

Library Status Report for February 2023

February 2023 Hours
Monday 11 am – 6 pm
Tuesday – Friday 11 am – 5 pm
Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

March 2023 Hours**
Monday – Friday 11 am – 6 pm
Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

Books & Materials: We have been working through loads of donated books. We are in need of 2 computer towers (one for the circulation desk and one for the patrons). We do not need the peripherals for those machines just the hard drive replaced and the OS and software updated. The City works with Rx Tek for its hardware and software needs. Currently we are utilizing one of the donated LULAC laptops broadcasting to the larger monitor for the patrons second computer. For the most part patrons bring their own devices so being down a desktop hasn't been too much of an issue. And there are 4 additional LULAC laptops for in library use and 2 chrome books that can be checked out. We did look into providing hotspots for those 2 chrome books and discovered that the T-mobile hotspots did not work reliably in this area so patrons either have to provide their own internet or login from the Library or Library grounds until Etheric is available.

Outreach: In March we are celebrating 118 years in existence as the San Juan Public Library now known as both the Carl Martin Luck Memorial Library and the San Juan Bautista City Library. I typically refer to it as the San Juan Bautista City Library located in Carl Martin Luck Memorial Park because San Juan Bautista is a destination vs. Carl Martin Luck being a former gas station owner memorialized by his daughter Francesca when she bequeathed the property in memory of her father. On the Proclamations and Resolutions on display in addition to the names mentioned above one of them refers to us as Carl Luck City Library. A former City Manager often referred to us as "Luck's Library". Regardless of all of that we are certainly more than just a Library these days and looking forward to providing more programs in the near future.

MOBAC/PLP: The March PLP Admin Council meeting has been cancelled due to the weather.

Staff: Other local libraries are open between 18 (Aromas) and 52 (Gilroy) hours per week. Only Gilroy is open on Sundays (1-5 pm). With 2 part time staff members we are currently open 38 hours per week. Prior to our increase in hours in FY19 we were open 28 hours per week on average. We have 3 candidates that we will be interviewing as soon as we schedule them.

** 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.