

Library Status Report for July 2022

July 2022 Hours

Monday – Friday 11 am – 6 pm

Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

August 2022 Hours

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Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

Books & Materials: We are on our last month of the CA State Library funded Zip Books program with roughly \$1,100 left to spend. We are so grateful for the extension through the end of August to spend the remaining funds. We also just received our shipment from California’s First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom containing a wide array of multicultural and diverse books.

Outreach: We had an eventful summer program with the San Benito Arts Council. There were several hiccups that we will need to iron out before hosting them again. Communication with their instructor was not ideal. We all made the best of it though and hopefully the kids and their parents didn’t mind too much.

We’ve had several Chess club meetups as well recently. The kids seem to have a hunger to learn the game and Kaptain Kirk has been very supportive. We have several boards available for a quick pickup game. We are hoping to have at least a monthly meetup going forward.

We are in need of a new storytime presenter/teller. Our previous storytime leader is pursuing other adventures. This is a volunteer position with a stipend for supplies provided by the San Juan Bautista Library Auxiliary.

We hosted our third Covid19 Vaccination Clinic on Saturday July 30. The big draw this time around is that doses were available for nearly all ages. I made the error of posting “6 months and up” without realizing that the person receiving the dose also had to be “30 pounds and up”. We are so grateful to Margot’s Ice Cream Parlor for providing a complimentary scoop of ice cream/dole whip to all participants and their family/friends that came along for moral support.

The San Benito Fire Safe Council met in person in front of the Library on 7/28. They typically meet here on the 3rd Thursday of each month when the need arises.

MOBAC/PLP: The ILL/Resource Sharing Committee met on July 12 via Zoom. We worked on our yearly report to PLP. I attended a Literacy Committee Meeting July 13 via Zoom. They had a presentation by Blue Zones and another presenter, whose name escapes me, that did an amazing virtual jam board session. Truly a great experience. In August there will be a SPLAMBA meeting on 8/19 and a Reference Committee meeting on the 23rd. I will be working offsite one Friday each month attending a PLP middle management group meeting hosted by participating libraries. Our first in person meeting is 8/12 at San Jose’s Alum Rock Branch.