

## Library Status Report for October 2021

Books & Materials: As usual the end of the month holidays took over and no significant changes were made. We are continuing to work on the physical inventory and reducing the number of donated books in the back room.

Outreach: Our “Candyland” themed Halloween event went fairly well. Nowhere near the numbers of last year’s “It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown” socially distanced event. (Roughly 130 participated last year, this year we had about 50 in person at the library over the course of two days. I personally volunteered 40 (after work) hours to Halloween and about 5 to Dia de los Muertos. Between the Halloween event and Dia de los Muertos Sandra donated 80 hours. Boy Scouts of America Troop 428 donated 5 hours and we utilized one other local student. There were about 20 adults that attended the Dia de los Muertos event at the Cemetery. Sandra, her Grandson Elijah and I returned on Wednesday to take down the Ofrenda.

We began hosting weekly in person storytimes and reading groups on Thursdays. There is a “preferred locals only” preschool storytime from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm every Thursday (For November there will just be one on Nov 18 due to all the holidays). There is a second “neighboring communities” afternoon storytime from 2 pm – 3 pm every Thursday (again just on November 18 due to holidays in November). We had to tweak the start time on the afternoon storytime to accommodate travel time. Other than that, we have said that patrons are able to come to whichever one they prefer as we won’t turn anyone away. Aside from the day when only one child turned up, we have hosted all of these storytimes outside to minimize the threat of spreading the COVID19 virus. The staff and volunteers are all super cautious and limit our interactions when not at the library to protect our patrons.

Afternoon Reading Groups also happen on Thursdays between 3 pm and 5 pm. So far just the distance learning elementary age students have been participating. The school is aware that we are encouraging reading and have been supportive of our efforts.

In person Utility Assistance is available 3 pm – 5 pm on “non-Holiday” Thursdays. (For November this means just Thursday November 4 and Thursday November 18). This program has not been well attended despite every water/sewer customer received the information in their September utility bill, flyers being distributed at the Friday food bank giveaway, advertising in the Mission Village Voice, on the City website, Facebook, Nextdoor and having it posted around town. Funding is specific to San Juan Bautista and we risk losing that funding if more people don’t take part. The money was allocated to us based on the perceived need in the community. Please tell everyone you know so that we can get better attendance.

MOBAC/PLP: I co-hosted my first Resource Sharing (Inter-Library Loan) meeting on 10/5/21.

Accounts Payable Report: Nothing of note to report.

Parks Status Report: We have asked rrm for a properly rendered Plan B final map for Luck Park.