



Friends of the Atascadero Library

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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has happened again: the FOL expansion project has received another \$100,000 boost in the form of a grant from the Hind Foundation. Greg Hind, whose local sportswear company has received national recognition for its excellence, has created the Hind Foundation to “fund community-based projects and programs that encourage people to work together to build an enduring legacy for future generations.” The Foundation supports programs in a wide range of areas from music and the arts to ecosystem preservation. We are honored and delighted that the Hind Foundation has selected our expansion project for such substantial assistance. Also, we are honored to have been selected to receive a grant of \$7500 from the Central Coast Wine Classic.

With these grants, we are well over the 80% of our share of the Net Project Cost, the amount needed, per the Memorandum of Understanding with the County, in order for schematic design and preparation of construction documents to commence. The draft design, created in consultation between library administration, FOL and library staff, has been completed and the County and the architects, Ravatt-Albrecht and Associates, will be negotiating a contract for the working documents. We are excited that work on the expansion has proceeded to this place, and gratified by the success of our fund-raising efforts. Those efforts are not complete, of course, and the Fund-raising Steering Committee continues its diligent work.

Be sure and look for us in the Colony Days Parade. Linda Zirk has gathered a talented crew of float designers and our entry is going to be a very special one.

The silent auction in the library lobby has been on hiatus for the month of September but it will return in October, under the supervision of library supporter Carole Dulitz. Carole welcomes your contributions of items for the auction and you may leave auction items with the library staff.

Grenda Ernst, President



Christina Lefevre sets up the FOL display for the Business Showcase on September 15

“Open the Doors” Fundraising Campaign News

With the wonderful \$100,000 grant from the **Hind Foundation**, our campaign effort reached 50% of our \$1 million goal. We thank our volunteer grant writer, **Liz Helgerson**, for her winning grant and our volunteer accountant, **Marguerite Pulley**, for her assistance. **Claudia Collier**, **Anne Harris**, and **Jeannie Malik** participated in the grant selection interview, along with Marguerite and me. We have a wonderful team of talented volunteers who are working very hard to open the doors of the new Atascadero Library.

Leigh Livick coordinated the recent FOL benefit performance at the Brickyard Theatre which netted \$1900. Thanks to Leigh and to **Anet** and **Charley Carlin** for a wonderful production of *The Clean House*. Anet and Charley recently became our newest Founders with a personal donation of \$1000. We appreciate all they have done to support and enrich our community over the past eight years.

Upcoming Events:

Open House on Sunday, October 23

The design for the library's interior will be unveiled at an Open House on Sunday, October 23, from 2-4 p.m., at the new library site at 6555 Capistrano Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend.

Exciting Fall Concerts at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 6

Celebrated local singer **Richard Summers** will be featured at two concerts to benefit the library campaign. The concerts will be held at the beautiful home of **Rex and Betty Hendrix** in Santa Margarita on **Sunday, November 6, at 3 p.m. and at 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$60, available at the library, at Summers Real Estate, or by calling Sue Sly at 461-0379. Seating is limited, so we encourage everyone to purchase tickets soon.

For additional information about these events and ways to donate, please log onto the FOL Web site, www.AtascaderoFriendsoftheLibrary.org.

Eileen O'Grady, Vice President

Donors

The list of donors for the months of August and September is given on the last page (7).



Arrive in Style!

FOL is raffling off two tickets to the November 6 concert at 3 PM and a chauffeured ride to and from the concert in this 1937 Packard \$ 10 each or 3 for \$ 20
Tickets are available at the library.
The chauffeured drive was donated by
Bill and Diane O'Neil



The lovely home of Rex and Betty Hendrix will be the setting for two November 6 benefit concerts that feature Richard Summers. Tickets are available at the library now.

Photo by Jeannie Malik

Branch Musings

by Brian Coburn

We have had a busy summer for adults at the library. We completed our Adult Summer Reading Program "Novel Destinations." We had 72 adults sign-up and 23 adults who finished the program. On Sept.10, we had a celebration for the finishers with gelato ice cream and gyro sandwiches. The general feedback from participants was to keep having future adult reading programs, not only because is it fun, but it also gets readers an opportunity to read out of their regular reading habits. As one participant said, "I finally got permission to read an art book, and I loved it."

We also gave the library a new interior arrangement. In August, with coordination and consultation from the Assistant Director, Atascadero Library staff and the Administrative staff, we moved the study carrels from the non-fiction area to the window area across from the circulation service desk, and we removed one display stand, substituting it with a mobile display stand. We then removed two shelves and moved the reading chairs where the shelves and study carrels were previously. Finally, we moved the audio CD display stand and the photocopier to the area by the study carrels. In addition, the children's desk was rotated 90 degrees to allow better visibility to the reference desk and quicker access to the children's collection.

The patron and staff response to these moves has been generally positive. The new reading and lounge area in the adult non-fiction is now larger and quieter with more natural lighting in the area coming through the windows. The new study carrels area has resulted in better monitoring of laptop internet usage.

Finally, the children's service desk is now more approachable. The staff and public can now access the children's collection more readily without navigating around the CD display rack and photocopier.

Check out the photos and come to the library and enjoy our new interior.



Reference Desk



View from Circulation Desk



Children's Library Section



Reading Lounge

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

John and Loretta Butts
 Julian Havandjan
 Arturo and Salisa Riveralara
 Robert Vesnaver

YOUTH SERVICES

The Fall season is upon us and we can take just a small breath after the very popular Summer Reading Program. The final results are:

Sign ups	Completions	
Teens (6th -12th grade)	206	99
Kids (ages 2 –fifth grade)	620	303

PROGRAMS

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Ages 3-6
 At the Atascadero Library-Martin Polin
 Community Room

Join us for this half-hour session of stories, songs, finger plays and a monthly craft, beginning September 14, 2011. **Signups are not required for this free program.** A variety of other special events are held each month at the library. Check the children's event board, teen area, local newspapers and radio/TV stations and www.slolibrary.org website for updates. All programs are held in the Martin Polin Community Room at no charge to the public, unless otherwise noted. They are sponsored by the Atascadero Friends of the Library.

For more information call Joan at 461 6163.

YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS

At the Colony Park Community Center,
5599 Traffic Way, Atascadero

Read, Sing and Dance Along with Melissa Green

Thursday, October 13th, 3:30 pm
Family Concert for ages 2 and older

This lively concert features interactive pop-folk music from Melissa Green's first and second albums and sing-along picture books including Melissa's book "The Seahorse Song." As a former pre-school teacher, Melissa's songs include counting and coordination and inspire kids to use their imagination. Melissa performed at the Atascadero Library in February 2011. Her high energy will once again get everyone up on their feet. This program is sponsored by Atascadero Friends of the Library and the City of Atascadero.

Manga Drawing Workshop with Artist Flores Irene

Thursday, October 20th
3:15-5:15 pm, Ages: 11 and older
Location: Atascadero Library

Space is limited. Signups are not required.

This tween/teen program provides an opportunity to work with one of Tokyo Pop's most well-known illustrators. Irene Flores, illustrator of the "**Mark of the Succubus**" series and "**Shojo Fashion Manga at School**"—an instructional book on drawing anime characters, will share ideas on setting up and drawing comics as a sequential art...telling a story. She has another drawing book that will be coming out soon. It is recommended that participants bring sketchbooks, pen/pencil. Some paper and pencils will be provided.

Books will be available for sale after the program.

Native American Tool Technology

Thursday, November 10th, 3:15-4:15 pm
Ages 4 and older. Location: Atascadero Library

Space is limited.

**Signups are required and begin
October 22nd**

Come and learn about tools made directly from the earth. Experience how plants, rocks, trees and shells

can all be used to meet our everyday needs and how Native Americans used them in their daily lives. This workshop will be taught and demonstrated by **Rion Naus**, wilderness skills instructor for Coyote Road School in Atascadero.

Annual Teddy Bear Tea

Wednesday, December 7th, 4:00-6:00 pm
Ages 6-11. Location: Atascadero Library

Space is limited.

Signups are required and begin November 1st

Boys and girls are invited to join us for an afternoon of teddy bear stories, songs, crafts and refreshments. **Singer/Songwriter Diana Carter** will be the featured guest artist.

Paws to Read - Reading to Rover

Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 pm at the
Atascadero Library

For dates call 461-6161

Join **Captain**, a 6 year old tan and white rough-coated Jack Russell Terrier and his human friend **Anne Harris**, for a relaxed hour of stories. Captain loves it when children read to him or show him the pictures in the book.

PAL Visits the Atascadero Library (September-October)

The children's area has a new look. On loan from the Rancho Cucamonga Public Library this Play and Learn Island (PAL) has been a big hit for the kids and adults who have gone back to their childhood days. PAL is a federal grant funded project designed to incorporate play into the library. PALs have interactive toys, and related book materials to support the particular theme of each PAL. The PALs are interactive activity spaces designed for children and their families to explore and enjoy. Play incorporates many of the basic skills that are essential building blocks for a child's overall development.

Whether you are 2 or 60, you will enjoy the sensory experience of playing with a variety of manipulatives in the moon sand of the Discovery Dig PAL Island.

Joan Bloomfield, Children's Librarian.

Welcome Student Intern Erin Berman!

Greetings to all the friends of the Atascadero Library. My name is Erin Berman and I am the new student intern working here at your local branch. I am currently obtaining my Masters in Library and Information Sciences from San Jose State University, with plans to graduate this December. Until that time I will be working with Joan Bloomfield in the Children's and young adult's areas, bringing the best possible service to our youngest patrons. In my free time I enjoy camping, cooking and of course reading. I look forward to story times, teen programs, and getting to serve the Atascadero community. Come in to say hi and leave with a great book!

Erin

**Financial Statement
RABO Bank Checking Account
July1 – August 31, 2011**

Income		\$
Magazines, Machines and Lobby Sales	1,164	
Book Sale	1,216	
Membership	590	
T-Shirts	28	
Donations		
Undesignated	30	
Book Fund	50	
Expansion	100	
Total	3,178	
Expenses		
Children's Programs	646	
Adult Programs	97	
Postage	62	
PG&E	9	
Fund raising	20	
Admin. Management	1,650	
Printing	187	
Total	2,671	
Balance+	507	
Total	3,178	

Darlene Brainard, Treasurer

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