

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

Library Status Report for July 2023

Books & Materials: The Library Tech Lead applied for a \$7,500 grant through the State Library for Zip Books. This program was wildly popular last year. We hope to find out soon if we will be awarded a portion of that as the State Budget was passed at the end of June. She also purchased several books recommended by patrons that were picked up almost immediately upon their being added to the card catalog. The pile of “to be cataloged” books and materials is dwindling. Once that is caught up, we will continue to ensure that the “non-circulating” reference section is cataloged so that some of those books can circulate.

Collection Maintenance: Our online card catalog was “weeded” of 881 records that contained “no items”. There remains 16 “no items” records that we feel should contain items. Those items are either “evergreen” titles or are well-loved authors of a series/genre that are popular. We also were able to have volunteers match each signed library card application with patrons that are still regularly utilizing our services. The physical drawers went from three drawers down to one for a current total of over 1,200 regular patrons. The State considers records going back three years as “active.” While some of our regulars are much older than that, we did weed out anyone that had not borrowed since 2017. This was all done as part of the regular collection maintenance that is beginning to officially be on schedule after nearly five years of striving for perfection. Not much had been done before the Lead Library tech joining us in 2017 with decades of outdated records and bad data migration. It’s been an arduous process to clean things up.

Outreach: Several outreach programs happened throughout July. We hosted our first Arts in the Park event of the year with two more to follow in August and September. The event was held free of charge. The Library Auxiliary was on site providing information about their organization and cookies and waters for attendees. Bliss Blends was on hand providing simple smoothies “on tap” and Deputy Villaneuva enjoyed the better part of the afternoon with us. Jesse Huerta of ETC provided inspiration by bringing along some puppets from Teatro for the kids that were making their very own free sock puppets. The kids also made simple one page books out of ledger sized paper as part of the Kids Zone. Everyone gathered under the shade to watch a dance performance by Credo Studio’s Ramona Hill and thoroughly enjoyed both her performance and the singers and musicians that followed. The Dead Cowboys band members include Guitars Not Guns guitarists Steve Harris and Bruce Gilsean and Team Unco’s Jeremiah Martinez.

The month of July saw several meetings of the San Juan Bautista Senior Organizing Committee, one meeting of the Scouts of America (who had most of July off) and two backpack distributions for Migrant Ed. We will be tabling at the ASJUSD Migrant Ed resource fair in August as part of our continued support.

MOBAC/PLP: There were no meetings of MOBAC/PLP attended in July.

Interesting Stats from the CA State Library through June 2020:

	Population	Budget:	Patrons:	Programs:	Hours:	FTE Staff:
Alpine	1,142	\$ 341,940	3286	125	2520	3.48
Harrison Memorial	3,949	\$ 1,372,792	8751	126	3312	6.50
Irwindale	1,434	\$ 405,326	6821	182	1890	7.00
San Juan Bautista	2,112	\$ 85,172	891	112	1520	1.00
St. Helena	6,073	\$ 1,215,603	6635	427	1787	7.92