



**Agenda Item B.1  
PRESENTATION  
Meeting Date: October 6, 2020**

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**TO:** Library Advisory Commission  
**FROM:** Allison Gray, Library Director  
**SUBJECT:** Goleta Valley Library, Director's Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive a presentation from the Library Director about the activities of the Goleta Valley Library since the mid-March shutdown due to COVID.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Library Advisory Commission has not met since March as the City of Goleta and the Goleta Valley Library adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic. During that time, while working from home, staff focused on boosting virtual offerings and online services to the public during a time when most patrons were sheltering at home. Beginning in July, staff returned to work at the library building and began providing limited in-person Sidewalk Service for patrons.

The staff has been split into two teams with each team working at the library one week and then working from home the following week. The teams avoid coming into physical contact with each other so that if anyone on one team caught COVID-19 and the rest of the team had to quarantine at home, the other team could continue to run the library.

During this period, Library Administration assessed the safest and best way to provide Sidewalk Service so patrons could request items they wanted and come to the Goleta Valley Library to pick them up. Multiple physical and policy measures have been implemented to limit the potential for staff and patrons to be exposed to the virus during these interactions.

The new reality of COVID-19 has challenged staff to be creative in providing services to all ages, maintaining the safety of staff and users of Sidewalk Service, and helping Solvang and Buellton achieve the same. The attached report details some of the activities undertaken by the library since the beginning of the pandemic related closures (Attachment 1).

**Review By:**

  
Allison Gray  
Library Director

**Approved By:**

  
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Assistant City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Goleta Valley Library Director's Report Power Point Presentation