



**Adult Services User Group Meeting  
February 26, 2025  
Discussion Notes**

Discussion Included:

**Current Migrant issues- How can libraries be supportive of this population?**

Some communities have already seen INS raids and staff have heard that absenteeism is up for migrant workers and students. None of the libraries reported a noticeable decrease in the libraries.

Many of the libraries don't have enough fluent Spanish Speaking staff – not the same % of staff to native Spanish speaking population ratio.

Goleta would like to do more outreach to this population when they close the main library and go to their temporary location.

Paso wants to recruit a Spanish speaking volunteer.

Santa Paula has not seen a decrease in the number of Spanish speakers coming to the library recently. The library offers ESL classes and Red Cards in Spanish. They want to create a web page for Know Your Rights

Carpinteria will partner with Children's Project for Know Your Rights 2.0 in March. Eric is working with Head Start and Aliso School going over a family preparedness checklist for what documents to have, making a notary available in case the documents need to be notarized, have w-2's from past years. The library offers copying and scanning services to put on a drive. **See the Step-by-Step Family Preparedness Plan** in both English and Spanish provided by Carpinteria.

Carp will be meeting on March 7 with community members, stakeholders and allies to include 805 Undocufund and Carpinteria Indivisible to discuss what could possibly be done to help the situation. They will discuss how to be an "active bystander".

**Adult Programming**

Paso will be partnering with Cuesta Book of the Year for Fire in the Canyon by Daniel Gumbiner, with the Cuesta Author Visit on April 17. They will be starting a seed library.

Emergency Services will come in to talk about fire prevention. They might revisit Wine Tasting 101. Summer reading events will be music themed, with a musician and 4 drum circles.

Reasonable performance prices pre-covid seemed to be \$250-\$300 and post covid \$450-\$500. Goleta mentioned that Spencer the Gardner is a musician that used to be very reasonably priced at \$50.

Santa Paula is having a Spring Gardening Series. March-summer vegetable garden; April-container garden; May-raised bed gardening. They are partnering with Ventura County Master Gardeners. They will offer a Seed Sorting event to restock the Seed Library. A local gardener offered a fundraising idea of getting starter plants and selling them for \$2 each to pay for the expansion. Brenda mentioned that they had paid \$800 for a quartet of Xmas Carolers. Summer Reading theme is Color Our World.

Goleta will be moving their recurring programs to Friday and take the book van to parks – programs geared toward babies and toddlers. They will have a kick-off party at Stone Gove Park and a Silent Disco Party at the end of summer. For the adults there will be a Senior happy hour monthly, knitting weekly, mystery book club, writers workshop and book discussions.

Carpinteria's Community Reads pick is El Solito. April 30 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Viet Nam War. There will be a talk at the Vet's hall by a Vietnamese "Boat Person". This individual and his wife were picked up by an Israeli Merchant ship and they lived for 4 years in Israel before coming to America. He will share his life experiences. An army nurse from Viet Nam War will talk to the book group in April.

### **Misc items**

Goleta Valley Library will be closed for the next two years. For the months of April and May, the Book Van will be the pick-up location for the library. The interim library will be 1/10<sup>th</sup> the size of the current library location. Book drops will be closed.

Santa Paula will be closed at some point for roof and HVAC renovation. Unknown timeline.

Paso mentioned that they hold a daytime Classic film series which is being promoted by the new outreach librarian. Attendance is somewhat low.

Carpinteria has been doing Book to Movie events. Showing Wicked. They do this 1x each month. They bought a popcorn machine.

Santa Paula will also be showing Wicked. It is designed to be a Friday evening event for teens and adults. Also "It Ends with Us"

Carp – Jody said that Death Café is very successful. They hold it once a month. One patron said the “1 ½ hour of death café changed her life”. There is a lot of laughter at these gatherings.

SP wants to do an e-waste recycling event – they reached out to Ventura County e-waste but haven’t heard back.

SP wants to do Thrift Shopping education event. Looking for the best way to do it. The staff member might even take people to local thrift shops

Carp is thinking of doing a Fix-It Fair. Paso worked with IFIXIT-they brought old cell phones and tools for free and even gave each participant a small tool kit. Kim Crail said that SBPL did a Fix-It Fair last year; they did a call out to menders and fixers and did some sort of partnership for bike repairs. SBPL’s Paige Sundstrum managed the event.

## **ZIP BOOKS**

Carpinteria is going to start sending notices to patrons to remind them that they need to return the ZIP books to the library. SP has been doing this and has been successful at retrieving many of them. They said that there was an issue with patrons saying they never received the books. To avoid confusion since some patrons don’t realize that the book is in fact part of the zip book program, SP is including on the mailing label for the name: “Patron name\_Zip Book Request”.

Paso has a system to “check the book out” to the patron behind the scenes so if they are late, they will be notified. When the Zip Books grant funding runs out each year, the PR Foundation continues the “Program” and also pays for DVD’s throughout the year – limited to 3 titles per month per patron.