



January 2024

Good wishes for a safe and happy 2024 to all our Friends of Los Osos Library!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*

Membership Dues

This is a friendly reminder that your 2024 membership renewals are due. Membership covers Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. So if you sent in your dues after Oct. 1, 2023, consider yourself paid up ~ Thank You! We appreciate your support!

Of course, new members are always welcome! Please consider joining our Friends of Los Osos Library. All memberships and donations benefit the Los Osos Library.

[Membership Form](#)



Elections Update

The election of officers for 2024 was in November in accordance with our bylaws.

The current officers were re-elected for 2024.

Jim Starfill - President

Pat Snodgrass - Vice-President

Buff Lawson - Treasurer

Jonniepat Mobley - Secretary



Join us at a Board Meeting!

The Friends of Los Osos Library board meets quarterly at the Los Osos Library. All members are invited to attend. The 2024 meeting dates are April 9th, July 9th and October 8th at 9:00 AM. We hope to see you there.

New Library Status

Chris Barnickel, SLO County Director of Libraries, attended our Annual Meeting in November and discussed the status of the Los Osos Library expansion. He again stated that we were "next in line" for capital projects, although he could not give us a target date. He also indicated that he continues to oppose the requirement that the community provide 50% of the funding and hopes the new county administrator will support efforts to remove it.

In the meantime, the Friends continue to maintain our Building Funds accounts under the professional management of Blue Marble Investments. The market value as of Dec. 31, 2023, was \$2,306,779.75.



Library News - Branch Manager Bonnie Richan

A lot of changes are happening at the Los Osos Library. Welcome new staff member Morica, she has worked for support services for 10 years, so is familiar with library practices. She will be a great asset to our library.

Our shipment delivery will occur Tuesday through Saturday, this will offer another day for patron holds to be filled.

We have had some very well attended children's programs. Emily, our Youth Services Librarian, has kept the kids' activities calendar full.

We are hosting a three-part series workshop program with County Behavioral Health and the Alzheimer's Association covering various issues around aging and brain health. Feb. 13, March 12, and April 9, 5:30PM - 7:00PM.

United Way tax service will be held here six Sundays in March (3, 10, 17, & 24) and April (7 and 14). This is a free program for people to get assistance with filing their taxes.

We will be starting a monthly program for all ages in February - Sustainability Saturdays. Plant swap on Saturday, February 24.

Lots of exciting things happening!

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.



Magazine Donations

We continue to sell gently used magazines at the library and donations are welcome! 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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