



Butte County Library

County Librarian's Report
For the Library Advisory Board
July, August, September 2021

Library Administration – Narinder Sufi, County Librarian

Grant Updates (Not NVCF):

- **REACH** – The REACH grant has begun and MOU's with Chico State and Chico State are signed. With these partnerships we will provide Workshops and webinars to our patrons. The program will begin in December per the plan.
- **COHS** – COHS (Career Online Highschool) The Library has been successful in adding 5 more scholarship to the COHS Diploma Program. In July we welcomed the first student who is working on a Career Certificate/part 2.

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Library Opening

- For Current Hours visit our website at:
<http://www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary/locations>
- Meeting rooms are still not open to the public.

Performance and Statistics:

- In the last quarter (July, August, and September), the total visits were 323,708 (58,836 in person and 264,872 virtually). Virtual visits include visits to OPAC and Website page.
- In the last quarter the total circulation was 106,129 (82,127 physical items and 24,002 online items circulated). Online Circulation includes Enki, Hoopla and Overdrive.
- Total number of physical items reserved in the last quarter was 16,042 items.
- Total computer use for the last quarter was 5,337 sessions and total wifi use was 3,828 sessions.
- We have had 1,118 New Patrons joining our Libraries.

Coming up in next 3 months:

- Tutor Training will be offered in person November 13th; 9-3:30; Call 530-552-5650 to sign-up.
- All Fall Programming is located in the Attached flyer or can be found on our website at:
<http://www.buttecounty.net/Portals/28/Flyers/Seasonal%20Programming%20Schedules/Fall%202021%20Programming%20Schedule.pdf?ver=2021-08-28-135556-257>
- Udemy is a new database coming as part of the REACH program with over 5,000 courses available.

Staff News

- Traci Mitchell has been promoted to Collections Librarian
- Ken Nakau will be joining the Library as Information Services Analyst
- Shivlink Torres, Library Assistant in Chico and Paradise.
- Daniel Durett, Library Assistant in Gridley and Oroville

- Alex Chen resigned from position as Information Services Analyst.
- Janae Kambestad resigned from position as Branch Librarian for Chico, Paradise, Durham.
- The Library is in the process of hiring Branch Librarian for Chico, Paradise, Durham branches.

Branch Reports:

Biggs Branch - Cynthia Pustejovsky, Branch Librarian

- In September, Biggs started offering a Tuesday after-school drop-in program and a Saturday morning Story Time.

Chico Branch – Misty Wright, Assistant Director covering Branch Librarian duties

- Patron numbers are steadily increasing, with Tuesday usually being the busiest day.
- Oliver and Kyle have begun outreach again to various senior centers in the community.
- The Chico Friends of the Library have resumed their weekly book sales.

Durham Branch – Misty Wright, Assistant Director

- In September, Storytime returned Thursday mornings. Children’s Librarian Kimberlee Wheeler is the main reader, with Senior Library Assistant Joe Rogers filling in on occasion.
- The adult book club has met monthly, with an average of 8 participants each month.

Gridley Branch – Cynthia Pustejovsky, Branch Librarian

- The monthly Ladies Night Out movie has returned. For those who live alone, it is an opportunity to visit with friends.
- Monthly Curious Minds Homeschooling Club started in September. One father is happy it is available for his son.
- Banned Books and Hispanic Cultural Heritage displays have been popular.

Oroville Branch – Cynthia Pustejovsky, Branch Librarian

- Babies Love Books program has returned; already have a couple of regulars.
- Two families who attended Curious Minds Homeschooling Club before COVID have returned and are pleased that it is being offered again. They have brought two other families to the program.
- Bi-weekly Saturday Family Movie Matinee will return in December.

Paradise Branch - Misty Wright, Assistant Director

- In September, Storytime returned Thursday mornings. Senior Library Assistant Joe Rogers has been leading.
- PFOL member Amy Sperske has been responsible for bringing the book sale back. Local guitarist Gene Kelly offered live music during the September book sale for those attending and the sale was a success.

Literacy Services – Heather Tovey, Literacy Coordinator

- July 14th Family Event at Sierra School the Family Literacy Coach delivered 8 “Science is Everywhere” programs to a total 113 children

- July 21st Breakfast and Books we presented and chatted with 155 caregivers about library and our services.
- July 17th we conducted Tutor Training face-to-face with a small group.
- August 9th we hosted an event called Summer Palooza that welcomed tutors and learners back to the library to enjoy a tour of the Maker Space, updates and a fun game of Bingo
- As of September the Family Literacy Coach is once again out providing services to the early care centers. Staff have been preparing to share home learning experiences for 700 children in the months of September, October and November.
- Literacy Services staff have begun offering a class with the Pathways Program at the Jesus Center on a regular basis.
- Tutoring has begun again at the Sherriff's Day Reporting Center
- We are excited to share that our data collecting for instruction hours and Roles and Goals will be dramatically improved with the new acquisition of America Learns platform.

Heartwarming stories:

- One little boy heard about Lego Saturdays at Story Time. After his first visit, he has asked his mother to bring him every week, and often doesn't want to leave.
- Patron expressed appreciation for the weekly adult coloring program. She said she looks forward to coming. After the past year, she feels the creativity and company has restored her interest in the world around her.
- Five-year-old boy was happy to see the library has puzzles out again. He's been coming in every four or five weeks to check.

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