



LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

FOR THE MONTHS MAY THROUGH JULY 2021

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STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS (VISION 2020)

- ✓ **Improve county residents' reading habits:** Each year as schools wind down, Tuolumne County Public Library begins the final preparations for the busy Summer Reading Program. This year's theme was *Reading Colors Your World* and each branch offered programs that provided opportunities for our young readers to explore their creativity. Boys and girls explored famous artists, became pirates for the day, created mosaics using beans and pasta, and other fun activities. Most importantly over 935 books were read during the June through July time frame. Tuolumne County Public Library wishes to thank the hard work of our young readers and the generosity of our local community who provided generous donations of children's bikes and gift cards.
- ✓ **Encourage lifelong learning:** Tuolumne County Public Library continually works hard to provide relevant, current, and accurate information for the public. The staff regularly reviews the collection for outdated materials while still maintaining a high professional standard of literary rich items that meet the information, educational, and entertainment needs of the community.
- ✓ **Improve facilities for community engagement:** The merger of the Tuolumne County Library and Tuolumne County Recreation Department has brought an unexpected benefit for our library patrons. Since Sonora Main Library reopened it has had the limited business hours of Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As the Recreation Department began to revive some of their summer programs the library was able to not only restore hours but to add in an additional day and open earlier to accommodate both Recreation and Library patron needs. The Sonora Main Library is now open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 6 PM.

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021
Visitors	2,845	3,367	4,113
Items checked out at Month's End	3,381	3,774	4,033
Children's book loans	1,524	2,380	2,703
Adult book loans	2,773	3,416	3,618
Library materials owned (cumulative)	76,634	77,508	77,754

BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ **Fundraising/Friends of the Library Activities:** Friends of the Tuolumne County Library had a very successful outdoor sale on Friday, May 14th at the Sonora Main Library from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The total sales brought in \$1,189. One of the bright notes for this out door event was the use of Easy-ups to provide shade for the working Friends, and the visibility of the structures brought many more interested buyers to the library. Many outdoor browsers were happy to learn that the library was again open to the public.



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