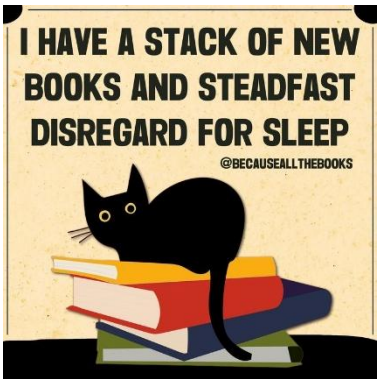
Friends of the South Coastal Library
October 27, 2026
Director's Report



Hello all:

Here is a quick update from the director who is finally back--temporarily:

- 2027 budget request has been submitted to FOSCL for consideration
- Kristin has run the numbers for this year's Summer Reading Challenge:
  - Adults: 144 enrolled, 103 completed or 72%
  - Teens: 79 enrolled, 60 completed or 76%
  - Children: 283 enrolled, 212 completed or 75%
  - Upcoming 2027 national theme: ***Mysteries Await At Your Library***
- The library will be (or was, by next week's meeting) at the 2026 Cops & Goblins event, with hundreds of books, and chairs and snacks to keep the staff fortified. All books have bookplates that say "A book for you from the Friends of the South Coastal Library", along with nifty pumpkin graphics. Thank you for funding this again.
- The new meeting room blinds are installed and look SO much better. They are automated and are hung up high to hopefully stop people from damaging them again. If a group needs the blinds drawn, they have to ask the staff to move them, which we can do gladly. Thank you for funding this too.
- The county has still not received samples for installing new flooring in the meeting room, and carpet tiles to repair the damage also done to the audiobook section of the library. All other areas that were damaged have been cleaned/sanitized and re-tiled with the carpet tiles we had left from the original reconstruction of the library. Yes, librarians toss away nothing.
- The library will be closed on Nov. 3, 5, 11, 26, 27, 28 for various events/holidays.
- Kristin will present the library budget requests/answer questions at your Dec. 14th meeting. My last day (for now) will be Dec. 3rd (library is closed Dec. 4th for a county event). Cross your fingers for me—one more surgery on Dec. 7th. I don't know yet how long I will be out, but hoping no more than 4—6 weeks. Kristin has been amazing through all this and my appreciation/admiration knows no bounds for her help.

Sue Keefe, director

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