

Grass Valley Library Programs in backyard

Outdoor Youth Programs

Current Weekly:

1. **Stay & Play**- Stay and Play is a play group and storytime for kids age 0-5 and their adults. We especially invite nontraditional caregivers (friends, family members, and neighbors) who care for children in an informal way. Each week features open play for the first hour with fun and creative early literacy toys, as well as a short storytime at 11am. Snacks for kids and coffee/tea for adults is available throughout.
2. **Build Make Play**- Using principles of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math), this program is open to all youth, but is best suited for kids ages 8-12. Have fun creating, building, and learning together.
3. **Nerd Squad**- Self-proclaimed Nerd Squad! Join us to learn and play Dungeons and Dragons. Beginners and experts are welcome.

Current Yearly:

1. **Summer Learning events**- weekly events all summer
2. **Lunch at the Library**- During Summer Learning, Monday through Friday from 12:00-1:00, the Nevada County Library Partners with Grass Valley School District to provide free lunches for children under 18. Each day a fun craft and free book (while supplies last) are provided as well.
3. **Dia**, with either a Puppet show or a magic show-
4. **Community Baby Shower**- In partnership with Nevada County Public Health, there are resources, raffle prizes, giveaways and a storytime.
5. **Halloween Costume swap**- Participants are invited to donate their gently used children's Halloween costumes and pick up a different one.
6. **Halloween storytime & craft**
7. **Earth Day event** with puppet show or live music
8. **Creative Movement for Littles**- Music and dance program

Potential Programs for expanded back yard space:

1. Dia de Los Muertos event
2. Gardening program(s)
3. Pollinator program (s)
4. storywalk
5. pet adoption event

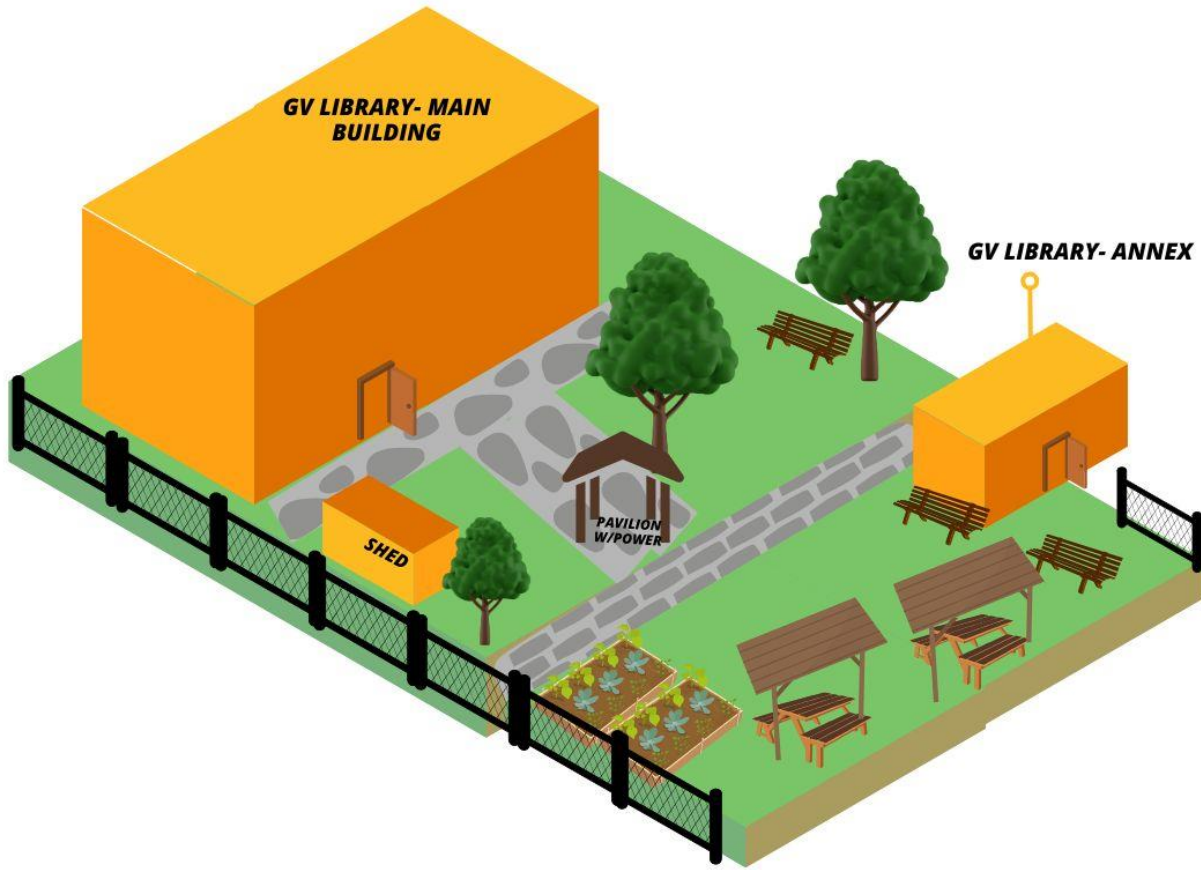
Outdoor Adult Programs

Current/Previous programs:

1. **Rockin' at the Royce-** Live Music outside
2. **Just My Type LIVE-** Writing Workshops was hosted outside
3. **Earth Day Celebration** - Nature poetry, art, and crafts for all ages!
4. **Screen-Free Week Fun Day** – Outdoor interaction and play with some of the available Recreation Collection games as a way to be screen-free.
5. **Lab Rats Mushroom Event** - Getting folks outside to make their own bags of mushroom spores was a hit!
6. **Larger literacy events** – To help support English language learners in the community

Potential Programs for expanded back yard space:

1. **More live music!** - Indoor performances are great, but when the weather is nice, nothing beats listening to music under our big, beautiful trees. We would love to have more events outside, especially if power was more accessible and we had a larger, flatter space for seating.
2. **More science events!** - We would love to promote more of our current Recreation Collection (science kits, telescope, etc.) by showing off the items in action and having people get hands-on experience in a larger, more accessible space.
3. **Move our Resources Day outside!** - As Services Drop-In continues to grow, we would love to have them outside during the warmer months; could also host a mini resource fair in our backyard and the park.



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