

August Castroville Public Library Director Report

Summer Camps, done 1,291 in attendance-divided by 8 weeks 5 days a week roughly 33 kids each day. We received great feedback, kind suggestions and things we knew we needed to change for next year. In October, we will be closed one day to go to the Alamo, come back, have lunch and go over the evaluations as a team. I treated the staff to a 10-minute massage by Signature Massage and Bodywork in Castroville. This happened yesterday. Each staff member had a 10 min massage, my gift to them for an exceptional summer program!

1. Fall Programs coming up (August will be for catching our breath, organizing all of our supplies and gearing up for the Fall/Winter) September will bring the following:

- Fall and Winter Break for the kids – we will do something 2 days a week for the kids when they are on their school breaks.
- Adult Rock Painting – had several requests to start this again
- Fall gardening for kids – we are going to clean out the raised bed in the back along with the planters, get some seeds and allow the kids/families to dig, plant, water and weed. We will provide a couple of watering cans. We will also start the “bring a seed, take a seed” again.
- We will continue our 2 book groups and our needle group.
- Every Tuesday at 10:00 I will be hosting a Bingo group with trivia and exercise. I have reached out to some Independent Living Centers and some 55+ communities asking if I can email them a calendar of our events. I have a waiver for them to sign.
- Toddler Story Time will continue-during the school year we still average about 25-30 babies/toddlers
- Cooking with Chelsea – (from Wic) she is going to come in and do an informational program for young moms on healthy choices for kids.
- Fall flower arrangement by Blossom and Bloom
- We will be starting our after-school craft group for school -age kids
- Our adult craft group will be open for teens as well
- I am facilitating “What’s got you tired” Ways to recharge for seniors
- Writer’s group – we have a guest speaker coming in September.

Future programs for October-December

- Computer Q& A
- 65 North Medicare Planning – owners Victor and Jade-informational on the changes to Medicare.
- Dia Health – Health informational – pre-diabetes vs diabetes
- Koality Counseling – Mental Health class
- Darland Insurance talk about insurance options
- Parents as Teachers how we can partner with literacy for young children
- Hope foundation – how to partner with those with disabilities
- Landmark Inn – Winter program
- Medina County Extension office- come do an educational program for families
- SACRD – this was something Lauren set up – I'm following up with a team's meeting
- Castroville Bank – class for parents for college prep and simple budget planning
- Coffee Klatch – probably in February

Continuing Education Courses for Beth (goes towards accreditation)

- Continuing with New Director Series until the end of the year
- Technology in the Library
- Know & Go: How to help others with tips for cover letters, resumes, and interviews

Grants I'm applying to:

- **Family Room Grant by Tslac** (Tx Libraries Archives Commission) This grant would be for re-design of the children's library and the jr. fiction area. It would cover the removing curve shelves and get wall mounted shelves. We somehow have to add a couple of chairs for the pregnant mom's and grandparents to sit during Story Time. It's a very specific grant. I've already put my name on the list for the informational webinar for September.
- **Kronkosky Grant** – renovation to the back of the building, outside and have a family garden area where patrons of the library can help children get their hands in the dirt. We have the raised flower bed and big containers. I would like to see the trellis come down as it's falling apart and make that space more conducive for teaching children how to garden.

- **Ed Rachal Foundation** – same thing
- **The Meadows Foundation** – same thing
- **Sid W Richardson Foundation** – same thing
- **Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize** – reviewing it's specifications

Technology:

- Computers will be arriving in August sometime-included will be two tablets to use when our wifi goes down and used by tutors in the library
- Meescan self check out station – installation after new computers are installed
- Jamex coin-operated machine for our copier – need to order a part from Sharp but want to make sure this is possible with our leased copier.
- Ordering a new fax machine
- Automatic door opener

Improvements:

- Interior/exterior painting – all rooms and outside
- Removing some shelving between the two jf/jnon area -opens up for more tables for patrons
- Adding wall rack for early readers in children's library

Our hours will be going back to 9-5:30 M/T/W/F and then Thursday 9-6:30 and Saturday 9-1.

- Our check out renewal has been reduced to 0 for new release. I was finding people checking out our newly released books 3 times and no one would get a chance to check them out which increased the holds list.

Future items to discuss:

Creating a questionnaire regarding what community would like to see here.