



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

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:


Kristine Schmidt
Assistant City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

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

Attachment 1

Goleta Valley Library Director's Report October 2020 Presentation



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OCTOBER 5, 2020

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

PRESENTED BY: ALLISON GRAY, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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STATISTICS

❖ Circulated 66,629 items in March-July

❖ No more interlibrary lending of materials since March. None planned until next year, most likely, due to halving of Black Gold's budget from the State. Therefore, patrons can only request items from Goleta, Buellton or Solvang.





LIBRARY BASICS

- ❖ Library closed in early April due to City of Goleta's Shelter at Home directive to all staff.
- ❖ Library staff only allowed in building to pick up Craft Kits to mail from the United States Post Office.
- ❖ Building was deep-cleaned regularly between April and June 1st when staff was allowed back in the building.
- ❖ No returns allowed during this time period.
- ❖ Sidewalk Service commenced.
- ❖ Eventually Sidewalk Service hours became Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm





CRAFT KITS FOR KIDS

- While sheltering at home, staff focused on creating Craft Kits for children since programming at the Library was no longer possible.
- Friends of the Goleta Valley Library helped defray some of the postage costs.
- Anonymous donor gave \$1,000 to purchase craft kits.
- All kits had Spanish translations of instructions.
- Kits put in individual baggies and separated by age group for ease of selection for sending out.
- Staff also created craft kits using recyclable materials.
- Over 1,400 children signed up for program.
- 3990 kits were given out May-August
- After Sidewalk Service began, we no longer mailed craft kits out; parents come pick them up at the Library.

Crafts for Adults



CRAFTS FOR ADULTS

[All Free Knitting](#)

Learn Knitting

[Art Bar](#)

[Crafts by Amanda](#)

[Crafts for All Seasons](#)

[11 Creative Crafts to Keep Adults Busy During COVID](#)

[50 Fun DIY's for Adults](#)

[5 Free Calligraphy Courses](#)

[Harry Potter Crafts & Activities](#)

[HGTV Easy DIY Crafts to Do On Your Own](#)

[How to Draw Cartoons](#)

[How to Draw](#)

[How to Make a Dahlia Book Page Wreath](#)

[Old Book Page Ornament](#)

Ideas to Keep Busy at Home for All Ages Website

ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

BRAIN GAMES, PUZZLES, & FUN STUFF

CRAFTS FOR ADULTS

GREAT ORIGAMI HOW TO VIDEO LINKS

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

DELVE INTO THESE AUTHORS FOR ADULTS

DOWNLOADABLES & MORE

HOW TO HELP FROM HOME

MUSIC AND PODCASTS

WELLNESS & RELAXATION

VIRTUAL VISITS

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Children's Science



CHILDREN'S SCIENCE

[Big Activity Kit of Body Science](#)

[Brains On](#)

From American Public Radio, Podcasts for the Whole Family to Learn From

[California Academy of Science](#)

[Crash Course Kids](#)

Science with a side of awesome.

[Explore.org](#)

A live nature camera network and documentary film channel with free lesson plans.

[The Exploratorium](#)

Science Activities for kids

[Gravity Points](#)

Watch gravity in action

[How Stuff Works](#)

Science information for kids

[The Kid Should See This](#)

Smart Videos for Kids of All Ages

[Left Brain, Craft Brain](#)

Inspiration for Young Engineers

[Mystery Doug](#)

Science site for kids

[NASA Kids Page](#)

[National Geographic Learning from Home Resources](#)

[National Geographic Kids](#)

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Ideas to Keep Busy at Home for All Ages curated website cont.

[CHILDREN'S HOME EDUCATION](#)

[CHILDREN'S ART & MUSIC](#)

[CHILDREN'S CODING & MATH](#)

[CHILDREN'S READING & LITERACY](#)

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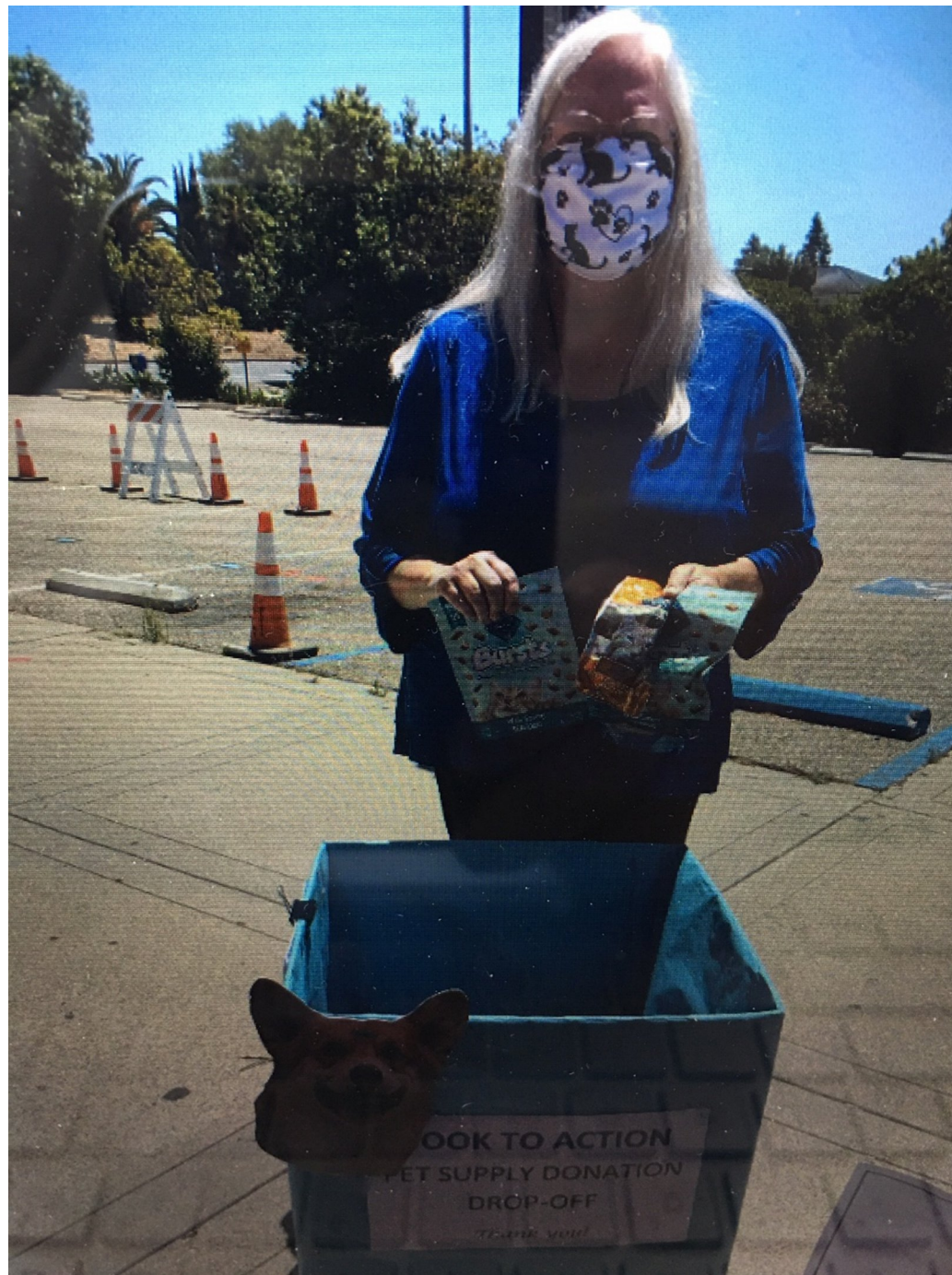
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[TEEN CORNER](#)



VIRTUAL ADULT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

- Multiple storytimes for different ages, languages, times of day/night
- Tech Tutoring
- Summer Reading Club for Kids and Teens
- Annual Bookmark Contest
- Book to Action Grant Program & Pet Supply Donation Drive
- Book Discussions
- Summer Program Performers
- Craft Project Demonstrations for Adults and for Families
- Youtube video channel for library with videos on new way of placing holds
- Check in With a Librarian



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HOLDS

CALL US TO PICK UP
(805) 964-7878

If your library items are held, they are ready to pick up, call the library (with your library card number) and we will call you back to your account and return you to the front door.

Come in
OPEN

Smoking Prohibited
No 20 feet from the building
No smoking in the building
No smoking in the building



SIDEWALK SERVICE

- ❖ Sidewalk Service began June 1.
- ❖ Patrons must place holds on the items they would like to check out from Goleta, Buellton and Solvang. We are doing shipment between the 3 branches 2 times a week.
- ❖ After receiving notification that their items are waiting for them, they come to the Library during set hours and text or call staff. There is a "concierge" staff person outside who helps with questions, etc. Staff inside pull the holds, check them out and put them in paper bags with the person's name on them. They bring them to a table outside that blocks entry to the Library lobby, call the person's name. One person at a time can go up to the table to pick up their items as we are practicing social distancing. No one gets service if they are not wearing a mask.

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS



COVID'S IMPACT ON IV GRANT

- Initial check for \$100,000 not received from the State until September 2, so grant timeline is well behind schedule.
- Next step is to get City Council to accept the grant money.
- Then we will purchase the vehicle and start ordering Little Libraries.
- Due to COVID and the fact that we are doing contactless service at the Library, we are studying what services we can safely offer in Isla Vista during the high alert COVID period. It may be that we do a form of Sidewalk Service where we drop off people's holds to specific locations while minimizing contact, especially if people in Isla Vista are neither wearing masks nor practicing social distancing.



WHEN WILL LIBRARY OPEN?

- ❖ We do not yet have a set date on which we plan to open. Right now libraries could open at 25% capacity but there are a great many problems with that approach. We just cannot see how it could work while being safe for everyone involved.
- ❖ We are working cooperatively with the Santa Barbara Library System in terms of reopening dates.
- ❖ The OCLC and CDC are still conducting studies on COVID's lasting presence on library materials and as of this date, recommend quarantining all returns for a minimum of 6 days. We do it for 7. At the beginning of their tests they recommended 2 days but we operated under an excess of caution and chose 7 days, a decision with which we are now very happy with.