**Report from the County Librarian**

 Friends of the Calaveras County Library – April 10, 2024

**Staff:**

**Literacy**: We have received 9 applications for the position. I reviewed them and submitted some for interview, but do not yet have enough candidates to interview.

**Bookmobile Activity:**

RRF service is going well. We have some regular patrons who come every week. We did not go last week due to staff constraints.

Maria took the BKM to Foothills adult living center in Angels Camp on April 8th. Attendance was better. She had eclipse glasses and several residents enjoyed looking at the eclipse with her.

We have had several weather interruptions in our Mountain Ranch service, but we will resume service on Friday.

We will engage with the Rancho Calaveras Club house again to begin service there to coincide with their opening of programs. In the meantime, we will explore parking at their site to catch any Jenny Lind students/parents or other community members. We will need to place notices of service in various places and any online community groups which exist. We will also try to get a flyer to the school.

Christine and Taylor took the BKM to the Easter Egg Hunt in Turner Park on Saturday, March 30. They engaged with 40-50 people and had a great time.

I will post the recruitment for an extra-hire driver this week. We need someone who is flexible and will help us work out our schedules and service to the County. The position base will be San Andreas.

**Parks Pass Grant:**

StoryWalks:

**San Andreas**: This installation has been completed and people are enjoying it.

**Murphys:** This installation was completed this week. Facilities said there seemed to be a lot of happy people there!

**New Lake Hogan:** We have reached out to Lake Hogan staff again, but they are still waiting on one permission. We will connect with them again this week and should be able to set a date for installation.

Program: A program on trees will be done at all sites this month. So far, attendance has been fine.

Books and backpacks: We will be finishing up all our purchasing by April 30 and begin working on our final reports to the State Library for this grant.

The final check for $7487.90 should be coming soon. Chloe, Shirley, and I are working out the final payments and additions to the SRF for grant money expended.

**MOU additions:** I will ask a representative from each Friends group to sign the MOU and it will go onto the Consent Agenda for the April 22nd meeting.

**ZIP books:** Spending has picked up due to posts on FB and a CEP letter. We have $3224 dollars remaining from the grant money.

**Summer Reading Books 2024:**

Staff are working on the activities which will be included in each book packet.

The Packet Packing Party is scheduled for May 20th at the Library, beginning at 9 a.m. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

Reminder: We will not offer an additional book to the children 5-8 grades this year. **We ask that each FOTL group provide some kind of prize for each child who brings in his/her reading logs at the end of the summer.**

We received over 1500 books from our Gumdrop Book rep who is retiring. We got them all for $1000. We are going through them to see if we will add them to the collection or give them away.

**Lunch at the Library:**

I have met with our program coordinator for summer 2024, Teri Lane, twice. She has all the information about how it works, our specific plans and budget. She is excited to help us with this great service this summer. She has good connections in Arnold and will look into expanded service there.

All the commercial fridges have been received and all but Arnold have been delivered to branches. Thank you to Nancy and Pete Murray, Ray Waller, Gary and MaryAnn Evans, who came to pick up their branch’s fridge. AC, Copper, and SA were delivered by the company. We are still looking for a way to get Arnold’s to them.

We will begin purchasing program supplies soon.

**Budget:**

I submitted my budget on March 29, as I was on vacation on the due date, April 5th. I have a meeting to discuss my requests on Thursday, April 9th.

I had to increase budget requests in the following areas:

1. Maintenance – Auto - +$1000 – we need tires for the delivery van.
2. Software Subscriptions: +2680 – increase in costs for our database.
3. Office - +4000 – increase in number of books/digital materials requires more processing materials.
4. Signal Service - +$448 – I added this for service calls to Signal service for battery changes, etc.
5. Computers - +2125 – Several work computers need to be replaced for staff
6. Furniture and equipment - +5500 – Various items needed by branches and SA Central

This resulted in a need to reduce our materials budget. We may need to rethink our Summer Reading book packets, as I am not sure I will have enough money to purchase books next year.

**\*FOTL donations $63,000**

Overdrive - $6,600 – basic plus magazines

Hoopla/Kanopy - $6000 – I will pay $4000 from Library budget in addition to this

Extra-hires branch fill-in - $8,000

Extra hire BKM – $17,000

Bookmobile - $10,000 materials

Niche Academy – $3400

Extra Staff hours – $9,000

Event support - $3000

[Lunch at the Library grant – $50,000 – to be added mid-year when we know the exact grant allocation.]

We will again have a $25,000 grant from First 5 for staff and materials and refund for internet costs (eRate), ZIP book grant ($12,500) and a little income from lost books and fines - $5600.

Additional staff:

I have asked for increased hours for Jennifer and Patty, as I explained last month.

**Frogs for the Fair!**

The CC County fair is coming! Please visit your local thrift shops and purchase frogs for the Friends’ booth.

So far, I have received some pens, decals, girls’ hair barrettes, figurines, a soap dish and a stamp.

Celeste Bordner informed me that she has about 200 frogs that she got on eBay!