

Library Status Report for January 2022

January 2022 Hours
Monday – Friday 11 am – 5 pm
Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

February 2022 Hours
Monday – Friday 11 am – 5 pm
Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

Books & Materials: We are receiving far too many book donations from patrons doing their spring cleaning. A good portion of what is donated are books that we already have on the shelf or they have been so loved in their previous life that they aren't suitable for our little free libraries. When they are of historical local significance, we do our best to repair them and bring them into our non-circulating reference collection. We are considering participating in the VFW flea market in order to sell some of the donations.

Outreach: We put a pause on our in-person activities for the month of January due to the surge in local Covid-19 cases. It felt like we each always knew at least 2 people that were currently experiencing symptoms throughout the entire month (meaning a total of 6 different people between the three of us). Now that those numbers are beginning to come down a bit we are looking at restarting in person activities in February.

In person Utility Assistance is available 11 am – 1 pm on Thursdays. Following a second notice in their January Utility Bill patrons have begun to participate. There is still funding that is specific to San Juan Bautista however 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. They might be reallocating the money so that "San Benito County" residents (including San Juan Bautista) can apply for the assistance. Likely that would mean that the residents in Hollister that are on a waiting list will use up the remaining funds that were originally only for San Juan Bautista. The application is easy and the turn around time is fairly quick so please encourage people to either contact the Library or San Benito Community Services soon! (Nora Jimenez 831-630-5191)

MOBAC/PLP: I attended my first MOBAC Reference meeting on 1/25/22. Previously I have only participated in the ILL/Resource sharing committee because it benefits our patrons the most and the SPLAMBA (children through YA books) because of my 25-year history in the children's book market. My goal this year is to attend at least one meeting for all of the committees. (ILL/Resource Sharing, Literacy, Reference, SPLAMBA, and Technology) Having a presence in these committees will benefit our community. Once I get a sense as to what each one offers, I will see if other staff is interested in attending on my behalf.

Accounts Payable Report: Veronica is up and running so I will no longer report on this.

Parks Status Report: rrm is completing their work and will have documents ready for the February 15 City Council meeting.