

## Library Status Report for August 2021

Books & Materials: Much to our surprise we received 11 more titles (valued at \$190.66) from the California Library Association in partnership with the California State Library and the ELF project.

- ***Alma & How She Got Her Name***: Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela, thinks she has too many names and so she asks her Dad about them. He explains the various people she was named to honor.
- ***Efren Divided***: This story takes readers inside a family struggling with poverty and deportation.
- ***It Ain't So Awful, Falafel***: Set in the late 1970s, Zomorod (Cindy) Yousefzadeh is the new kid on the block. Fitting in becomes more difficult as anti-Iran sentiments creep way too close to home. A poignant yet lighthearted middle grade novel.
- ***Lift***: The sudden appearance of a mysterious new button on the elevator opens up entire realms of possibilities, places where Iris can escape and explore on her own.
- ***Marta: Big and Small***: Marta is una niña,... with extraordinary animal friends!
- ***My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories***: Loud and in-charge Big Duck, Quiet and clever Little Duck, and friendly and gentle Porcupine return in another delightful trio of stories.
- ***Something Wonderful***: Following the growth of a seed dropped into the canopy of a rainforest by a toucan, this book teaches the interdependence of rainforest ecology in an easy-to-follow, captivating story.
- ***Todos Iguales A Ballad of Lemon Grove***: We purchased this book last year so we donated this copy to San Juan Elementary. Set in the summer of 1930 this nonfiction bilingual picture book tells the empowering story of a major victory in the battle against school segregation.
- ***At the Mountain's Base***: A family, separated by duty and distance, waits for a loved one to return home in this book celebrating the bonds of a Cherokee family and the bravery of history-making female pilots.
- ***My First Day***: This is no ordinary first journey. The rainy season has come to the Mekong Delta, and An sets out alone in a wooden boat wearing a little backpack armed only with a single oar.
- ***The Three Billy Goats Buenos***: We purchased this book last year so we donated this copy to San Juan Elementary. Three little **cabritos** hatch a plan to get past the grumpiest troll in the land.

Outreach: August flew by! We didn't even get a chance to post on our Facebook page. We are working with the Library Auxiliary on putting together a socially distanced Halloween gathering at the Library. We really don't wish to initiate a "super-spreader" event so we continue to follow all CDC guidelines. Fortunately, our fears of a surge in cases has not been realized so we are cautiously optimistic that our event will be a bit more open than what we are currently planning. Spoiler alert: It's based on a popular board game from a previous pandemic...

MOBAC/PLP: Rochelle will be a co-chair for the Inter-Library Loan (I.L.L)/Resource Sharing Committee of MOBAC with Katya Haskin of MPC (Monterey Peninsula College).

**Accounts Payable Report for August 2021**: Getting all my notes cleaned up and in order for our future new Office Assistant! I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to help the City throughout the Covid-19 pandemic in so many different ways. I've learned a lot! I'm however very much looking forward to reducing my hours and being 100% Library moving forward. Keeping the Library open by appointment throughout 2020 was difficult with all of those other responsibilities. I am very grateful that we are back to a full staff of three part time employees (myself, Dilia & Reneé) for the Library.

**Parks Status Report for August 2021**: nothing of note to report