

Library Status Report for October 2022

October 2022 Hours

Monday – Friday 11 am – 6 pm

Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

November 2022 Hours**

Monday 11 am – 6 pm

Tuesday – Friday 11 am – 5 pm

Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

Books & Materials: We are keeping our volunteers busy inventorying and correcting our physical book collection. As they check off what is actually on the shelf, we are updating records, deleting records with no items and adding in new items purchased by the City or donated by our Patrons. Many of our non-circulating reference material was not in the online card catalog and those items take slightly longer to update because they are not necessarily online to begin with. Several don't even have ISBNs! These all tend to be local history books that were either self-published or have just been around a long time and are of interest to those wishing to know more about our area.

The final report for Zip books included 33 unique patrons ordering 229 books totaling \$3,600. Over 200 books were added to our catalog with the remaining expected to be returned once the patrons have completed reading them. Procuring this many titles was primarily achieved by numerous patrons submitting lists of books they felt should be on our shelves and added a book, or more, to every order based on those lists. We were also able to replace several “long lost/overdue” books that are often up for consideration when people consider banning certain titles along with “missing” titles from popular series that we carry.

Outreach: The Halloween Celebration that was formerly hosted by the Downtown Merchant's Association on Third Street before moving due to inclement weather to the Community Center in 2016 (or 2017) and was moved in 2018 to the Library was yet another subdued affair this year. The Library Auxiliary felt handing out candy was the best option as we continue to navigate out of the Covid19 pandemic.

The Library Auxiliary are looking for new members and will host their next meeting at the Library on Wednesday November 30th at 11:30 am when they are scheduled to decorate the Library for the winter holidays.

MOBAC/PLP: I attended a meeting at the El Gabilan Branch Library of Salinas on Friday October 14 and the ILL/Resource Sharing meeting via Zoom on October 18.

** Please note that we are available for appointment outside of our listed hours. We often open early for patrons needing to Zoom before 11 am. This is a service we have provided quietly for over 2 years to provide for our patrons without incurring regular staff hours.