



Youth Services User Group
Discussion Notes
September 16, 2025

Attendees discussed their SRP for 2025 and plans for Fall and Winter

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

SM-

- Received the Lunch at the Library grant.
- Partnered with the Boys and Girls Club and went to their location for LATL
- Programs –
 - Andy Morris, magician (popular)
 - Zoo to You (expensive)
 - Master food preservers
- Purchased about 300 t-shirts and they were well received
- Had less teens attending and attributed that to no teen librarian
- 0-5
 - Music and Movement
 - Disney sing along
 - Play Dough playdate
- Elementary
 - Mad Science
 - Lego Club
 - Passport Palls
 - Pokemon Club
 - Rock Paintings
 - Bingo for Books
 - Making Ice Cream
- Teens
 - Cooking through Master food
 - Anime Club
 - Bobo and book bags – decorate

PR

- No children's librarian or outreach librarian this summer
- Received only 50% of the LATL grant that they requested
- Programs this year loosely related to music
 - Symphony Zoo
 - Ukelele Jim

- Drum circle
- Wish Your Heart Makes
 - Mary Poppins-like music
 - Manners program
 - Musical puppet show (not recommended)
- Preschool prom
 - DJ
 - Photo booth
 - Goldfish crackers
 - Under the sea theme
 - Parents dressed up as well
- LATL
 - Used bookmobile
 - 4 locations/37 services/1750 lunches served
 - Foundation covered adult lunches
- Summer Reading #'s were down – program attendance and reading participation – less advertising and promotion

Goleta

- Main library closed in March and anticipated that the Express location would be open early June.
 - Booked 3 performers at Stowe House for Summer Reading Kickoff
 - Ukelele Jim
 - Aerial arts – hula hoop
 - Natalia
 - Summer Reading
 - Used Beanstack
 - Numbers down 50%
 - Other programs/performers
 - Hula Anyone
 - Monty's Reptiles
 - Silent Disco (headphones, photo booth)

Carpinteria

- Summer Reading signups were low this year
 - Programs/performers
 - Bubble guy – big turnout 128 attendees
 - The Science Heros – ok turnout
 - Natalia – 90 attendees
 - Moxi – 80 attendees

Lompoc

- Received less than 50% of the money for LATL
 - Attendance was up 5%-10%
 - Read and Bead – kids given a chain and dog tag at the beginning of summer reading and every 15 minutes they read, they get a bead to add to their necklace
 - Raffle tickets for all ages – 1 ticket for every hour of reading up to 20 hours. Staff did not like it, so they plan to do digital tickets next year.
- Performers
 - Local dance studio
 - SLO Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo (headphones for sensory-challenged)

- Sean McMasters
- Costume Bingo
- Master Gardeners – children’s programs

Fall and Winter Program ideas

SM

- Teens
 - Make Lava Lamps
 - Revamp the wall in the Teen area
 - Live Action Angry Birds
- Story times
- Sewing Club
- Noon Year’s Eve Party – kids do a count down and balloons drop
- National Axolotl Day on February 1

PR

- Story times
- Stuffed animal sleepover
- Dinovember

Goleta

- Story times in various parks dependent up weather
- Book club – to movie book club with middle grade readers – Friends will donate chapter books
- Movie showing in December
- Teen Zine in December

Carpinteria

- 1000 books before 5 – each child gets a mushroom with their name on it that will be placed on the number on a path
- Frosty Fest
- Escape Room
- Club for Teens
 - Gaming Club
 - Board Games
 - Card Games
- SM can share their Stranger Things Breakout room

Lompoc

- Third Annual Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest – first year for all ages
- Costume Binge the week before Halloween
- Wicked Escape Room
- Winter Solstice craft in December
- New Years Eve Party
- Story times
- Children’s craft club once a month or science program
- Teens – Babysitting 101 – 4-week class
 - What it’s like to be a babysitter
 - How to have your own business
 - How to work with infants and children
 - Fireman will come and show first aid awareness