

Alice's Bookstore has become one of the most popular stops for visitors to the library. After a quick non-scientific poll of some of our volunteers, I estimate about 35-40 people a day visit the store. Revenue is about double what we were earning from the bi-monthly book sales at the old book house! Alice and her crew of dedicated volunteers (she can always use more!) are doing a great job.

Our first FOAL event in the new Martin Polin Community Room comes up on November 8 at 10am. *Home Sweet Anywhere* is author Lynne Martin's inspiring invitation to those of us of a certain age who may be looking for alternatives to traditional retirement. Check out the full announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

A wonderful team of FOAL volunteers produced a prize-winning entry in this year's Colony Days parade. I hope you saw our walkers, dancers and float riders making quite a statement on the parade route on behalf of "Dancing With Our Stars" and the library.

Speaking of "Dancing With Our Stars," remember to mark your calendar for March 20 & 21. Jeannie Malik and her excellent committee are putting together a not-to-be missed show for 2015!

The City of Atascadero is stealing our Treasurer! Gere Sibbach is the only candidate on the ballot for City Treasurer in the November 4 election, so he'll be leaving the FOAL board. We've really appreciated having his experience and wise judgment, even for a few months. Very fortunately, longtime FOAL member Shirley Summers has stepped up to fill the vacancy and the board has appointed her effective December 1. Thanks to both Gere and Shirley!

With your help, our September-October member ballot approved changes to the FOAL ByLaws to clarify and update a number of procedures. Thanks to all who took the time to return a ballot.

On October 7, the Atascadero City Planning Commission unanimously approved the staff recommendation to rezone the Morro Road library property from "Public" to "Commercial." If the City Council approves the Commission's action, the County of San Luis Obispo will proceed with offering the property for sale – a critical move in completing the funding for our new building.

Much is happening. Stay tuned!