

Library Status Report for February 2022

February 2022 Hours Monday – Friday 11 am – 5 pm Saturday 11 am – 2 pm	March 2022 Hours Monday – Friday 11 am – 5 pm Saturday 11 am – 2 pm
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Books & Materials: We applied for, and were awarded, \$4,000 in California Library Services Act (CLSA) funds for a Zip Book program through the California State Library. The application was submitted by Rochelle on January 13 and the grant was awarded February 2. Once the funds are received, we will be able to purchase book requests from patrons and have those items delivered directly to their home. We have until June 30, 2022 to spend the grant money. We have setup some criteria to what can be requested. (Basically, anything in print on or before June 30, 2022 in either regular, audio or large print format.)

We have seen an increase in InterLibrary Loan (ILL/Resource Sharing) materials this calendar year. Some of the books requested were eligible to purchase as part of the Zip book program. Others were better procured as ILL material.

Outreach: In person Utility Assistance is available 11 am – 1 pm on Thursdays. There is still funding available (as of 3/3 the funding was specific to San Juan Bautista, that may change in the near future). 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) We wrote an article for the Mission Village Voice and another ad was placed for their March issue.

We restarted storytimes the first week of February. Our first one was by far the one that attracted the most attendance. We've had as many as 10 kids attend at once. We are only doing the 11:45 "locals" storytime for now. (Adjusted from 11:30 to allow time to get things setup.)

MOBAC/PLP: SPLAMBA met on February 18. We discussed Summer Reading Programs and "reopening" in person activities. Everyone is taking it slow on both accounts. Monterey County Free Library system in particular is struggling with staffing their events. All of the in-person activities that were discussed were of the "live online webcast" variety. In March there is a quarterly Admin Council meeting and another Reference committee meeting. All meetings continue to be held remotely.

Parks Status Report: rrm sent their Final Conceptual Master Plan "rough draft" for review and comments. It is in line with the wishes of the Historical Society.

Website: Veronica's training on the website and other online platforms is kicking into gear. We had it on the back burner until she was fully up and running with Accounts Payable. We'll be adding additional resource tools to the website in the future.