

Report from the County Librarian

Friends of the Calaveras County Library – October 13, 2021

Recruitments:

First 5 position: The recruitment for the First 5 position is filled. Randie Ortloff began work with us on September 13th. She has completed orientation with the County and I have explained the Scope of Work, the reports, the financial systems and future plans for the job. I have reached out to First 5 to plan a day when Teri Lane (Head of First 5) and Sheila Krause (the grant monitor) can meet with us to discuss the statistics which need to be kept and monitored, adjusting the scope of work and vision for this year.

She has looked at all the Little Leaper kits and is in the process of improving them. She has found a song for each one, she will add a second book to each one and she has improved instructions for others. She is a hard worker and very focused on her tasks.

Retirement: Our new staff member, Gina Lusher completed the in-person portion of County orientation yesterday. She will finish up the online portion this week and begin her orientation with the Library. We hope to have her ready to go up to Arnold the first week in November.

Note: Once Gina begins, the support staff member there will take a couple of weeks off to work on digital skills and rest. We will not resume our regular 30 hours per week until after the Thanksgiving holiday, most likely.

ZIP books: No word yet from the State Library on this year's allotments for our system and a start date for this program.

Bookmobile:

Wrap: I have sent the completed drawings to Michael Swendrowski to send to TechOps. I have not heard from them but hope to this week. I need to tell them the wording we want on the outside in addition to the pictures created by Kacy Barnett.

Construction: From the last information I have, our vehicle is still in NY for the door installation. All processes have been complicated by the pandemic and everything is taking longer.

Programs: We hope to have some things ready to bring out to the community in the next week or two.

JLG subscription for the Bookmobile: I have placed an order for a subscription with Junior Library Guild for 20 new books each month for the Bookmobile in the categories we choose. We will be getting a good balance of books for preschoolers, PreK and K, and all the grades. We are getting nonfiction books for early readers and elementary ages, as well as a series of How To books for grades 3-5. We will have graphic novels for elementary and middle ages, a series on character building for grades 2-6, fantasy, humor, sports and mystery for grades 5-8. I discovered a category of PG fiction for YA and have ordered this. It will be great to have a regular supply of new books to add to this collection. We will get 200 free books for placing this order.

I have also placed a large order to Scholastic. We will get 120 free books with this order.

FOTCCL has designated almost \$19,000 for materials for the Bookmobile. Much of this will be for adult fiction and nonfiction as well as DVDs and Audiobooks for adults. I have placed one order with Ingram for adult materials and will be placing more this week and next. I have also gotten 50 videos from Midwest tape.

Annual State Library report: I have received the link and login for this report and am compiling our statistics. This report is due November 5th.