

## **March 13, 2025, LAB Report**

### **Library Director Report**

**Programs:** We are currently facilitating the following programs:

- 1) 2 book groups- averaging 10-15 weekly
- 2) Senior Events-averaging 15 a week-AACOG-8 week virtual class that I set up here for those who do not know how to download an app and hook up to a screen.
- 3) Stitch Group-averaging 5 a week
- 4) Art Group-averaging 10-12 a week
- 5) Writers Group-averaging 10-15 a week
- 6) Interactive Murder Mystery Group-Hold off until the Fall
- 7) After School Art Group-averaging 5 each month
- 8) Toddler Story Time-Averaging 20-25 kids each week
- 9) Saturday Story Time (will be starting in Feb) not very successful
- 10) Teen programs-not very successful-will end in April
- 11) Spring Break Activities – 12 for Leggo Day

### **Upcoming events:**

- 1) Bingosize – this is through \*AACOG and we will start this every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00-11:00 after the Balance class ends. We have a few already showing interest.
- 2) Chair Yoga –This Fall 2025. Saturday's (will set up the children's library and there will be a waiver drawn up and \$10.00/person). I will find out from the TX Library Commission if I can charge for this class. If not, I have a budget for special events.

\*AACOG = Alamo Area Council of Governments

Programs are going well, no issues thus far.

### **New Outreach:**

- 1) I was invited to do a story time at the Baptist Day Care in Feb: **completed**
- 2) I was invited to attend a career day at Silos Elementary in March. I have book markers that Maggie made, with our Summer Camp kick off on the back. I will also be reading to the kids.
- 3) I had a meeting with the local Home Instead Senior Care, David Stuart. He would like to supply cookies or snack something for our Senior events. He did.

- 4) I had a virtual meeting with Kimberly Beasley from AACOG – Alamo Area Council of Governments. I am partnering with her to bring her virtual events to the library for seniors. Her first series is in March 2025 and runs for 9 weeks. This program is, A Matter of Balance...she teaches flexibility, talks about the fear of falling, nutritional programs and some Q&A's. She is sending the packet plus emailing me the waiver and Hippa Forms. I would say we can accommodate 5 – move the table and line up the wooden chairs to see the TV. My computer would be hooked up. Already in full force and going well.
- 5) I have reached out to two Independent Living Centers to talk about Senior Events
- 6) I am facilitating 2 senior events in Feb. (Senior Trivia and bingo) and many more to come.
- 7) I reached out to Little School House of Castroville to connect with story time this summer and bringing their kiddos for camps. She will touch base with me in May.
- 8) Castroville State Bank will be reaching out to me, per Kelly FOL President to see how the library can partner with them for finance classes.
- 9) Local Honey Store – will come this Summer to visit during Bug Week
- 10) Airport manager will be coming out to visit with the kids during the Travel week.
- 11) Enlisting others to pop in, Police, Fire Dept, EMT, etc.

### **Grants: Attached spread sheet**

### **Reports:**

- 1) Accreditation – We are now Accredited for fiscal year 2026. That begins in Oct 2025.
- 2) Finalized and submitted all the reports that were not completed by the previous Director.

### **History Project:**

Andrea comes in from time to time to help us out.

**3D Printer:** Both have been sold with all of the filaments.

### **Summer Camps:**

We are using everything from the craft closet and believe we will only need to purchase minimal items.

The staff and I have put the whole 9 weeks together. In April, we will be having our staff meeting on a Saturday for 3 hours after we close to finish up all of our craft projects with step-by-step instructions. We are still hashing out how we want to handle sign up's. It will be In person, each family picking 4 out of 9 camps that their child will want to attend. This will help us gauge how to staff and make sure all have a chance. We will be able to accommodate at least 30-40 kids now that we have made room.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of June Mr. Ballon Guy will be coming in to kick off the Summer Reading Camps. FOL has offered to pay for this if a grant does not come though.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, Hondo gifted me with a prize of a free performer that does a magic show. (this will cost us nothing)

Summer Reading Logs will be bookmarkers. We have designed every book marker to have 10 slots on the back for the kiddos to jot down what books they've read and their name. We will hold onto the book markers and at the end of the Summer, they will be able to use Library Bucks to purchase items from our end of the summer store.

We will also close out our camps with a piñata, some games and maybe a hot dog roast.

### **Going forward with LAB:**

For next meeting, I would like to look at the Library's Master Plan from 2024. I am going to start digging into that and make my recommendations. I would love feedback from LAB. This is a huge undertaking, and I believe within 2-3 years, we will be outgrowing our current space, which is a good problem to have. 😊

I would like to increase our hours of operation by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to the following  
M/Tu/Wed/Fri 9:30-5:30

Thursday: 9:30-8:00 pm was 9:30-6:30

Saturday: 9:30-3:00pm was 9:30-1:30

I would like to do this to be open during the "hot" times of the day so that people can come in and cool off. We do have some elderly that stay here all day in the Summer because they don't have AC.

Currently we operate 44 hours per week

This would be an increase of 4 hours per week