**Report from the County Librarian**

Friends of the Calaveras County Library – November 9, 2022,

**Staff:** Our branch attendant in Valley Springs resigned, effective October 27. I have opened a recruitment for this position. We have arranged staff so we can keep it open with regular hours during the recruitment process.

**ZIP books:** We are tracking requests and noting that some branches use this service more than others. With our reduced funding, we are keeping an eye on this to be sure we are equitable in our service to patrons and branches.

**Bookmobile: The continuing sad saga…**

TechOps followed up with Mobility and were told on 10/26 that everything should be fixed within a week or so. Because that didn’t happen, TechOps reached out again, and heard that they are still waiting on the part. I guess we are victims of the supply chain nightmare… However, they told TechOps they would call me and review the problem with me. As of today, November 7th, we have still not heard anything. I have asked TechOps to follow up again.

**Outreach media staff:** Amber is still doing a great job on our Facebook page, updating it regularly. Please check it regularly, as things change almost daily. Our programs and services are getting really good exposure! Remember if you have something you want her to share, her email is: [amberarack@gmail.com](mailto:amberarack@gmail.com)

Jennifer Carreiro attended the San Andreas Halloween event to take pictures for Amber to post on Facebook. They are there if you want in on the fun.

Jennifer and Nalatie created a flyer for a Murphys event which will happen this month.

**Toy Lending Grant:** Kristina Bridges, designee as purchaser for the grant, has ordered the toys. She has left a little to help with the purchase of bags. As per the grant, some of the grant money goes to her for spending the time to choose and order the toys and some is designated for library staff time. Myra Brown will be the main one involved in the cataloging of these items.

**Community Engagement Platform:** Four of us received training for this addition to our SirsiDynix database on October 26th. On November 30, we will have a call with their Tech team to figure out all the technical details after I fill out the details they need. Once installed, we will have the ability to advertise programs and services using the data in our database.

**Niche Academy:** I have looked more closely at what this service would give us. I am still interested as I believe it would increase usage of our digital resources and help staff teach patrons how to use them and do other tasks related to their library accounts. Other staff are also looking at it and we will talk about it this week.

I also presented it to MVL and the AC FOTL for their response to it.

**Book purchased:** Myra has almost completed the cataloging of the books I purchased from Gumdrop. All branches should soon have a nice little new collection to add to their children’s resources.

**Annual report:** I submitted my annual report to the State Library on October 31st. I am working on spreadsheets to detail branch costs and will have those ready for you soon.

Report highlights:

Registered users: 28,316

Total operating expenses: $820,906

County: $635,074

State: $94,626 – Grants – Shared Vision, ZIP, ARP

Federal funds - $37,352 – eRate for Broadband

Other: $53,854 – FOTCCL, Fines/Fees, Donations

Print materials: 110,017

Audio materials: 7,551

Video Materials: 10,780

Kits and other: 446

Electronic Books: 736,768 – Overdrive, HOOPLA, Scholastic – locally funded

Palace Project – 13,108 – Provided by State Library

Downloadable Audio materials – 536,059

Downloadable Video materials – 55,214

Electronic collections – 18 – 6 locally funded, 12 State Library funded

Total annual circulation – 89,785

Total electronic circulation – 30,547 – up from 17,147

Total usage of Library materials – 105,598 – up by 14,099

Total programs offered: 319 – up from 103

Total attendance at programs – 2972 – up by 2430

Annual use of public computers – 5410 – down 1223

Virtual visits – 47,899 – up 12,890

Wireless guestimate – 20,896 – up 2386