

Library Status Report for July 2021

Books & Materials: Received 9 titles (valued at \$154.91) from the California Library Association in partnership with the California State Library and the ELF project as part of their “free book shelf of diverse children’s books” program to support the First Partner’s Summer Book Club. Jennifer Siebel Newsom, First Partner of the Governor of California, along with her husband and invited celebrities are releasing a reading of the books on their YouTube channel every Monday. Due to State politics we will not be sharing those videos however we will share the related activities to the 9 books that we received on the Library’s Facebook page.

- ***Eyes That Kiss in the Corner:*** A *New York Times* Bestseller whose young protagonist notices things she has in common with her mother, sister, and amah, and sees her beauty reflected in those connections.
- ***Outside Inside:*** A book exploring the changes the world experienced during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, both outside and inside.
- ***Laxmi’s Mooch:*** An endearing story about a girl named Laxmi who learns to accept her body hair and celebrate her heritage as both special and normal.
- ***A New Day:*** When we appreciate each other a little bit more, all the days of the week can be brand-new days where everything is possible.
- ***If You Plant a Seed:*** A gently humorous story about the power of even the smallest acts and the rewards of compassion and generosity.
- ***Grandad’s Camper:*** Gramps and Grandad were an adventurous couple. After Gramps died, granddad hasn't felt like traveling anymore. So, their amazing granddaughter comes up with a clever plan to fix up the old camper and get Grandad excited to explore again.
- ***Me & Mama:*** Mama's love is brighter than the sun, even on the rainiest of days.
- ***El Toro & Friends Tag Team:*** Luchadores El Toro and La Oink Oink are the perfect tag team as they clean up together in this playful and visually stunning early reader!
- ***Lalani of the Distant Sea:*** Inspired by Filipino folklore, readers are introduced to a landscape of magical creatures in a chapter book filled with adventure.

Outreach: With increasing COVID cases in the County we continue to plan future in person programs to host once this fourth wave of infections is past us. The last thing we want is to be known as “the place” where anyone contracted this sometimes life changing disease. We are currently looking at options for the weekend of October 30 and 31. We were the only library to remain open by appointment throughout the shutdown and were amongst the first to reopen our doors. Since leaving the doors open though fewer children have visited the library as those under 12 don’t have access to a vaccine yet.

MOBAC/PLP: The only local MOBAC library doing anything remotely similar to “2019” is Watsonville all other local MOBAC libraries are operating at a minimum staff level and reduced or modified programming levels.

Accounts Payable Report for July 2021: Nothing of note to report

Parks Status Report for July 2021: rrm presented their draft design for Luck Park 20-10 at the 7/13/21 Special City Council Meeting. They will present again at the 8/17/21 Regular Meeting in response to the Historical Society’s written comments.