

## Library Status Report for September 2022

September 2022 Hours
Monday – Friday 11 am – 6 pm
Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

October 2022 Hours
Monday – Friday 11 am – 6 pm
Saturday 11 am – 2 pm
New hours begin Nov. 1, 2022

Books & Materials: So many updates! The CA State Library is providing resources that are supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library. All are accessible on our website. They are as follows:

**Brainfuse’s online tutoring and homework assistance service, HelpNow, to their users for two years at no cost.** Every California student, with or without a library card, will have access to 24/7 online tutoring in core K-12 subjects. Spanish language tutors will be available as well as tutors fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog.

**COURSERA** Coursera’s mission is to help individuals build the skills they need for in-demand jobs.

- Provides learners with access to more than 5,000 courses and certifications led by top businesses, universities, and organizations.
- Courses include: English for Business and Entrepreneurship (ESL), Foundations of Public Health Practice, Become an EMT, Bookkeeping Basics, Introduction to Google Docs, Design a Restaurant Menu, Food and Beverage Management, Branding: The Creative Journey.
- Contains “Gateway Certification,” a program for people without a college degree and with no experience in the field, built by leading companies such as Google, Facebook, and Salesforce.
- Offers subtitles in more than 50 languages

**EBSCO JOB & CAREER ACCELERATOR** Job & Career Accelerator is an easy-to-use search tool with everything patrons and students need to find, apply for, and get hired into ideal positions.

- Provides tools to create professional and competitive resumes and cover letters.
- Features job and internship search engines matched to the user’s profile and needs.
- Offers professional interview preparation and practice tools.
- Includes occupation explorers to find the profession that suits the user’s wants and directs to the skills needed for chosen professions.
- Contains college and scholarship finders.

**EBSCO LEARNINGEXPRESS LIBRARY** LearningExpress — Library Complete supports those looking to obtain occupational certification, prepare for college, find a job, become a U.S. citizen, and much more.

- Assists in professional exam preparation, including the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), California Real Estate Salesperson exam, and the California Police Officer Exam.
- Courses include: Exam prep in plumbing, air traffic control, law enforcement, EMT, firefighter, nursing, teaching, adult education in Spanish, college placement exam prep.
- Supplies tools for earning a high school equivalency diploma in California.

**LINKEDIN LEARNING** LinkedIn Learning focuses on the skills needed to land the most sought after jobs.

- Provides professional certificates that can be added to a LinkedIn profile
- Courses include: Pitching Yourself, Expert Tips for Answering Common Interview Questions, New Revenue Ideas for Food and Beverage Businesses, Construction Management: Technology on the Job Site
- Includes a concentration on the “whole” person, emphasizing mental health and wellness resources, guidance for managing stress/burnout, and other items like “Balancing Work and Life as a Work-from-Home Parent”.
- Contains critical soft skills training, such as resilience, team work, and time management.
- Offers courses in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and four other languages.

**SKILLSHARE** Skillshare is for creatives and others wanting to build or grow a business and/or learn new skills.

- Provides 35,000 video courses on topics including entrepreneurship, graphic design, productivity, freelancing, marketing, illustration, and time management.
- Courses include: Pricing Your Work and Negotiating with Clients, Etsy Launch: How to Open an Etsy Shop, Organizational Culture: How to Build an Inclusive Work Environment, Inclusive UX: Designing Websites for Everyone, and Starting a Successful Side Hustle
- Skillshare’s short online classes help users find inspiration that fits their personal routine.

**NORTHSTAR** Northstar focuses on people with no, low, or limited technology skills

- Build skills in key digital literacy areas and demonstrate knowledge by earning certificates and badges.
- Courses include: Your Digital Footprint, Supporting K-12 Distance Learning, Email, Internet Basics, Information Literacy
- Defines the basic skills needed to use a computer and the internet in daily life, employment, and higher education.
- Online, self-guided assessments measure mastery of basic skills in 14 areas.
- Classroom curricula provide detailed lesson plans for teachers, and can be used remotely or in person.

**GETSETUP** GetSetUp Is a social learning platform for individuals 50+, taught by peers who are experts in their field.

- Hosts live classes covering digital learning, physical health, mental health, social health, and vocational health.
- Courses include: Introduction to Youtube, Get Started with Zoom, Common Scams and Frauds, Being the Best Grandparent Ever, Android Smartphone Security and Safety, TV Streaming Devices, Blue Zones – What Are They?
- Offers live classes, social hours hosted by community members, and special events with speakers who directly address areas of interest to older adults.
- Classes are taught in English, Spanish, Hindi and Mandarin.

**VETNOW** VetNow is an all-in-one suite of services designed for a wide range of career and veteran needs.

- Has access to live help and links for Navigating the Veterans Affairs system.
- Navigators help veterans and their families understand and apply for the benefits they are eligible for from local, state, or federal programs.
- Houses resources to support adjusting from military to a civilian career.
- Helps veterans and their families prepare for college with a suite of academic tools. Live online tutoring in a variety of college level subjects is available, along with writing support, extensive video lessons, and comprehensive practice tests.

Outreach: Renee and I attended the San Benito County Free Library's groundbreaking ceremony for their new 24 hour kiosk. This was significant because we will be working with them in the near future to provide better online access to our shared community. By working together we can accomplish far more for our patrons than we can on our own. That said though, I would like to extend more outreach to both San Juan Elementary and Anzar High owing to the fact that the County Library parks their bookmobile at the soccer field which limits the number of students that are using our library as their primary local source of reading materials and services.

Troop 428 held their Rain Gutter Regatta Race in Luck Park on Sunday September 25. Troop 2-428 continues to meet at the Library on (most) Monday evenings.

The Library Auxiliary bid farewell to longtime members Ray and Louise Covert, who have moved to the state of Washington, with a dinner in San Juan Canyon. They are looking for new members and will host their next meeting at the Library on Wednesday October 19 at 11 am.

MOBAC/PLP: I attended, via Zoom, the MOBAC Admin Council meeting.