



**Agenda Item B.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: April 7, 2025**

TO: Chair and Members of the Library Advisory Commission

SUBMITTED BY: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

PREPARED BY: Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: Goleta Valley Library, City Librarian's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation from the City Librarian about the activities of the Goleta Valley Library, 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 Valley Library (Library). This presentation includes areas such as programs, statistics, grants, collection development, calendared programs, and events. This report covers Library activity during February – March 2025. A PowerPoint presentation is included as well (B.1 Attachment 1. Library Advisory Commission City Librarian's Report PowerPoint).

PROGRAMMING:

A variety of engaging programs for all ages were provided throughout the months of February – March across the Goleta & Santa Ynez Valley Libraries. As February is Library Lovers Month, themes were tied into several events to celebrate the love of reading and libraries that we witness patrons experiencing year-round. We also took time to acknowledge the perennial support of our team of volunteers, who support the library in a myriad of ways, at a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on February 21st.

In addition to community favorites such as the ever-popular storytimes, craft hours, and book clubs, these months saw several class visits who spent their field trips learning about and exploring the library. In total, during February and March 2025 Goleta Valley Library staff implemented a total of 78 programs that resulted in 1,680 interactions with community members. Programming is an essential part of realizing the library's mission by bringing community members together, connecting them with library resources and information, and encouraging lifelong learning and enrichment.

STAFFING:

Training

Goleta Valley Library and Bookvan staff participated in a training on March 9th to review various components of the transition to GVL Express, including the packing plan, relocation phase, reopening timeline, and programming schedule.

Open Recruitments

Recruitments are progressing to fill the vacancies below, including a new opening at Goleta Valley Library for a Part-Time Library Page. Existing recruitments are now in the interview stage:

- Full-Time Library Technician – Goleta Valley Library
- *New:* Part-Time Library Page – Goleta Valley Library
- Part-Time Library Assistant – Buellton Library
- Part-Time Department Aide – Bookvan
- Part-Time Department Aide – Solvang Library

REGULAR DAILY BUSINESS OF THE LIBRARY:

In February and March 2025, there were 26,275 visits to the library. Patrons accessed the public computers for internet, printing, word processing, gaming, streaming and more during 1,300 unique sessions. Over 364.25 volunteer hours were contributed by the library's teen and adult volunteers. The library was open for 379.5 hours.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT:

As of March 19th, stops in Goleta have now been added to the Bookvan route to allow patrons additional options for picking up their holds. The Bookvan can be visited at the Goleta Union School District parking lot directly across from Goleta Valley Library at 401 North Fairview Avenue on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Staff also drive the Bookvan to the rotating storytime locations taking place throughout Goleta on Friday mornings, resulting in a total of three additional stops per week. Existing hours of service and routes in the Isla Vista community remain status quo.

GRANTS:

Zip Books

In fall 2024, the Library received notice that our application for the 2024/25 Zip Books Grant Program was approved. The Library was awarded \$15,327 in funding from the State of California, administered by the California State Library. The program officially launched at our libraries on February 14th, and after six weeks patrons have now submitted over 450 requests, resulting in \$6,716.06 of the award being expended.

This program's ability to extend the reach of library services during the relocation phase of the Building Forward project, when services are between sites, is particularly helpful in ensuring that access levels remain as high as possible.

Building Forward

Each Library Advisory Commission City Librarian's Report includes an update on the Building Forward Library Infrastructure Improvement Program Grant. For the April 2025 meeting, an update will be provided in a separate agenda items: C.2 Updates on Library Services During Construction.

Information is also available on the project page on the Goleta Valley Library website: <https://www.goletavalleylibrary.org/about/goleta-valley-library-improvement-project>.

Further information will continue to be shared at this Commission in future meetings.

Review By:



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Approved By:



JoAnne Plummer
Neighborhood Services Director

ATTACHMENT:

1. Goleta Valley Library, City Librarian's Report PowerPoint Presentation

Attachment 1

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Goleta Valley Library City Librarian's Report

Library Advisory Commission
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Presented by:

Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian



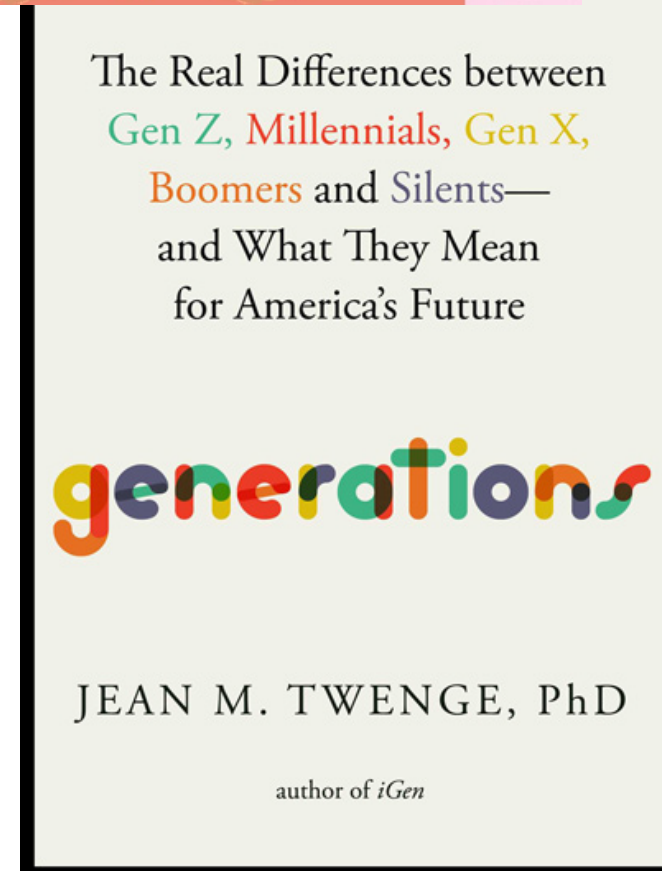
Program Highlights



Goleta Valley Library, July 1990

Programs: Something for Everyone

- Seasonal Programming
- Weekly Favorites: Storytimes, Book Clubs, and Crafts
- Volunteer Support and Recognition
- Program Goals and Outcomes



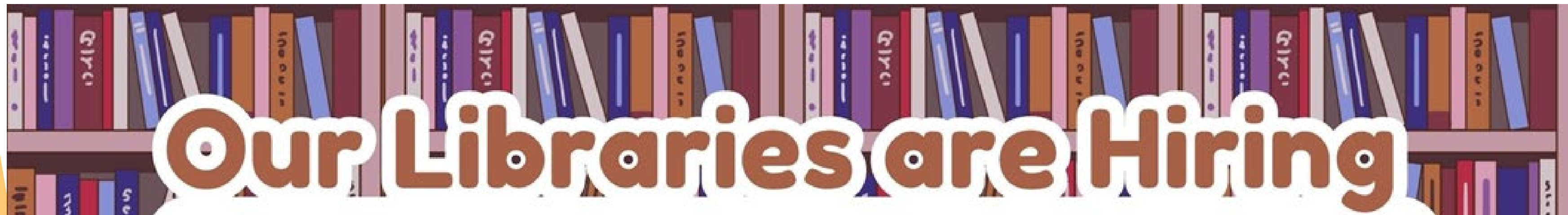
Program Highlight: Buellton Library

- February Passive Programming Success!
 - Craft Kits: 100
 - Bird Journals: 62
 - Treasure Hunt: 91
- Solvang Journal
- Active programming resumed March 2025 after February 8 opening



Staffing Updates: Recruitments

- Current Recruitments – **Interview Phase** In Progress
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GVL Activity: February 2025

Visits to the Library: 26,275

Computer Use: 1,300

Volunteer Hours: 364.25

Operational Hours: 379.5

Total Programs: 78

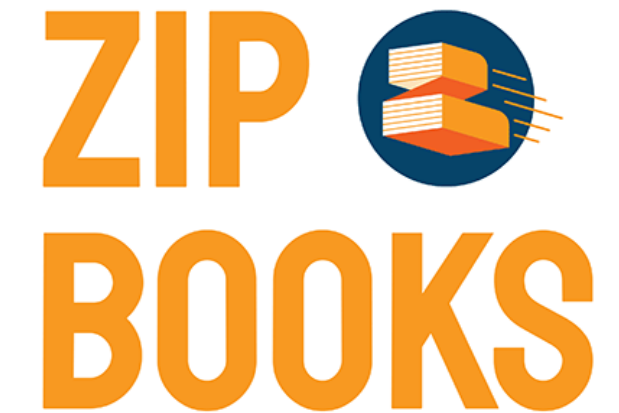
Program Interactions: 1,680



Grants

Zip Books Grant

- 2024/25 application submitted July 2024
- \$15,327 awarded
- Program opened on February 14th
- In 6 weeks, 450+ requests received and \$6,716.06 expended
- Available during closure between libraries



Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program

- Update on Provision of Services Plan

Building Forward: Service Update

- The nature of the construction requires a full closure, resulting in temporary offsite Library services
 - Last day of service at Fairview was March 30, 2025
 - Anticipated closure length: 18-24 months
 - April to June relocation phase in progress: Packing, moving, unpacking
 - Tentative opening at GVL Express: early June 2025
 - Robust programming plan launched this month

Building Forward: Bookvan Service Update

- Three new weekly Bookvan stops in Goleta have been added!
 - Wednesdays and Saturdays: GUSD Parking Lot (pilot)
 - Fridays: Rotating storytime locations (scheduled through July)



Building Forward: Stay Informed



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