**Report from the County Librarian**

 Friends of the Calaveras County Library – May 10, 2023

**Staff:**

**First 5/children’s program:** We have made our selection and she has accepted the job. I cannot share her details yet, as she has not cleared the security check. We are pleased with the candidate and believe it will be great working with her.

**Rover for Murphys/Bookmobile:** Sean Almeida has resigned and served his last day with us on May 5th. I have opened the recruitment for his replacement. Crystal LeClerq is filling in for us there until we hire someone to take his place.

**Rover for Angels Camp/Valley Springs/SA:** Debbie Hesse has resigned as she is moving to southern California. Her last day with us will be May 26. I will open a recruitment for her today.

**Extra-hire Moke Hill:** Jennifer Carreiro attended orientation and has been trained in San Andreas. She served her first day as a substitute for Shone on May 5th.

**Bookmobile:** Nalatie and I re-stocked the Bookmobile, loaded up the equipment and I drove it into the hall on Monday. It will stay there until after the CC Fair, May 18-22.

Ray Waller and I will go on the 17th to set up the tables and displays.

**Parks Pass Grant opportunity:** We received the first check of $67,391 on Monday, May 8. I gave it to Shirley Huberty to deposit on Tuesday the 9th.

Ronnie Hawkins has begun his work. He has been working on the vans for the trips and arranged with Big Trees State Park to host our first trip on June 23rd. I am working on the contract and approvals we will need from County and HR.

***Nalatie will show us a presentation she did for a class to explain more about Story Walks.***

**Biblioboard:** Monica Rose wrote that her authors are not willing to pay anything for us to have this platform as they don’t see that it would be of value to them. She will ask her board if they will pay part of the cost. I have not had time to reach out to other organizations who might want to participate with us in getting this. I will work on it and report when I have any new information or interested parties.

**Summer Reading 2023:** Mariah Mercado, Nalatie Alpers and Myra Brown have been working tirelessly on the materials for the packets for Summer Reading. The activities will be great again.

Myra is working on a plan for inspiring teens to take pictures of themselves for a display at their branch libraries, Get Caught Reading for Summer Reading. She and Mariah will go to the fair to take pictures of various people reading there. Any contributions to this will be welcome.

The Packet Packing Party will be on June 3rd, 9-12 at the San Andreas Library. We will have doughnuts, juice, coffee and water in the morning and pizza and salad for lunch. All help appreciated.

**Lunch at the Library:** I received an email from the gal in charge of L@L at the State Library, telling me that a library system had to turn down their grant allotment as they could no longer do the program. She told me the money was available to us! I had a call with the grant manager and a new program manager on Tuesday. I am completing the application today. We will include the cost of staff for picking up and delivering lunches, travel costs, additional pop-ups, additional ice chests, books, and materials. The grant was for $12,980. They want us to take the whole amount and use it, so we will!

**National Library Week – April 24-29:** I had a proclamation for National Library at the BOS meeting on April 25th. Several staff, volunteers, one FOTCCL member (Martha!) and one Commissioner attended. Response was very warm and positive. The Calaveras Enterprise did a nice article on the Library following the proclamation.