



**Agenda Item B.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: August 4, 2025**

TO: Chair and Members of the Library Advisory Commission

SUBMITTED BY: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

PREPARED BY: Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: City Librarian's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation from the City Librarian about the activities of the Goleta and Santa Ynez Valley Libraries, including services, programs and events, and the status of various long-term initiatives.

DISCUSSION:

Following is a presentation to the Commission referencing operational activities at the Goleta and Santa Ynez Valley Libraries during April – July 2025. This presentation will provide service updates including programs, events, statistics, grants, collection development, and more. The included PowerPoint presentation will detail each category (Attachment 1). The data shared reflects the Library Division's continued emphasis on high-quality, responsive service at the highest possible level throughout County Zone 4.

Review By:



Elizabeth Saucedo
City Librarian

Approved By:



JoAnne Plummer
Neighborhood Services Director

ATTACHMENT:

1. City Librarian's Report PowerPoint Presentation

Attachment 1

City Librarian's Report PowerPoint Presentation

City Librarian's Report

Library Advisory Commission

August 4, 2025

Presented by:

Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian



Areas of Update

- GVL Express Opening
- Programs and Events
- Staffing and Recruitments
- Statistics
- Updates from Santa Ynez Valley Libraries
- Grants

GVL Express Opening

- Open for visits beginning Wednesday, July 9th
- Entrance across from Goleta Valley Athletic Club
- Hours of operation the same as Fairview
- Occupancy 35 individuals
- 20 designated parking spaces, plus street parking
- Portion of every collection available
- Holds pick-up room
- Computers, Wi-Fi, printing available
- Temporary home for 18-24 months



GOLETA VALLEY
LIBRARY EXPRESS



6500 Hollister Ave, Suite 105

Programs and Events



Goleta Valley Library, July 1990

Storytime through the years and across the miles!

Buellton Library, April 2025



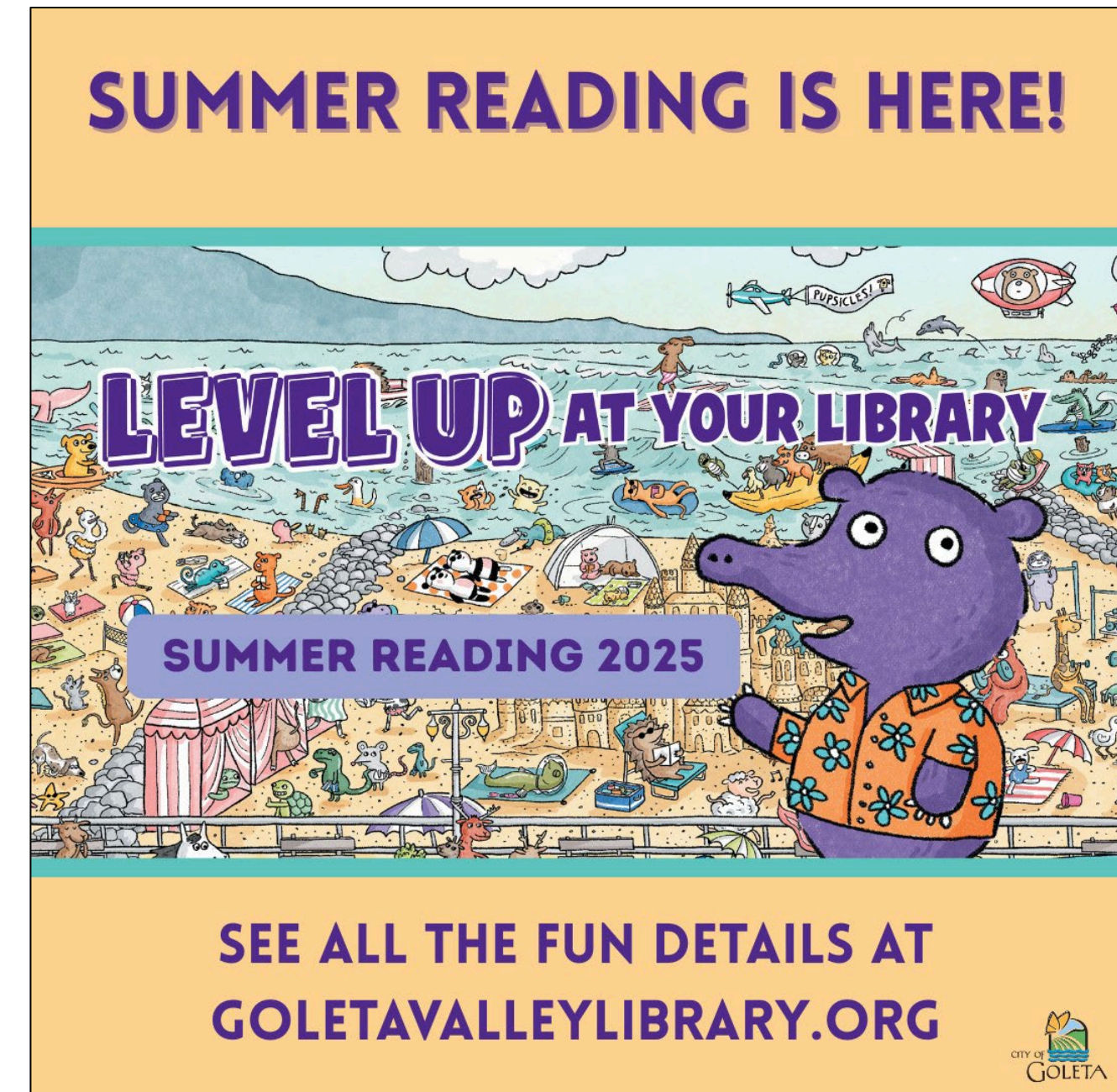
Outreach Service Model

- GVL Express Programs
 - Offsite Programming at Parks and Open Spaces and the Goleta Community Center
 - Recurring Favorites: Storytimes, Book Clubs, Yarn Works, and Crafts
 - Attendance varies, consistently strong
- Program Goals and Outcomes
- Fall Programming in development



Summer Reading Program: LEVEL UP!

- 2025 Theme: *Level Up at Your Library*
- 6-week program: Saturday, June 14 – Sunday, July 27
- Online tracking option through Beanstack
- Prizes earned at various book and minute milestones
- Generous community and Friends of the Library sponsors
- Enriching events held at each library
- Helps prevent summer slide, engages Teen Volunteers
- Strengthens library's role as a community hub



Summer Reading Program: LEVEL UP!



Mahni's Reptiles at Solvang Library (145)



Stuffed Animal Sleepover at Buellton Library (100+)



Hula Anyone at Goleta Community Center (78)

Summer Reading Program 2026



Planning for next summer is already underway...

A logo for "Summer Reading 2026" inside a light yellow rectangular box. The word "Summer" is in a teal script font, "READING" is in a bold blue sans-serif font, and "2026" is in a smaller teal script font at the bottom right.

Summer
READING
2026

Stay tuned!

Staffing Updates

Congratulations!



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Analise McCully
Library Technician (Full-Time)

Congratulations!



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Tara Patrick
Library Technician

Congratulations!



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Savannah Stelzer
Library Assistant

Welcome to the Team!



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Uma Lama
Library Assistant
(Buellton Library)

Welcome to the Team!



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Kyle Calderon
Library Department Aide
Solvang Library

Welcome to the Team!



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Alaina Murphy
Library Department Aide
(GVL / Bookvan)

Recruitments

➤ Current Recruitments

- Part-Time Library Page at Goleta Valley Library
 - Two vacancies (one due to internal promotion)
- Estimated start date of mid/late August
- Library to be fully staffed first time since 2022



Statistics: April – June 2025



Photo retrieved from Goleta Valley Library records, circa 1960

GVL Express Programs

- Total Programs: 83
- Program Interactions: 7,250
- Volunteer Hours: 18
- Locations included:
 - Goleta Community Center
 - Parks and Open Spaces in each of Goleta's four Districts
 - UCSB Library
 - Stow House SRP Kick-Off



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Local News

Goleta Library Gets Outside to Share Books with Community During Closure

Librarians are working to keep residents of all ages engaged with the library through outdoor events and mobile 'bookvan'



Goleta Valley Library's Kaeley Christensen and Nicole Lvoff show off their moves during story time at Santa Barbara Shores Park. (Olivia Blair / Noozhawk photo)

Bookvan Activity

- Number of Stops: 136
- Hours of Service: 334.5
- Visits to the Bookvan: 6,579
- Circulation up almost 500% to date
- Route updates:
 - Three new stops temporarily added during move: Goleta Union School District and Goleta Community Center (concluded in July)
 - Rotating storytime locations
 - Fall outreach schedule in development



Scan the QR code or visit
goletavalleylibrary.org/bookvan
for more information.



Library Staff at GUSD Stop

Buellton Library Activity

- Visits to the Library: 5,706
- Computer Use: 418
- Volunteer Hours: 17.25
- Operational Hours: 455
- Total Programs: 39
- Program Interactions: 1,842



Ukulele Jim Concert at Buellton Library (83)

Solvang Library Activity

- Visits to the Library: 11,033
- Computer Use: 371
- Volunteer Hours: 279.55
- Operational Hours: 492
- Total Programs: 49
- Program Interactions: 1,983



Shawn McMaster Magic Show at Solvang Library (78)

Satellite Library Activity

- Visits to Santa Ynez Library: 90
 - Open Saturdays 1pm-4pm
- Visits to Los Olivos Library: 53
 - Open Saturdays 10am-1pm
- Volunteer Hours: 78
- Operational Hours: 78



Santa Ynez Library

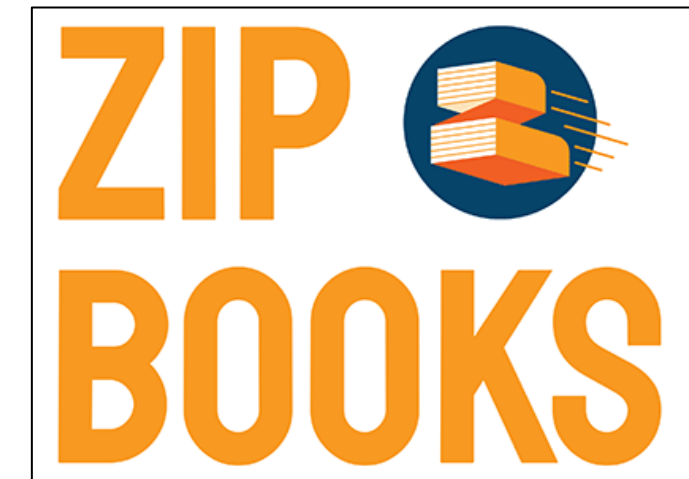


Los Olivos Library

Grants

Zip Books Grant

- 2024/25 award amount of \$15,327 was fully expended by June 2025
 - In under five months, 768 were requests filled for 354 patrons
- Essential during closure between libraries
- Application submitted for 2025/26 grant period
 - \$30,000 award requested; notices sent late summer/early fall



Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program

- Community Visioning Survey collected almost 750 responses on usage and interior design
- Full agenda item included



Questions