



Youth Services User Group
Discussion Notes
January 14, 2025

Attendees discussed their plans for the SRP for 2025

Goleta talked about the closure of the Goleta Valley Library for construction for 2 years. They will be opening at a temporary location in June 2025, but it is only about a 10th of the size of their current library space. The plans might include using City Hall and or the Community Center for meeting rooms for activities. Libraries shared ways to accommodate with the book van ie loading with book crates to take to various sites. Lompoc suggested borrowing a vehicle from the city to be able to get out into the community to have a presence. They anticipate facing issues w/recruiting volunteers. They plan to purchase a claw machine and hold a silent disco.

Paso is hoping to have their new bookmobile ready and back to the Library by the end of May. Their summer program will be Music Themed – Silent disco, teen dances, music performers. T-shirts will be printed with the events and dates on the back as if it were a tour T-shirt. T-shirts will be giveaways and leftovers will be given to the Friends. T-shirts are from 4-Imprint Hanes Heavy Duty Trublend. Lunch at the Library will be on Tuesdays with the Mobile Library at the Housing Authority and Thursdays' lunch will be at the culinary academy. Programs are open to adults as well, but adult participation is sponsored by the Foundation. Health and Wellness component of the grant is a \$5 pass and gives participants gardening for the kids before lunch, adult gardening after lunch, and swim passes at Centennial Park pool and the Municipal pool. Leftovers go to ECHO, the homeless shelter. Performers expected – Natalia and Craig Newton. Grand Prize for SRP – Santa Margarita Adventure and VR headset.

Santa Maria Summer programs are expected to include Lunch at the Library at the Food Bank, Seeds for Garden Starters, Master Food Preservers for Teens and Families. Stacy Brigman participated in the 9-month program Building Equity Based Summers (BEBS) to revamp the Summer Reading Program. Options – Sliding scale, cover to cover.

Lompoc again this year will be having the bookmobile visiting summer camps with Rachel and the teen volunteers on Fridays. Teen volunteers are asked to make their own program and the are each given a \$100 budget. Each teen gets one Friday for their program. Teens are taught how to work with the public. Their orientation includes how to deal with crowds and proper conduct. Diana Bentle ran LATL last year with 2 paid teen interns. SRP grand prize – lpad.

Carpinteria's theme will be Space and Stars – "Take me to your Reader". Weekly visit to the library- get a stamp and go to the community for prizes such as bear mugs and t-shirts. Further ideas shared: JPL

space rocks at Santa Paula, UCSB might bring telescopes, you could have bottle rockets. The Astro Camp in Palm Springs might be able to provide information, the Starbase in Lompoc, and build a telescope.

Santa Paula will not be using Beanstack this year. The plan is to have the goal be 750 minutes. Teens will have a raffle for a kindle tablet, gift cards at B&N and Target; and a book bag with snacks, a book mark and journal. In May they will go to schools to give out books to promote LATL. Each weekday there will be different activities: legos, kids book club, dog, story time, and gardening activity.

The next scheduled Youth Services Group meeting will be virtual and held the 2nd Tuesday in September.