a play without the anxiety of an audition or time spent in rehearsal. Anyone can come into the library on the appointed evening, be given a play script with a part clearly marked and sit down with others to read a play aloud. People may also come to listen.

In the course of a year there will be one Shakespeare, one mystery, one classic and one modern play. Some of the selections began life as novels so the adaptations provide a chance to dramatize some favorites not usually presented as plays.

In the past, Read Together has offered, among others, "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "Our Town", "A Thurbur Carnival", "The Pale Horse", "No Fond Return of Love" and "The Time of Your Life".

2024 leads off with Jane Austen's charming romance "Persuasion".



## Magazine Donations

We are continuing the sales of gently used current magazines at the library and welcome donations! Monthly issues should be no more than three months old, and weekly issues no more than three weeks. The staff is happy to accept donations during open hours.

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## Book Donations

Although we are still unable to accept large donations, we welcome donations of recent books and media to sell in our Book Nook inside the library. These should be no more than five years old and in near-perfect condition ~ please give them to a staff member during library hours.

In the meantime, donations of gently used books and media continue to be accepted by the Friends of Morro Bay and Cayucos Libraries, and the Goodwill donation center.

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