

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY AGENDA**

MEMBERS

Linda Newby, Chair
Rose Chen, Vice Chair
Jackie Filbeck
Elia Renteria-Garcia
Amanda Wortman

PLACE

Central Library
500 W. Broadway
Anaheim, CA 92805

TIME

February 9, 2026
Monday
4:30 p.m.

STAFF: Thomas Edelblute – Senior Library Services Manager, Jennifer Foxx – Management Assistant II, Linda Lomeli – Librarian

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Presiding _____ Meeting called to order _____

I. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION FROM OTHERS:
This is an opportunity for members of the public who are present to address the Board in general.

A. Friends of the Anaheim Public Library Report:

B. Friends of the Canyon Hills Library Report:

C. Anaheim Public Library Foundation Report:

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2026, MEETING:

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 5 Year Review of APL STEAM Kits:

B. Library Board Ad in Anaheim Public Library Foundation Mystery Authors Luncheon Program:

V. INFORMATION:

A. City Librarian's Report:

- APL/AESD collaboration to support literacy for students, maximize the use of our APL online resources, and raise reading scores

B. Budget:

VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS:

A. Statistics/Infographics/Activity Reports:

VII. BOARD ITEMS:

Member Amanda Wortman: _____

Member Elia Renteria-Garcia: _____

Member Jackie Filbeck: _____

Vice Chair Rose Chen: _____

Chair Linda Newby: _____

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Next Meeting: March 9, 2026, at Central Library
- B. Adjournment: _____

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Jennifer Foxx, Community Services Department, Library Services Division

ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION

Central Library
500 W. Broadway
Anaheim, CA 92805

DATE/TIME

January 12, 2026
4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – The agenda having been posted on January 8, 2026, the regular meeting of the Anaheim Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Linda Newby at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Rose Chen, Jackie Filbeck, Linda Newby, Elia Renteria-Garcia, Amanda Wortman
STAFF: Audrey Lujan – City Librarian, Ymelda Ventura – Senior Secretary
GUEST: Susan Burrows

I. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION FROM OTHERS:

- A. FRIENDS OF THE ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT: The Friends sponsored the Chime Choir from the North Orange County Community College District. They also helped with the publicity and provided refreshments for the program. The Friends thanked Jennifer Foxx for helping to balance their budget. The December book sale made over \$422.00. The Friends enjoyed their holiday party.
- B. FRIENDS OF THE CANYON HILLS LIBRARY: FOCAL will be having their holiday party on January 24, 2026. Their next Flash Sale will be on January 9-10, 2026.
- C. ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT: Invitations will be sent out at the end of January for the annual APLF Mystery Authors Luncheon on Sunday, April 19, 2026. This year's theme is "Pages Through Time," and panelists include Catriona McPherson, Gary Phillips, and Nancy Silverman, who have all published historical fiction novels. The panel will be moderated by Adam Sikes. Ticket sales will be online this year through SilentAuctionPro.com.
- D. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHERS: Susan Burrows shared her concerns regarding a patron at the Haskett Branch Library.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2025, MEETING: The minutes were approved as presented.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF APL STEAM KITS: Postponed to the February meeting.

V. INFORMATION

A. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

- Thanks to the partnership with AESD to support literacy for students, maximize the use of our APL online resources, and raise reading scores, AESD marquees featured Anaheim Public Library during the holiday break. Library staff will be meeting with AESD staff to evaluate the best way to measure the success of the partnership.
- Audrey shared that APL has created a regional model for Central that will include Sunkist. The Library has already been using regional models for West Anaheim and East Anaheim.
- APL is the only Library in the area that had 4% increase in patrons through the door this year compared to last year.

B. BUDGET: Staff is working on mid-year projections.

VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS

A. STATISTICS/INFOGRAPHICS/ACTIVITY REPORTS: None.

VII. BOARD ITEMS

MEMBER JACKIE FILBECK: Is committed to furthering the mission of the partnership with AESD. She is glad to see the Library is using a regional model.

MEMBER AMANDA WORTMAN: The selection for the Poet Laureate is January 13, 2026. She enjoyed seeing the variety of holiday programming highlighted in the board packet.

MEMBER ELIA RENTERIA-GARICA: Is impressed by the different programs highlighted in the board packet. She attended the Muzeo exhibit opening on Saturday and was impressed with the staff.

MEMBER ROSE CHEN: Enjoys seeing the variety of programming at Haskett Branch Library. Her family and friends have started attending more of these programs and informing her of how wonderful they are.

CHAIR LINDA NEWBY: Appreciates how Central Library staff take pride in the appearance of the Library and how they are proactive in keeping the area clean.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be February 9, 2026, at the Central Library.

B. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Newby adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Anaheim Public Library
Monthly Statistical Report

DECEMBER 2025	HASKETT		HASKETT		EUCLID		EUCLID		SUNNIST		SUNNIST		CANYON		CANYON		EAST ANAHEIM		EAST ANAHEIM		PONDEROSA		PONDEROSA		TRANSIT CTR		TRANSIT CTR	
	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
CIRCULATION TOTAL	7,466	7,457	2,393	2,047	4,033	3,545	9,193	7,857	4,360	3,892	404	1,705	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
A Print	1,573	1,373	519	409	801	752	2,490	2,219	786	794	21	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
A Free Media	181	68	45	24	28	75	81	45	31	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADULT	1,754	1,445	564	449	829	828	2,571	2,281	817	821	21	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
J Print	5,071	5,448	1,580	1,349	2,948	2,570	6,078	5,152	3,303	2,883	377	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226
J Free Media	149	26	21	1	29	40	53	32	44	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL JUVENILE	5,220	5,579	1,601	1,386	2,977	2,626	6,131	5,209	3,347	2,921	377	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226	226
TOTAL TEEN	487	429	228	212	229	188	480	348	191	150	6	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
E-Materials Downloads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-house Use	1,626	1,268	270	230	111	316	751	589	433	225	-	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Permanent Circulation	626	365	116	60	120	90	2	70	-	-	426	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425
Patron Initiated Renewals	508	397	116	126	211	165	525	437	283	246	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Automatic Renewals	2,929	2,977	974	641	1,289	850	3,560	3,533	1,530	1,387	239	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107
Item Requests	247	213	216	218	178	189	559	478	254	288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REFERENCE/INFO/COMP. ASSIST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult Total	1550	777	587	790	636	898	753	664	290	318	2	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Teen Total	96	41	23	60	40	93	69	94	19	14	-	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Juvenile Total	292	273	60	131	124	230	127	104	25	36	-	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61
TOTAL SERVICE	1938	1091	670	981	800	1,221	949	882	334	368	2	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127
ACTIVE UTILIZATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hours Open	216	214	120	120	138	138	192	188	135	141	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Physical Door Count	9,572	9,484	2,132	1,910	3,978	4,292	5,414	4,673	2,591	2,503	634	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665	665
Virtual Door Count	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Registered Cardholders	59,221	57,336	28,578	27,729	23,414	22,385	31,648	30,556	15,356	14,629	5,152	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012	5,012
New Registrations	110	115	39	42	35	31	64	76	59	25	9	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Hours of Internet Usage	1,927	1,009	253	235	231	439	319	217	227	234	10	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
Online Resource Sessions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLLECTION SIZE	64,592	63,077	49,345	49,574	44,050	45,444	78,498	77,591	41,320	41,842	20,449	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900
PROGRAMS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Early Literacy (Ages 0-4)	3	4	3	2	5	6	4	4	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance	79	161	48	28	97	104	209	203	337	242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Age (Ages 5-12)	4	15	4	1	4	9	2	3	3	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Attendance	88	556	55	53	57	143	50	56	47	14	14	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
Teen (Ages 13-18)	5	-	-	-	1	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance	66	-	-	-	1	17	6	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adults (Ages 19-54)	5	5	3	3	5	7	2	2	1	1	-	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Attendance	36	46	40	41	28	93	30	26	13	12	-	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
Older Adults (55+)	1	-	-	1	12	2	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance	8	-	-	15	12	14	70	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Family Programs (All Ages)	8	-	1	-	6	1	2	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance	593	-	65	-	227	180	275	101	133	248	588	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-Library Tours/Class Visits	-	1	1	1	21	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance	-	34	36	21	523	811	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Outreach (At School)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Outreach	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance	40	121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passive Programs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PROGRAMS	27	26	12	8	43	60	21	18	13	9	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	919	916	232	168	945	1,382	640	459	539	516	602	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558	558



Digital FY 2025-2026	FY 25-26 YTD	FY 24-25 YTD	December 2025	December 2024
APL Website Visits	74,376	54,796	8,871	7,864
APL Website visits from mobile devices	68,569	57,987	9,332	7,577
Digital Users	13,468	20,652	2,145	3,184
Digital Circulation				
<i>Digital Book Checkouts</i>	28,147	26,358	4,421	4,048
<i>Digital Audio Checkouts</i>	32,834	28,643	5,414	4,567
<i>Digital Consortia Checkouts</i>	37,718	68,056	6,091	10,749
Digital Circulation Total	98,699	123,057	15,926	19,364
Online Resources				
<i>ABCmouse.com (free)</i>	217	260	30	23
<i>ASLdeafined</i>	2,128	n/a	424	n/a
<i>AtoZdatabases</i>	242	224	23	46
<i>Brainfuse</i>	9,457	13,181	1,464	2,086
<i>Britannica (CSL Grant funded)</i>	534	117	187	34
<i>Gale</i>	1,590	2,046	203	198
<i>Mitchell</i>	183	130	27	23
<i>Newsbank</i>	4,040	1,056	556	541
<i>New York Times</i>	1,441	3,737	210	171
<i>PebbleGo Science (CSL Grant funded)</i>	48	9	4	1
<i>Pronunciator</i>	385	712	41	74
<i>Proquest (CSL Grant funded)</i>	397	320	51	24
<i>Teaching Books (CSL Grant funded)</i>	9,733	6,826	2,063	843
<i>TumbleBooks</i>	5,127	1,323	1,728	710
Online Resources Total	35,522	35,768	7,011	5,753



Digital FY 2024-2025

Printed Pages	103,960	64,738	15,335	9,307
Documents Printed	32,705	21,499	4,978	3107
Online Registrations	341	132	49	56
Digital Marketing				
<i>Email Newsletter (Patron Point)*</i>	56,435	47,258	9,658	8,118
<i>Email Campaign (Patron Point)*</i>	137,240	36,558	4,649	4,727
<i>Paid Ads (Social Media)</i>				
<i>Impressions</i>	84,916	446,695	0	0
<i>Engagement</i>	24,946	82,510	0	0
<i>Social Media Presence</i>				
<i>Organic Impressions</i>	870,643	1,444,301	120,092	65,687
<i>Engagement</i>	41,276	730,483	5,224	33,668
Digital Marketing Total	1,215,456	2,787,805	139,623	112,200

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Paid Ads: Impressions

The number of times your ads were on screen. If an ad is on screen and someone scrolls down, and then scrolls back up to the same ad, that counts as 1 impression. If an ad is on screen for someone 2 different times a day, that counts as 2 impressions.

Paid Ads: Engagement

The total number of actions that people take involving your ads. Post engagements can include actions such as reacting to, commenting on or sharing the ad, claiming an offer, viewing a photo or video, or clicking on a link.

Social Media: Organic Impressions

This total includes Facebook, Instagram and Twitter impressions. The number of times your Page's posts entered a person's screen through unpaid distribution.

Social Media: Engagement

The number of unique people who engaged in certain ways with your Page post. Engagement is liking, sharing, commenting, clicking or viewing a video post.

**HASKETT BRANCH AND PONDEROSA
JOINT-USE LIBRARY**



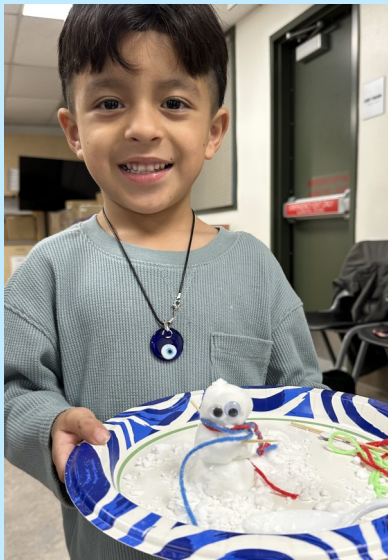
JANUARY

2026

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

On Saturday, January 3, Library Technician Celia Chavez led the monthly **STEAM Explorers** program at the Haskett Library Branch. This month's program, *Let's Make Snow!*, allowed 26 patrons to explore chemistry by creating artificial snow using baking soda, shaving cream, and water.

Using bowls and pipettes, patrons learned proper measuring techniques and problem-solved when mixtures varied in consistency. Once the correct balance was achieved, participants shaped their snow into snowmen. Vinegar was then introduced to demonstrate how acids react with bases, and a few patrons eagerly tested it, watching their snowmen "melt." Before leaving, patrons enjoyed hot chocolate with toppings and took their snow home. Several asked for the recipe so they could recreate the experiment at home.



Cinema Sunday took place on Sunday, January 4th at the Haskett Branch Library. Families joined us for our monthly, family-friendly film experience, where they enjoyed complimentary snacks and drinks while watching *Monster Inc.* Event led by Yvette Saldivar welcomed a total of 14 attendees.

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

On January 5 and January 7, Library Technician Celia Chavez brought STEAM programming to the Wings after-school programs at Hansen and Twila Reid Elementary Schools. This collaboration, made possible through **Lunch at The Library, Partner Project**, allowed 47 students to participate in hands-on STEAM activities.

Students became excited upon hearing about Anaheim Public Library, especially the Haskett Branch, with several sharing that they had visited before. Participants learned about light reflection, symmetry, persistence of vision, and color theory through interactive crafts. Activities included creating color-spinning discs using primary colors and building kaleidoscopes with mirrored paper, cardboard cylinders, and colorful beads.

Students were also introduced to APL resources and the upcoming Winter Reading Program. Many recalled past reading program rewards and were excited to learn that this year's sponsor is P.F. Chang's. Students left thanking staff, sharing ideas for future programs, and asking when APL would return.



Attendance included 23 students at Twila Reid Elementary
and 24 students at Hansen Elementary.

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

On Wednesday, January 14, the **Artsy Kids** program was held at the Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch. A total of 24 young artists participated, learning new artistic skills through guided, step-by-step painting instruction. Participants explored a variety of painting techniques and materials, allowing their creativity to shine as their artwork came to life. The program was well received, with attendees expressing strong enthusiasm for future art sessions.



Program made possible by APL Friends.

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

On January 15, the **Haskett Chess Club**, hosted by Library Technician Luis Dircio, held its first chess meet-up with six players and three spectators in attendance. The club focused on casual games against fellow players, solving chess puzzles—including one-move and two-move checkmates—and challenging Chester the Chess Bot A.I.

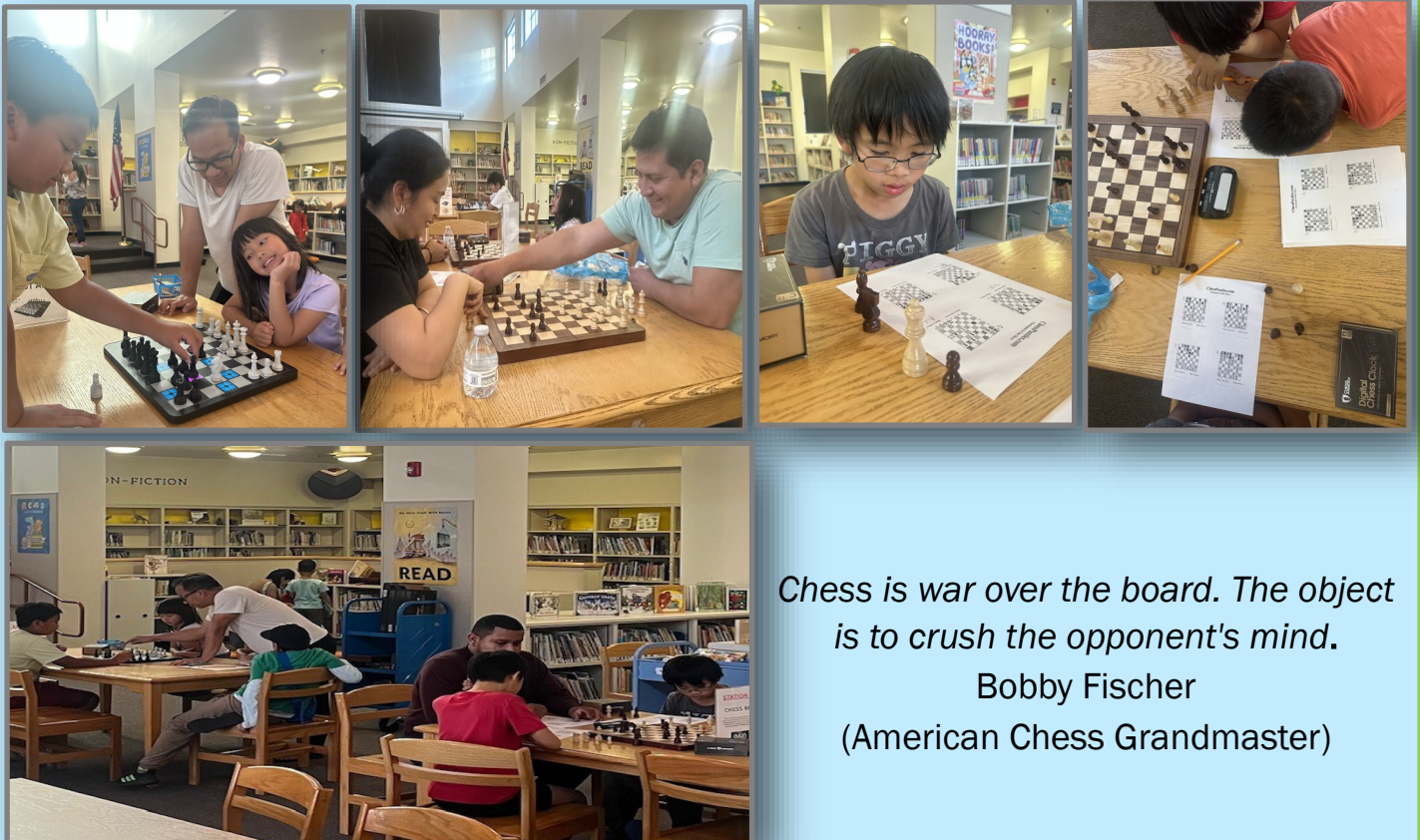
A highlight of the meeting was that many participants were introduced to chess puzzles for the first time, sparking curiosity and excitement as they learned how to find checkmate in one (easy) and two moves (intermediate). Overall, the program was a successful first meeting, offering players the opportunity to strengthen their problem-solving skills, learn new strategies, and gain confidence in improving their overall chess game.



*"Chess is the struggle against the error" -
Johannes Zukertort (British-Polish Chessmaster)*

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

On January 17, Library Technician Luis Dircio hosted the **Ponderosa Chess Club** with 14 participants into the program. Members not only played competitive chess but also developed critical thinking skills through structured learning. Beginners were taught how to checkmate in one move, while advanced players challenged themselves with checkmate-in-two puzzles. A major highlight of the club was the intense and motivating rivalry between Luis (8 years old) & Alex (10 years old), who emerged as the chess masters of the program, consistently battling each other at a high level. Alex stood out as the strongest player in the club, generously sharing his knowledge and helping others improve and play to the best of their ability. Overall, the club fostered skill-building, mentorship, and a strong sense of chess community.



Chess is war over the board. The object is to crush the opponent's mind.

Bobby Fischer
(American Chess Grandmaster)

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

On Tuesday, January 20, Library Assistant Ivan Dorado hosted a **Mario Kart Tournament** for kids. Four participants competed in a friendly race to the finish line, all vying for the top spot. The kids had a great time playing against one another while enjoying snacks and drinks throughout the tournament. Events like this help children build social skills, practice teamwork and sportsmanship, and engage positively with peers in a safe, welcoming environment. The tournament was filled with excitement, laughter, and plenty of fun.



On Saturday, January 24, the Ponderosa Joint-Use Library hosted a **Winter Craft** program led by Librarian Jamie Turner. Seven participants enjoyed creating their own snow trees. Programs like this provide valuable opportunities for creativity, skill-building, and community engagement for children and families. Parents shared their excitement and are looking forward to the next program, DIY Valentine's Day cards, in February.

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

To kick-off the new year, the Link Labs hosted **Drop by and D.I.Y.**, a new biweekly series featuring simple projects for patrons to try makerspace equipment and learn new skills. Library Assistants Alexa Zamorano and Martha Han themed this month's projects to promote the annual Winter Reading Program. On January 10th, 34 patrons made sublimated bookmarks, choosing either a pre-printed design or coloring their own template with sublimation markers. On January 24th, 46 patrons cut vinyl stickers to customize their own items, such as water bottles or notebooks. Both projects could be completed within minutes and introduced patrons of all ages to new ways to create in the Makerspace.



HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY



On Friday, January 9, the third installment of Haskett Branch's teen-led **Philosophy Series** introduced eleven teen and adult attendees to *Categorical Logic and Reasoning*, exploring Aristotelian logic and its practical, real-world applications.

During the program, participants learned the fundamentals of logical reasoning, engaged in thoughtful debate, and practiced identifying strong and weak arguments. The session encouraged critical thinking, lively discussion, and deeper understanding, making it another successful and engaging program in the series.

Four fiber artists joined Library Technician Kelly Bryson for **Elva's Fiber Club** on Tuesday, January 13. Participants shared ideas, showed off recent projects, and worked on items currently on their hooks and needles. To help promote the *Books on the Menu* Winter Reading Program, Kelly even penned a haiku in honor of the occasion:

*We came to knit
and crochet. We talked too much
and time flew away!*



HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

The Haskett Branch welcomed back **Painter's Space** on Wednesday, January 14, bringing together 26 participants to paint Wassily Kandinsky's *Winter Landscape*. The session began with a brief introduction to Kandinsky's contributions to abstract art, highlighting how his use of color and form reflected emotional and musical influences rather than literal representation.

Participants then followed guided instruction from Instructor Tiffanie Nguyen to recreate the piece using acrylics on canvas, focusing on color blending, composition, and expressive brushwork. Attendees represented a wide range of ages and experience levels, creating a vibrant atmosphere of shared creativity and learning. Many participants noted that they appreciated the combination of art history context and hands-on practice, which deepened their appreciation of the artist's style and techniques. Special thanks to Librarian Marisa Hernandez and Library Assistant Cecilia Chavez for bringing Painter's Space to the branch for this winter-themed program! Program made possible thanks to APL Friends



HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

The Ponderosa Branch hosted a fantastic all-ages **Painter's Space** program on Saturday, January 17, bringing together 24 participants to learn about the legacy of Frank W. Benson while recreating his iconic winter piece, *Chickadees in Winter*. The session opened with an introduction to Benson's contributions to American Impressionism and his focus on capturing light and natural movement, as seen in the chickadees featured in this work.

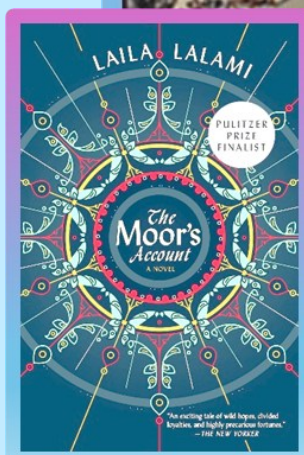
Participants explored how Benson used soft tones and delicate brushwork to evoke the quiet beauty of winter scenes. Through guided instruction from Painter's Space lead Tiffanie Nguyen, attendees learned step-by-step techniques to recreate the painting, with an emphasis on layering, composition, and the subtle challenges of depicting wildlife in a wintry environment. The program offered a relaxed and collaborative atmosphere where participants could express their creativity while deepening their appreciation for one of America's most beloved Impressionist painters. Special thanks to Librarian Marisa Hernandez and Library Assistant Cecilia Chavez for bringing Painter's Space back to Ponderosa this month!



Program made possible thanks to APL Friends.

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

The Haskett Branch's **Adult Book Club** discussion opened its 2026 season with *The Moor's Account* by Laila Lalami on January 21. Lalami's novel received the 2015 American Book Award. *The Moor's Account* is a fictionalized retelling of the 1527 expedition of Pánfilo de Narváez from Spain to the New World, La Florida, as narrated by Estebanico, a Moorish slave and survivor of the journey.



Participants in the discussion found the novel gripping, though not light reading. They noted that Estebanico's storytelling is engaging and highly recommended *The Moor's Account* to fans of historical fiction. Attendees enjoyed a lively conversation while sipping free coffee, courtesy of Starbucks. Special thanks to Library Assistant Angel Saucedo for making this possible. As of January, Librarian Rosemarie Perrone is leading the the Adult Book Club—program

HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

On Thursday, January 22, Library Technician Kelly Bryson led the monthly **Crafty Adults** program. A group of eight adults, four of them brand new, gathered to enjoy some "me" time. Participants were invited to explore the crafty remains from previous programs and choose what they'd like to create. This flexible format gives everyone a chance to try a project they may have missed the first time or revisit a craft they especially enjoyed, while also helping make good use of leftover supplies from past programs. The relaxed, creative atmosphere encourages exploration, conversation, and creativity at their own pace.



HASKETT AND PONDEROSA JOINT-USE LIBRARY

On Tuesday, January 13, Librarians Marisa Hernandez and Chloe Carrillo-Hidalgo attended **Brookhurst Junior High School's Back-to-School Night**, where they distributed 150 permanent collection books to students to help build home libraries. The librarians also connected with fellow community organizations and shared information about Anaheim Public Library programs and services. Special thanks to Sarahi from Brookhurst Junior High's Project S.A.Y. for the partnership and invitation—we truly appreciate the opportunity to support students and families. Over 325 youth and their families were in attendance.





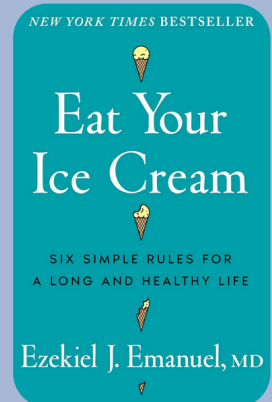
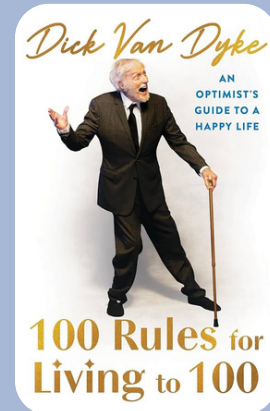
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EUCLID BRANCH BOARD REPORT



EUCLID LIBRARY VISITS SENIORS AT DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER



On January 14, Librarian Rosemarie Perrone visited the seniors at the City's Downtown Community Center during which she presented the books Dick Van Dyke's *100 Rules for Living to 100: An Optimist's Guide to a Happy Life* and Ezekiel Emanuel's, *Eat Your Ice Cream: Six Simple Rules for a Long and Healthy Life*.

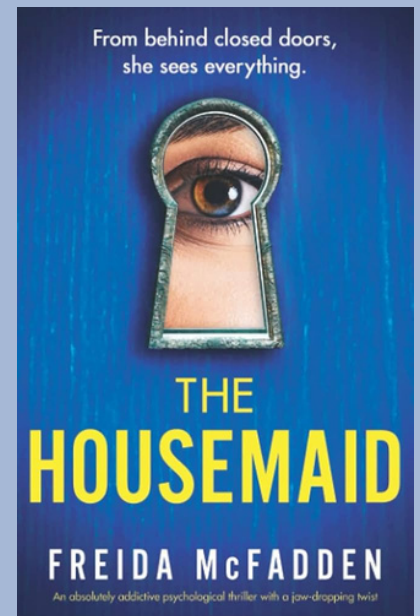
The seniors enjoyed learning about these two books and shared their opinions about maintaining a healthy life. At the end of the session, the seniors checked out other inspirational library books that Rosemarie brought over.

BOOK DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS



Euclid Library's book discussion for adults was held on January 20th and featured Freida McFadden's *The Housemaid*. The attendees at the book discussion qualify McFadden's novel as an 'easy read' because of its short suspenseful chapters that lead to the 'big' twist in part III.

The attendees enjoyed the lively discussion while they took a sip of coffee of Starbucks. Thank you to Library Assistant Angel Saucedo for making this possible.



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OPEN MIC

Members of the local community shared their talents at Euclid Library's Open Mic on January 15. To the audience's delight the performers recited poems, delivered short talks about dog training, lowriders, mind-reading, as well as rendered beautiful songs. A wonderful way to end an evening at Euclid Library!



UKULELE LESSONS



During the month of January Ukulele Jammin' students learned to transition between difficult chords and mix a strumming pattern in as well. They practiced these skills while playing the song *La Vie en Rose*.

PAINTER'S SPACE



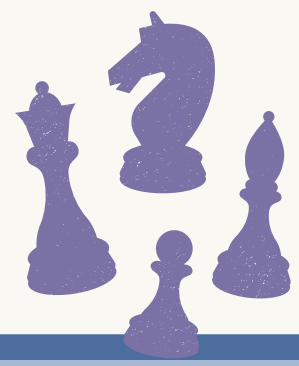
On Wednesday, January 7th, the Euclid Branch hosted Painter's Space, gathering 25 participants to create a winter-themed painting inspired by Bob Ross.

Guided by Painter's Space's lead, Tiffanie Nguyen, attendees of varying ages engaged in recreating a painting that helped them practice using different kinds of brushes and stroke techniques. The program fostered a peaceful, joyous atmosphere where participants could connect with art, nature, and their families.

Thanks to teen volunteer and artist Tiffanie Nguyen for creating this spirited, and creative program for families to bond together and share their love of art.

**This program was sponsored by
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CHESS CLUB



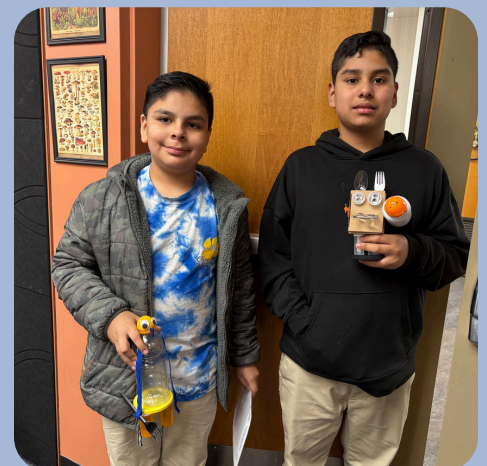
On January 21, Luis Dircio (Library Technician) hosted 18 participants at Euclid Chess Club! It was an outstanding success, welcoming kids, teens, and adults to play the art of chess. The program created a collaborative environment where experienced players naturally stepped in to teach and support beginners.

The excitement and positive energy throughout the program left many attendees looking forward to the next Chess Club session.

UPCYCLED ROBOT CHALLENGE



On Wednesday, January 28, Euclid Branch Library welcomed Child Creativity Lab who led an Upcycled Robot Challenge workshop. 25 participants took part in creating their own robots made out of recycled items. Participants were instructed on how to use their imagination and simply create. As participants created, Creativity Lab staff discussed the process of design with purpose and how to create a robot that they could use in life. One creative inventor made a robot that would sort and remind us to take vitamins and medicine, while another inventor created a robot that would help them make their bed and clean the floors. Everyone had a blast using their imaginations to create!



SUNKIST BRANCH



LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

JANUARY 2026



FEATURED PROGRAMS

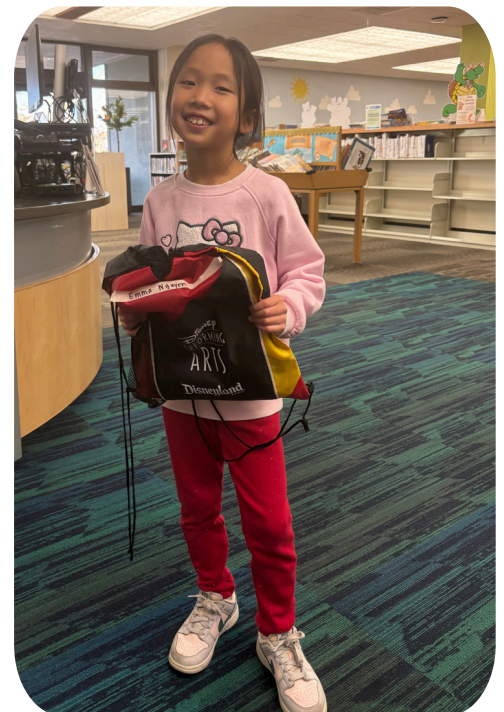
AFTER SCHOOL SNACK TIME



Youth aged 0-18 are invited to enjoy a tasty after-school treat every afternoon Monday-Thursday starting January 20th. This new program is led by Librarian Michael Sistrunck.

WINTER READING PROGRAM BOOKS ON THE MENU

Patrons are incentivized to read win prizes during the Winter Reading Program. Participants can win a prize for every 5 books or every 300 minutes read. Many readers of all ages have joined.



FEATURED PROGRAMS

ALL FOR KIDS PARENTING CLASS

JANUARY 6

All For Kids is a nonprofit focused in strengthening vulnerable children, their parents and the communities in which they live. All For Kids partnered with Sunkist Library to present a Parenting Class focused on creating new goals in the new year.



SPICE CLUB: GOCHUGARU

JANUARY 22



Patrons enjoyed a demonstration and recipe tasting hosted by PT Librarian Urusa Ali. This program was generously funded by the Anaheim Public Library Foundation.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

S.T.E.A.M PUZZLE PARTY

JANUARY 16TH

This month's S.T.E.A.M. program focused on puzzles of all kinds in a puzzlepalooza.

These fun and informative programs filled with science, technology, engineering, art and math are led by Librarian Michael Sistrunck. The program was generously funded by the Anaheim Public Library Foundation.



ALL AGES PROGRAMS

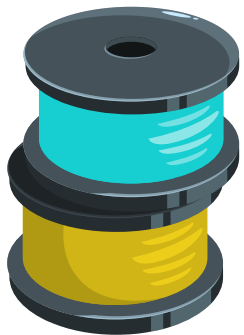
PAINT AND RELAX

JANUARY 31

CREATING ART WHILE VIBING TO TUNES



Paint and relax is run by PT Library Assistant Carly Cretney Petersen.



3D PRINTING WORKSHOPS

LEARNING VITAL SKILLS

JANUARY 8, 10, & 26



3D printing workshops continue to be very popular at Sunkist. 3D Printing workshops are led by Librarian Michael Sistrunck. These workshops are generously funded by the Anaheim Public Library Foundation.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

LILO & STITCH MOVIE DAY

JANUARY 17



This month's fun Family Movie Day featured the new Lilo & Stitch Movie. Patrons enjoyed snacks while watching with their families.



PT Librarian Jennifer Cox runs the monthly Family Movie Day program.

READ WITH DOGS

JANUARY 28

LITERACY AND FURRY FRIENDS

The Pet Prescription Team brought their therapy dogs to Sunkist to serve as eager listeners to young readers.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STAY AND PLAY

FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS

TUESDAYS

This weekly program supports pre-literacy skills and school readiness. It is run by PT Librarian Jennifer Cox.

Parents and caregivers also have an opportunity to socialize with other adults while they play with their children.



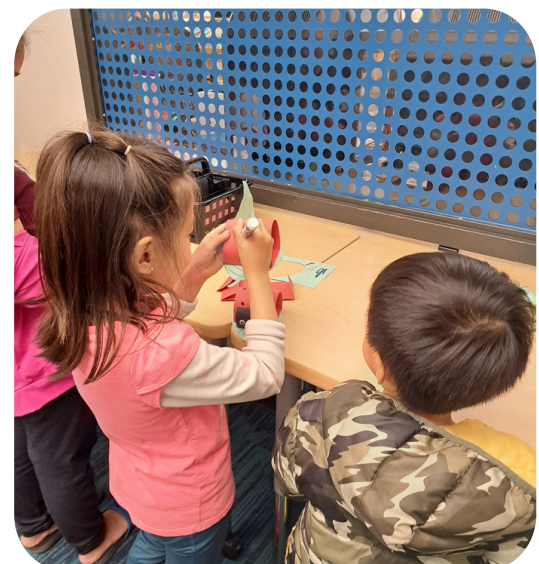
FAMILY STORYTIME

TUESDAYS

FUN FOR ALL AGES



Fun stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family followed by crafts and play! This program is led by PT Librarian Jennifer Cox.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

TODDLER STORYTIME

THURSDAYS

FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Engaging stories, songs, and crafts that are tailored to little ones.

This weekly program for toddlers and their families is led by PT Librarian Jennifer Cox.



BILINGUAL STORYTIME & CRAFT

BILINGUAL FUN

JANUARY 29



Librarian Michael Sistrunck led a bilingual story and craft in this new monthly program to engage bilingual families.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN MOVIE DAY

JANUARY 23



This month's teen movie day led by PT Library Assistant Carly Cretney Petersen was a screening of the Barbie. Participants enjoyed snacks as well.

CODING TO ALL MONDAYS

Representatives from CodingToAll held weekly coding sessions conducted via Zoom.

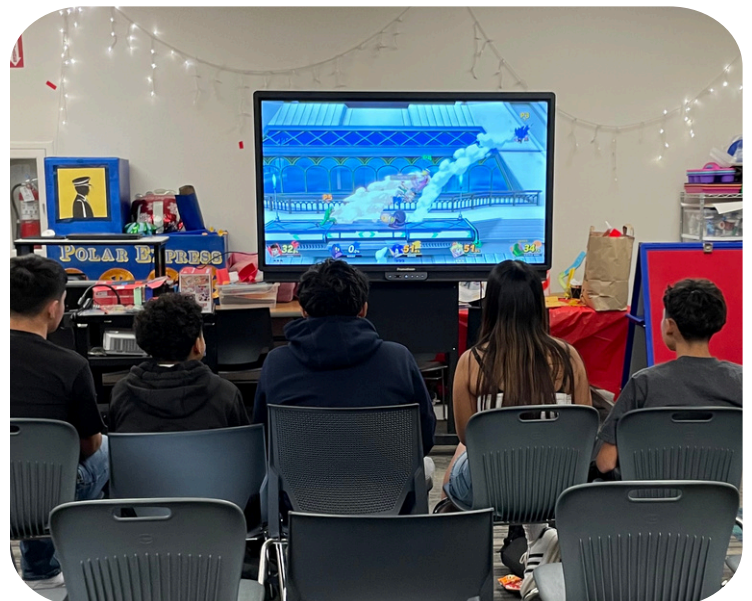


NINTENDO SWITCH GAME DAY

JANUARY 9

TEENS TEST THEIR GAMING SKILLS

Teens enjoyed snacks and video games during this monthly program. PT Library Assistant Carly Cretney Petersen runs monthly teen video game days.



ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

JANUARY 7

DAUGHTER OF FORTUNE



Sunkist's Adult Book Club met to discuss the book *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende. The Club is led by PT Library Assistant Carly Cretney Petersen. Attendees shared their thoughts and enjoyed a lively discussion of the book and the related historical events the book chronicles through the lives of various characters.

NEEDLEWORK IN THE NOVELS

JANUARY 9

CRAFTING TOGETHER



Participants of this program are encouraged to bring in their unfinished crafting projects to work on while hanging out and conversing. PT Library Assistant Carly Cretney Petersen hosted this month's program.



ADULT PROGRAMS

BASIC COMPUTER WORKSHOP

JANUARY 21

TECH CAFE & COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

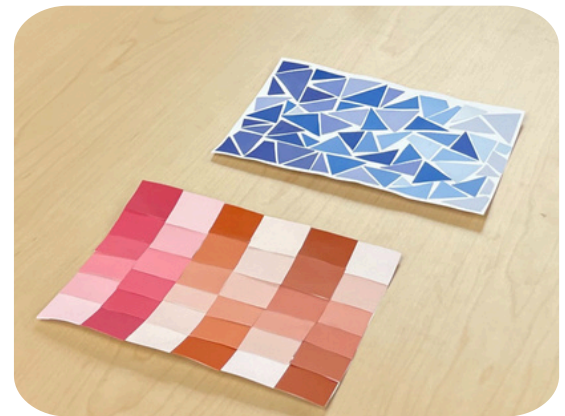
The topic for this month's session is a tech cafe where patrons can be assisted with any computer, phone or tablet questions. Librarian Michael Sistrunck hosted the program.



ADULT ART PROGRAM: PAINT SWATCH ART

JANUARY 14

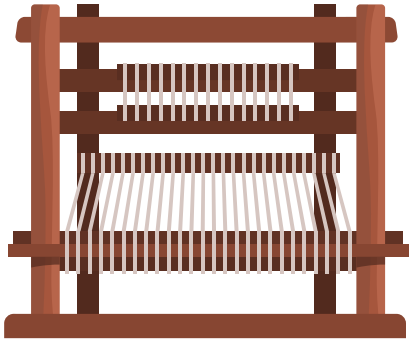
This month's adult art program featured DIY ornaments filled with glitter like sand art. This monthly program is led by PT Library Assistant Carly Cretney Petersen.



ADULT PROGRAMS

SENIOR ART CLASS: LOOM WEAVING WALLETS

JANUARY 20



ENGAGING OLDER ADULTS



Older adults in this month's program created wallets by weaving them on a loom. The monthly art classes for older adults are led by local artist Marsha Judd and are generously supported by the Anaheim Public Library Foundation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

KATELLA HIGH OPEN HOUSE

This month, Sunkist staff participated in community outreach at Katella High School where library staff gave out free books and other materials to local community members. PT Library Assistant Carly Cretney Petersen attended the Katella High School Open House and discussed resources and materials available for teens at the branch.



SOUTH JR HIGH LUNCH STOP

Librarian Michael Sistrunck attended an outreach event at South Jr. High in collaboration with Mobile Services where he promoted Sunkist's new Lunch at the Library After School Snack Site Program.



COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Librarian Michael Sistrunck represented Sunkist Library at the 2nd annual Community Resource Fair at Katella High School on Saturday January 24th. He gave out flyers, talked to interested people about library resources while also encouraging everyone to pick out books to keep to help them grow their own at home libraries.



APL East Region

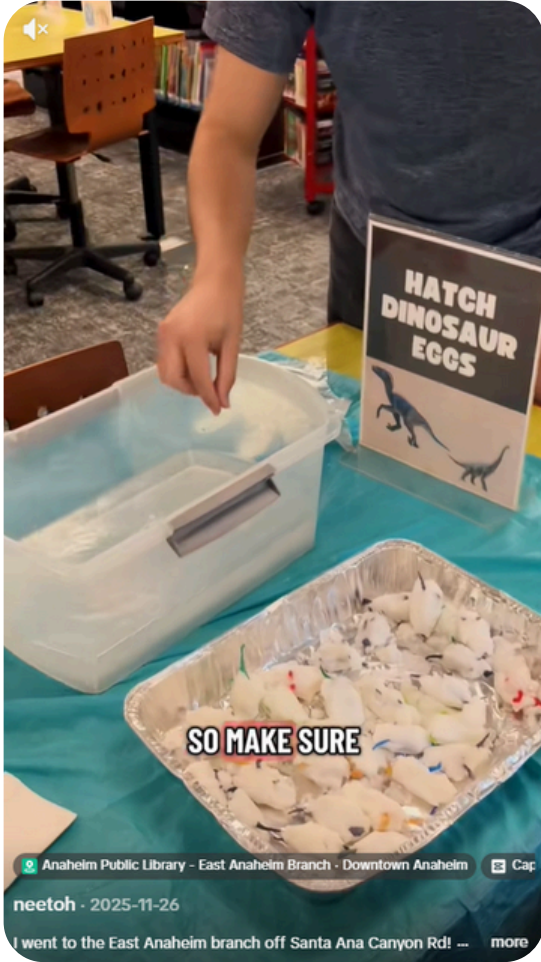
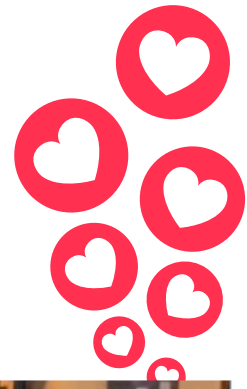
Canyon Hills Branch
East Anaheim Branch

January Board Report





EAST ANAHEIM GOES VIRAL



In November 2025, a patron posted a TikTok video featuring the East Anaheim Library, highlighting its programs and resources. The video went viral, earning over 210,000 views and 25,000 likes. As a result, the East Anaheim Branch saw a surge in new library card registrations, with 175 new users signing up between November and January. A HUGE SHOUTOUT to our amazing clerks



PASSIVE PROGRAMS: DISPLAYS

East Anaheim



Displays are a type of passive program that engage patrons through visual storytelling and highlight library themes, resources, and activities. A HUGE Shout-Out to Principal Librarian Rachel Tustin and Librarian Urusa Ali for coming up with different ideas every month.



READ WITH THE DOGS

East Anaheim | January 8



The "Read with the Dogs" program is a fun and exciting way for kids to boost their reading skills. Children read aloud to professionally trained therapy dogs, which helps them feel more confident and improves their reading fluency. This month, Alliance Therapy Dogs visited the library with three friendly dogs, attracting 21 visitors.



STEAM SUNDAY: GLITTER JARS

East Anaheim | January 11



Librarian Urusa Ali led a very glittery STEAM program for 35 patrons, where children created mindfulness glitter jars using glitter, glycerin, and water. Participants were captivated as the glitter slowly swirled and settled, and the activity introduced young learners to simple strategies for calming big emotions and practicing mindfulness.



TALK & TREATS

East Anaheim | January 15



“Demon Copperhead” by Barbara Kingsolver won both the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2023 Women’s Prize for Fiction.

Members of the book club described Kingsolver’s novel as “heartbreaking,” reflecting on the main protagonist’s struggles with various challenges, including poverty, failing schools, athletic rivalries, foster care, child labor, intergenerational trauma, opioid addiction, tumultuous relationships, and profound losses. Despite the heavy themes, the attendees highly recommend “Demon Copperhead” to adult readers. They enjoyed engaging in discussions while sipping complimentary coffee provided by Starbucks. We extend our gratitude to Library Assistant Angel Saucedo for making this gathering possible.



ROMP AND RHYME STORIES AND PLAYTIME

Canyon Hills | Tuesday Mornings



Librarian Jenn DeBaun-Holm's Tuesday storytime reached a new milestone, with 118 children and their caregivers attending on January 27th. They gathered to build early literacy skills through engaging stories, songs, play, and social interaction. Jenn has received several positive comments from patrons, but one comment truly stood out. A grandmother, who attended with her daughter and grandchildren, shared with Jenn, "I'm a therapist for children, and I must say you are perfect for this line of work. You have such wonderful energy and connect brilliantly with the kids. Although my grandkids don't live nearby, I always make sure to bring them to your storytime. You are exceptional!"

DIRECTED DRAW SERIES

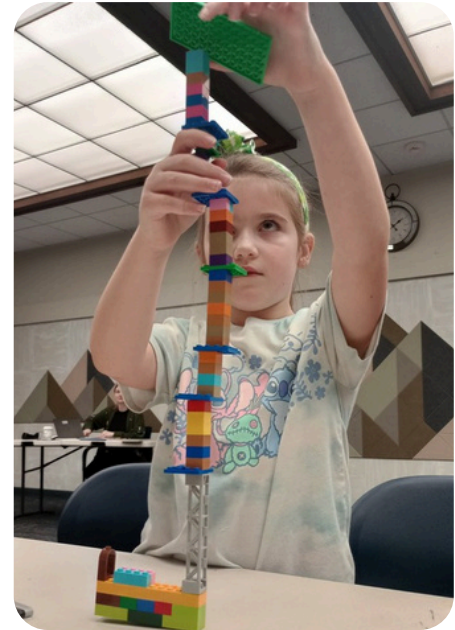
Canyon Hills | January 3



During this step by step lesson, 34 patrons followed along and drew their very own owls. We introduced various patterns to give the owls more details. Once the drawing phase was complete, watercolors were distributed, allowing participants to add vibrant hues to their creations. The room buzzed with excitement as each person painted their owl with a unique palette, transforming their sketches into vivid works of art.

ADVENTURES IN STEAM: LEGO IN THE LIBRARY

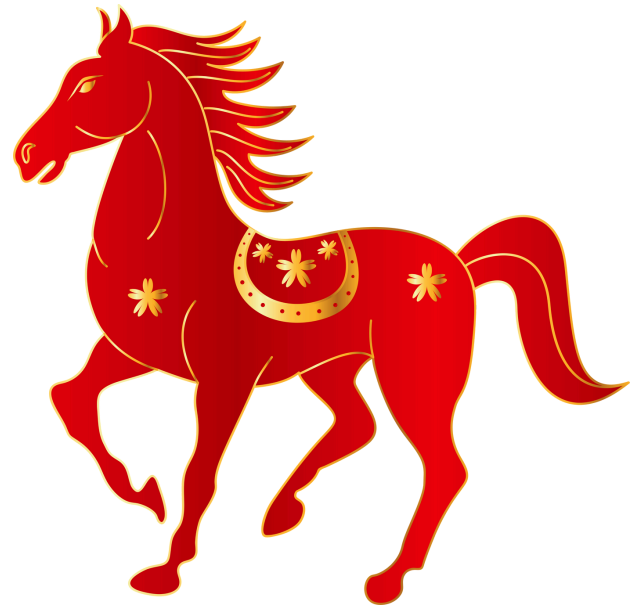
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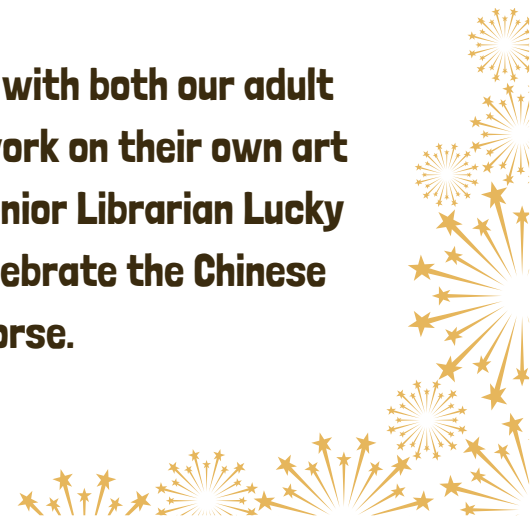
Due to popular demand, Canyon hosted another session of "Lego in the Library" as part of our monthly STEAM series. While some master builders freely created their designs, others utilized resource books that Library Technician Amanda had selected from the juvenile non-fiction section. Parents were pleasantly surprised to discover that they could check out those books. One parent remarked, "I didn't even know that libraries had such books!" In total, we had 20 builders, and 10 Lego building guidebooks were checked out, including some that were on display in the library to promote the program.

HAPPY ART PROGRAM

Canyon Hills | Wednesdays



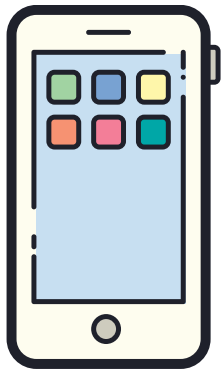
The Happy Art Program continues to be a success with both our adult and older adult patrons. Participants are free to work on their own art projects or participate in a craft activity led by Senior Librarian Lucky Duran. In January, Lucky introduced a craft to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year—the Year of the Horse.





DROP-IN TECH CAFE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Canyon Hills | Thursdays



 **Drop-in Tech Cafe for Older Adults** 



 **Thursdays**
2:00 - 3:30 PM

Keeping up with changing technology can be tough, but we're here to help! Visit the Canyon Hills Tech Café for friendly, stress-free assistance.

*If you need more information, contact Senior Librarian-Lucky Duran at 714-765-6444 or lduran@anaheim.net

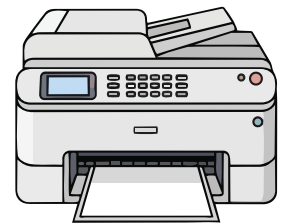
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This month's Tech Cafe welcomed a new patron who needed assistance connecting her printer to her new laptop via Wi-Fi. What made this situation remarkable was that the patron brought her HP printer, box and all, to the Tech Cafe! Additionally, we had a few other patrons with the usual request:

"Help! How do I use my iPhone?"



KIDS 3D PRINTING

Canyon Hills | January 12



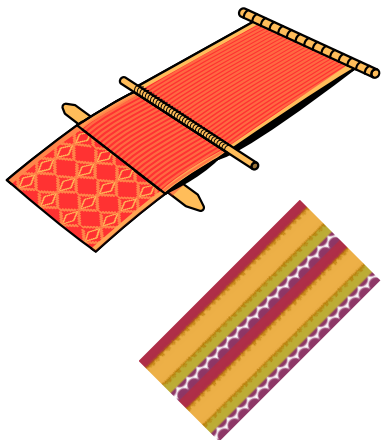
27 excited kids and parents turned out for this month's 3D Printing workshop. Participants had fun designing their own customized bookmarks, and the first three participants who finished their designs got to see them printed during class!



MARSHA JUDD ART CLASS



Canyon Hills | January 13



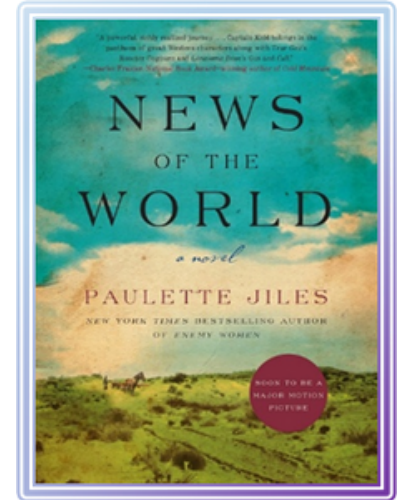
This month, Marsha taught the class how to create a mini loom using cardboard. She also shared the history of weaving and explained that the earliest red dyes were derived from insects!





TALK & TREATS BOOK CLUB

Canyon Hills | January 15



This month, attendees expressed their admiration for Paulette Jiles' novel "News of the World." They appreciated her use of "austere and lyrical prose" in capturing the essence of the American West while showing deep respect for indigenous cultures.



Attendees enjoyed the lively book discussion while sipping free coffee courtesy of Starbucks. Thanks to Library Assistant Angel Saucedo for making this possible!



FUN WITH STEAM: EXPLODING SNOWMEN

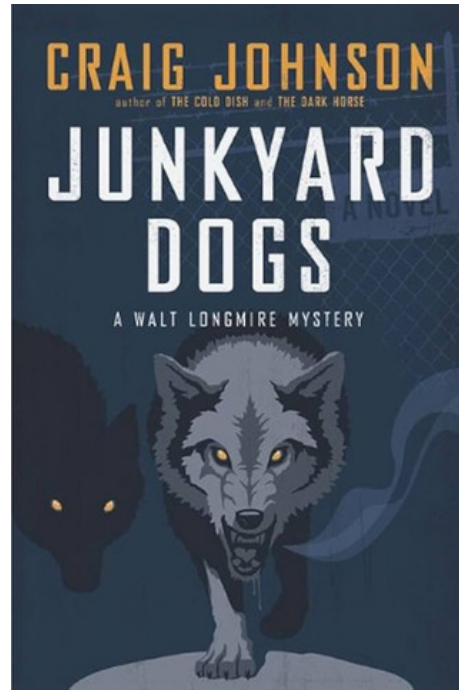
Canyon Hills | January 16



Librarian Jenn DeBaun-Holm collaborated with the Canyon High School Science National Honor Society to organize an engaging and interactive STEAM workshop for children aged 5 to 12. 52 participants explored chemical reactions by creating exploding snowmen and color-changing paper. The children were thrilled to see their snowmen grow as the gases inside them expanded, culminating in an awesome explosion! We received numerous positive remarks from parents and eagerly anticipate hosting more STEAM activities in the future.

WALT LONGMIRE MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Canyon Hills | January 17



"Junkyard Dogs" is the sixth book in Craig Johnson's Walt Longmire Mystery series. In this adventure, Sheriff Walt Longmire dives into a dispute between developers and a junkyard owner. Things take a wild turn when a severed thumb shows up, leading to a series of murders. The story combines fun Western elements with modern crime, all while delivering the humor and fantastic characters that make the series so enjoyable.

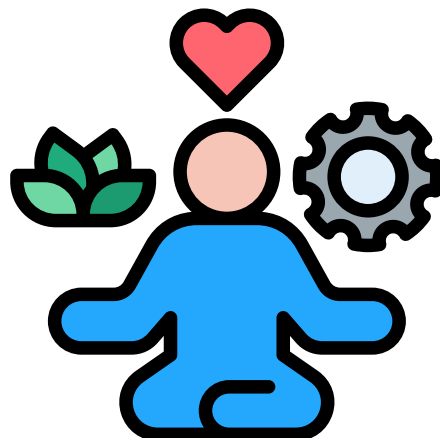


ALZHEIMER'S ORANGE COUNTY ONLINE PROGRAM

Canyon Hills | January 20



This month's topic was "Mind Your Mood: Stress, Emotions, and Brain Health." The online webinar focused on how mood and emotional well-being directly impact memory, focus, and overall brain health. Participants learned about the effects of chronic stress and unmanaged emotions on cognitive function. Presenter Lauren Weiss discussed practical strategies for protecting the brain and shared tools for managing stress, boosting resilience, and supporting emotional balance to promote a healthier mind at any age.



VIRTUAL REALITY IN THE LIBRARY

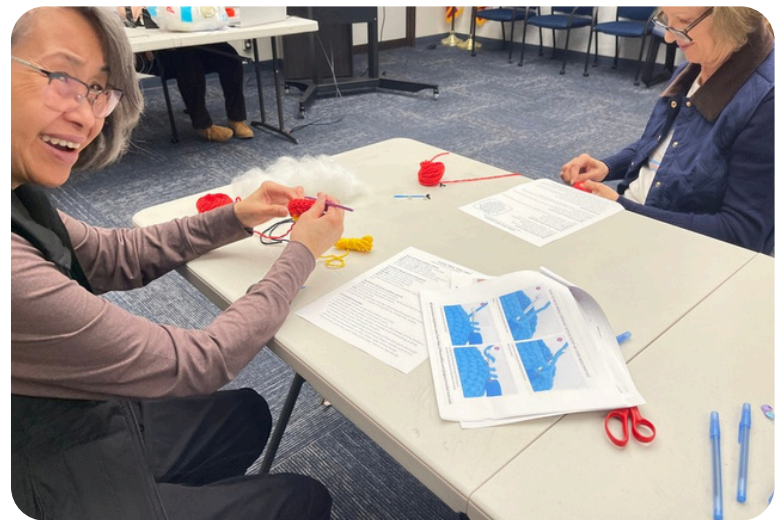
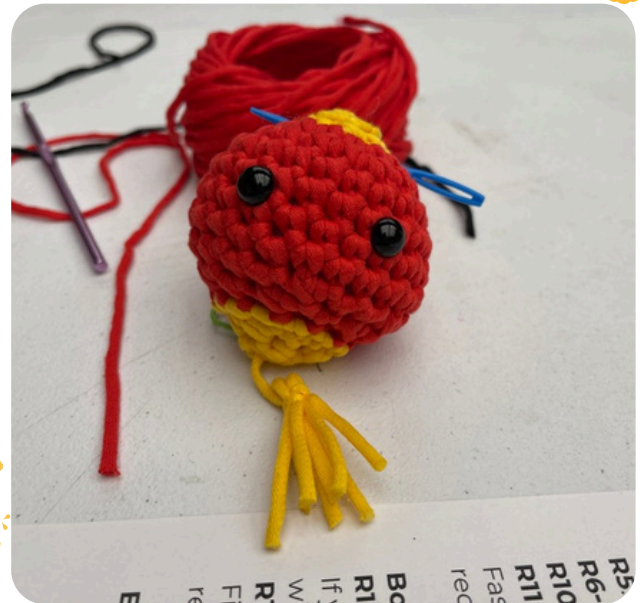
Canyon Hills | January 21



28 participants of all ages filled the Canyon Hills teen space this month to try a variety of virtual experiences on the Library's Meta Quest VR headsets. Several participants vocalized how impressed they were with the level of immersion in virtual space.

CROCHET CLASS: LUNAR NEW YEAR LANTERNS

Canyon Hills | January 24



Fourteen teens and adults celebrated the upcoming Lunar New Year with Librarian Jenn DeBaun-Holm by crocheting amigurumi lantern plushies! While the project was challenging, participants appreciated learning new skills and love their finished projects!



DIRECTED DRAW SERIES

Canyon Hills | January 24



For January, we held a second directed draw class! In this step-by-step lesson, 17 patrons followed along and created their own fire horse drawings for the Lunar New Year. Using photos from other artist's collections, participants patterned their horses using warm colors. Red and orange liquid water colors were used to infuse their creations with vibrant hues. We then used gold glitter to add The work done in this class was beyond impressive and they were excited to show off their art!

TEEN TUESDAY: BAG CHARMS

Canyon Hills | January 27



This month, as part of our new teen craft series, pre-teens and teens decorated wooden snowflakes and transformed them into bag charms. During the session, Library Technician Amanda facilitated a discussion where the teens could share what was causing them stress in school. While working on their snowflakes, the teens expressed excitement about the upcoming Teen Tuesday crafts scheduled for the rest of the semester.

RETRO GAMES DAY

Canyon Hills | January 28



A crowd of 37 participants of all ages visited in waves this month; regulars gravitating toward their favorites, and newcomers trying out different games and consoles. Several adults were impressed that the older systems like the Commodore 64 (from 1982) and Nintendo Famicom (from 1983) were still functional; kids, on the other hand, didn't question, they just had fun.

GIRL POWERED STEM NIGHT WITH CRESCENT ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS CLUB

Canyon Hills | January 30



Librarian Jenn DeBaun-Holm teamed up with Crescent Elementary's Robotics Club and OCSA film students to organize a fun evening filled with STEM activities for children. The goal of this event is to inspire girls to pursue careers in STEM and to rally community support for their endeavors. 106 people attended including the Principal and Vice Principal of Crescent Elementary School.

Heritage Services Report

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HERITAGE SERVICES:

Founders' Park:

Victorian Christmas at Founders' Park

Visitors to Founders' Park on Saturday, January 3rd were transported back to the Victorian era. All three buildings featured Yuletide decorations and docents dressed in period garb sharing the holiday traditions popularized during the 1800s.

95 visitors to the Woelke-Stoffel and Mother Colony Houses experienced the holidays as they were celebrated during the Victorian era. Nearly 400 visitors enjoyed a Victorian Christmas this year!



Victorian Christmas (Continued):

On display in the Woelke-Stoffel House were many Victorian era toys and games, including a Victorian dollhouse, antique toy kitchens, butcher and specialty merchandise shops, and a school classroom.



Marketed as educational toys, these items prepared children for their future occupations as homemakers, teachers, and business owners.

A new display this year featured Christmas themed literature published during the Victorian era. Following the success of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, adult and children's books and magazines with a holiday theme became popular Christmas gifts in the 1800s.



Victorian Christmas (Continued):

Visitors to the Mother Colony House experienced the holidays as celebrated in the winemaking colony in the 1860s and 1870s. Anaheim wines were incorporated into holiday themed dinners.



MENU.	
California Oysters on the half shell.	
SOUP	
Okra Soup. (Anaheim Sherry.)	
FISH.	
Baked Salmon. Sea Bass. (Anaheim Berger.)	
ENTREES.	
Sweetbreads with Green Peas. Chicken Croquettes.	
ROAST.	
Saddle of Mutton, Guava Jelly. Turkey, Cranberry Sauce. Sweet Potatoes. Asparagus. Lima Beans. Egg Plant. (Anaheim Claret.)	
GAME.	
Canvas-back Ducks. English Snipe. California Quail. (Anaheim Port.)	
DESSERT.	
Salad of Lettuce. Cheese. Malaga Grapes. Oranges. Fresh Figs. Strawberries. Charlotte Russe. Black Coffee.	

Victorian era feather trees – made from green-dyed goose feathers attached to wire branches – like the one in the Mother Colony House, were introduced from Germany and popularized in the U.S.



Victorian Christmas (Continued):

Visitors to the Carriage House learned how to size oranges and wrap them in holiday tissue paper, just as the packing house workers prepared Valencia oranges for shipping to the east coast for Christmas. And children were encouraged to play with popular toys such as hoops and sticks, and the antique toy livery stable.



Victorian Christmas
(Continued):

Families and other groups were encouraged to participate in the Victorian Christmas Scavenger Hunt, identifying items on display in all three buildings.



Special clues, created by talented Pat Grimm, were provided to help find the special artifacts on display.

All participants were winners and left with prizes, notecards and books!

The next Victorian Open House will be held on Saturday, February 7th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Find all of the pictured items and win a prize!
Ask a docent to stamp each item as you find it.



HERITAGE SERVICES:
Founders' Park – Public School Tours:

Founders' Park school tours continued with tours on January 23rd from Marshall, January 29th from Franklin, and January 30th from Orange Grove Elementary Schools.



December 2025 Statistics: There were 48 tours, with 232 third grade students and 52 adults. During the tour, they were treated to six hands-on activities, including doing laundry, grinding seeds, making butter, and dressing like a Victorian.



HERITAGE SERVICES:
Founders' Park (continued):

FOUNDERS' PARK SEED LIBRARY

JANUARY UPDATES

Founders' Park Open House - Plant
& Seed Swap

Saturday, January 3, 9 am - 12 pm

43 packets taken

Heritage Center Seedling Library

January 5 - January 31

32 packets taken



Spring Seed Swap-out!

The Seed Library will be refreshed for the Spring season. Senior Librarian Nichole Grimes will swap out the roots and flower drawers for more squash and cucumbers. Hopefully everyone can find new seeds for their garden.

HERITAGE SERVICES:
Founders' Park (continued):

Group Tours: On January 13th, Jane Newell provided a tour of Founders' Park for 17 members of the New Jersey Farm Bureau. They toured all three buildings, with the presentation emphasizing Anaheim's agricultural history.

The group was attending the 107th American Farm Bureau Convention at the Anaheim Convention Center.



HERITAGE SERVICES:
Anaheim Heritage Center:

December 2025 Statistics: There were 165 room tours with 180 visitors, 1,630 patrons with 877 reference questions and 172 information questions. [NOTE: The Heritage Center was closed from 12/22/25 – 1/2/26]



Founders Park Virtual Tours: During **January 2026**, there were the following number of views:

- Mother Colony = 18
- Woelke-Stoffel = 25
- Carriage House = 6

Historic Preservation – January 2026 Statistics:

- Historic Survey appointments: 1
- Historic Preservation reference: 7

HERITAGE SERVICES:
Anaheim Heritage Center (Continued):

Media/Outreach:

On January 10, 2026, the Anaheim Toastmasters Club 2 celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Established on January 19, 1926, the Anaheim Club was the second Toastmasters Club to be established in the United States. Displayed at the celebration were the Club’s early minutes and other records, on loan from the Anaheim Heritage Center. The history of the Anaheim Club was featured in the January 2026 issue of *Toastmaster* (official magazine of Toastmasters International), with the Anaheim Heritage Center acknowledged as the source of the collection.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Toastmasters’ Second-Oldest Club Turns 100

How Anaheim 2 helped shape today’s organization.

By Stephanie Darling



The second Toastmasters club receives its charter in 1926.

Toastmasters got a big membership boost on January 19, 1926, when the club that would eventually be known as Anaheim Club 2 held its initial meeting, at the Marigold Café in Anaheim, California. [The Smedley Chapter One Club](#), the first club of the organization, was slightly older, having debuted on October 22, 1924, in nearby Santa Ana.

It was a small leap numerically—from one club to two. Yet it signaled the potential of Toastmasters founder Dr. Ralph C. Smedley’s pioneering program to teach essential speaking and leadership skills by practicing in a supportive club setting. Sparked by the hard work of Smedley One and Anaheim 2, and many other early clubs, the idea took off.

Anaheim Club 2 celebrates its official 100-year mark in January 2026. Festivities at January meetings include speeches, awards, special guests, fellow Toastmasters visiting from around District 100 (Southern California), and plenty of toasts, says Club President Al Batanga, who joined Toastmasters in 2010.

“We want to honor our long history and inspire the next generation of Toastmasters,” he says, adding that paving the way for new professionals is important. “In the world of AI, communication and leadership skills will be more important, not less.”

Anaheim members today carry on the vibrant vision of their predecessors. Membership length ranges from one year to more than 40 years and, as a community club, it represents a wide range of ages and perspectives that enrich club culture, says Dave Flores, DTM, Vice President Education and a former District 100 Director. Flores joined the club in 1983.

The Anaheim club grew from these same principles. Shortly after Smedley Chapter One began, J. Clark Chamberlain, an Anaheim businessman, paid a visit to see what the Santa Ana group was all about. He came away so impressed he’d soon recruited 26 new members to launch a second club.

In the early days, the two clubs often met jointly. Smedley himself attended Anaheim meetings for a few months as a mentor.

Anaheim Club 2 members were early organizational leaders. Chamberlain was Toastmasters’ first International President, serving for two one-year terms—from 1930 to 1932—and becoming the only International President to succeed himself. Anaheim club leader Paul Demaree took the position from 1932 to 1933. Their colleague Olin Price served as International President in the 1934–1935 program year.

Early details about the Anaheim club in Toastmasters records can make for fascinating reading. Like clubs now, they debated club procedures and activities. “Critics,” now called evaluators, weighed in on speeches ranging from the history of the Boy Scouts to the specter of war. Like every club at the time, Anaheim 2 struggled during the Great Depression. One poignant speech honored the work of shoe repairmen as “the true friends” of those devastated by the times.

The club also emphasized speaking outside the club, noting that over several months in 1933, members made 71 community speeches.

What is Anaheim Club 2 like now, after so many years? It’s still member-focused, challenging, and fun. The club meets weekly in person, a practice reinstated as soon as possible after acute COVID threats settled. There is an online option for members who can’t make in-person meetings.

Very few things make it to 100 years these days, notes Vice President Public Relations Cristian Dubon. He joined the club in 2023 for many reasons, including hearing advice to join Toastmasters twice in one week, from a professional speaker and then a college professor.

Now, and over the club’s long history, seasoned members have guided club success, Dubon says. “We have so many natural-born leaders ... people you want to be around to learn from,” he says.

Toastmasters “is a long-haul engagement for me,” he adds. “I’ve learned that repetition is the father of success. And I enjoy being in this club because it’s so warm, accepting, and diverse.”



From left, Anaheim 2 Club President Al Batanga, member Anna Q. Nguyen, and Past Club President Tony Clement.

Editor’s Note: *The Anaheim Heritage Center, a branch of the Anaheim Public Library, houses a significant collection of Toastmasters records and artifacts, many dating from the club’s earliest days. Anaheim Club 2 originally donated materials to the Anaheim Public Library in 1981, in advance of Toastmasters International’s 55th anniversary. Current club member Cristian Dubon shared some of these for this article.*

HERITAGE SERVICES:
Anaheim Heritage Center (Continued):

Media/Outreach (Continued):

The Anaheim Heritage Center's Reading Room was the site of an interview by Mike Lyster, the city's Chief Communication Officer, for a documentary about Dick Van Dyke. Mr. Lyster provided information about Dick Van Dyke's participation in the Variety Show during the Costume Breakfast at the 1948 Anaheim Halloween Festival and Parade. Patricia Grimm and Jane Newell provided Mr. Lyster with information regarding the history of the Halloween Festival, and specifically Dick Van Dyke's appearance in 1948. A clip of the 1948 Halloween Festival and Parade film with Dick Van Dyke's performance with partner Phil Erickson as the Merry Mutes, as well as several historic photographs have been contributed by the Heritage Center for use in the documentary.



HERITAGE SERVICES:
Anaheim Heritage Center (Continued):

Group Tours:

On January 9th, Jane Newell met with a group of volunteers from the San Clemente Historical Society, including former city employee Erick Armesen. After a tour of the facility, Jane answered questions about the Digital Anaheim photograph collection and provided information useful to a nonprofit group endeavoring to digitize their photograph collection.

Municipal Reference:

On January 26th, researched, scanned and provided high-resolution image files to Mike Lyster, Chief Communication Officer, including three aerial views of the Anaheim Stadium in the 1970s and 10 of the KISS rock concert held in Anaheim Stadium in 1976.



Board and Commission Meetings:

The Anaheim Historical Society board met at the Anaheim Heritage Center on January 20th. The Holiday party was reviewed and spring 2026 programs were discussed.

The January 15th meeting of the Cultural & Heritage Commission was held at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center. Reports were presented by the Center Gallery, Poet Laureate, and Heritage Sub-committees. The Heritage Sub-Committee presented their Heritage Marker Program report from the November 11, 2025 meeting at Founders' Park. The website layout for the program was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026 at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center.

The Cultural & Heritage Commission hosted the opening reception on January 14th for "To the Waters & The Wilds" by Jourdan Garcia Mendoza at the Center Gallery, Downtown Anaheim Community Center. The exhibit runs from January 9th through February 20th.

A poster for an art exhibition. The top left features a painting of a person in a boat. The top right text reads: "Center Gallery presents TO THE WATERS & THE WILDS BY JOURDAN GARCIA MENDOZA". Below this, it says "Opening Reception 1.14.26 6:30pm-8:00pm" and "Exhibition Dates 1.9.26 - 2.20.26". The bottom section lists the location: "Downtown Community Center 250 East Center Street Anaheim, CA 92805". It also provides hours: "Monday-Saturday 8:00am-8:00pm" and "Sunday 8:00am-5:00pm". Logos for "The Cultural & Heritage Commission", "Center Gallery", and "ANAHEIM" are included. A bottom right painting shows a character in a room. The artist's name "Artwork by Jourdan Garcia Mendoza" is at the bottom.

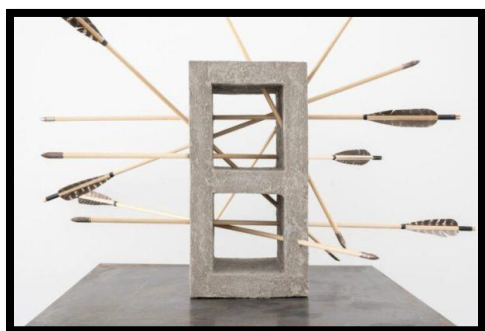
MUZEO MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER:

Exhibits – Open January 10 – March 27, 2026:



Common Ground transforms MUZEO's main gallery into a working studio and urban canvas, inviting local artists to create large-scale murals directly on the gallery walls. United by the theme of connection and shared experience, each artist will explore what brings our diverse community together. This exhibition embraces the ephemeral nature of mural art – each work exists only temporarily before the walls are restored, making every viewing a fleeting encounter with pieces that will soon exist only in memory and documentation. The transience is the point: like the best street art, these murals live intensely and

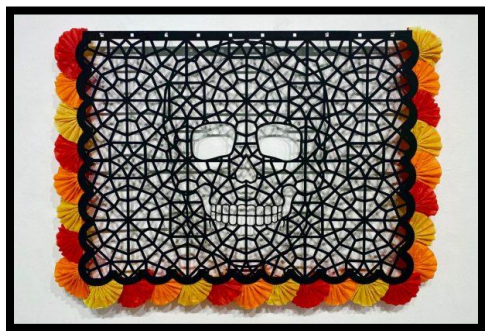
briefly, creating urgency around the act of witnessing. This exhibition is curated and co-produced with Thinkspace Projects.



***Questions of the Flesh: Revisited* – Riley Pettitt**

What happens when we make space for doubt instead of pushing it away? This exhibition treats questioning with the same respect we usually reserve for certainty, creating room for the uncomfortable questions we all carry. Through sculpture and installation, Riley Pettitt explores how doubt isn't the opposite of faith but part of believing in something. This work examines the systems that shape us, from religion to culture to the social structures we inherit. ***Questions of the Flesh: Revisited*** invites you to sit with uncertainty and discover what becomes possible

when we stop needing all the answers.



***Both, Neither and All of the Above*- Michelle Emami**

What does it mean to belong to multiple cultures at once and to none of them completely? Mexican/Iranian artist Michelle Emami's artistic practice celebrates the richness of her mixed heritage while confronting the prejudices and challenges of navigating identity across communities. Through vibrant cultural symbols and motifs drawn from both her backgrounds, Emami's work reflects on moments where she felt neither fully Mexican nor Iranian. Her work refuses the pressure to choose one identity over another or to neatly add them together. Instead,

this exhibition declares something bolder: she is unapologetically all of the above, which is exactly enough.



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ART IN THE STACKS



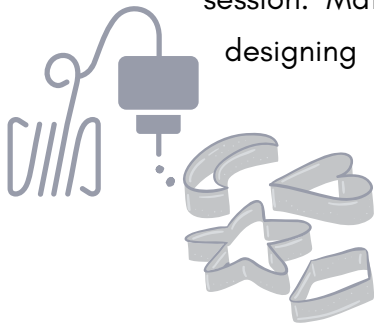
On Tuesday, March 4th, Library Assistant **Matthew Worden** led the monthly Art In The Stacks program. In this program, attendees learn how to use various art mediums to create unique pieces of art. This month's class was attended by **15 artists** who were excited to use watercolor paints and ink pens for the prompt: Painting *Calvin And Hobbes* by Bill Watterson. There were many familiar with these comic characters, as well as many who were delighted to discover them for the first time! Matthew demonstrated how to first sketch and then to make a finished watercolor and ink painting step by step. All of the artists received individual feedback and left the program happy with their artworks!



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INTRO TO 3D MODELING

On Thursday, March 6th, Library Assistants **Juan Lomeli** and **Matthew Worden** hosted a 3D modeling class for 4th and 5th graders. **Over 20 kids and parents** attended the session. Matthew guided them through the process of designing a 3D printed cookie cutter from scratch.





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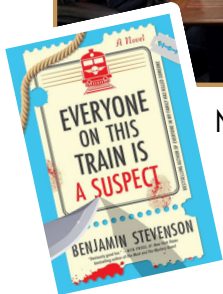
SLEUTHS & SPIES BOOK CLUB

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On Saturday, March 8th, the Central Library hosted its popular Sleuths & Spies Adult Book Club.

The **11 members** who attended enjoyed sharing their reactions to the newly released humorous Australian mystery, *Everyone on This Train Is a Suspect* by Benjamin Stevenson.

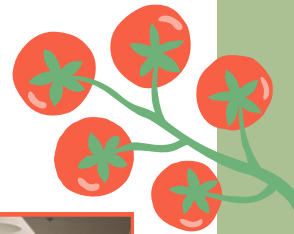


Next month, they will read *A Shadow Intelligence* by Oliver Harris, an exciting spy book set in modern Kazakhstan. Led by Library Assistant **Sue Debus**, the club features a different mystery or espionage novel each month, including both new books and the classics.

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BUSY GARDENERS: TOMATOES

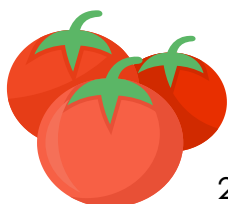


Did someone say Spaghetti? Victoria was back again on Sunday, March 9th, as the host

from our community partners, Master Gardeners of Orange County. "Tomatoes A to Z" was the topic that **33 attendees** were here to enjoy. These visitors learned the various ways to growing thriving tomatoes through the process of starting from seeds or transplanting, in the ground or in a container. Thanks to Senior Librarian **Nichole Grimes**, we were also able to offer to our guests access to the travel-size version of the Seed Library from the Heritage Center. Everyone left that Sunday afternoon with either seeds and/or a



raffle prize, thanks to our friends at Public Utilities. Also a big 'thank you' to Bookmobile Clerk **Citlali Villa** for setting up, hosting, and taking care of our guest from Master Gardeners of Orange County. The Master Gardeners visit every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.





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READING PILLOW CRAFT



On Sunday, March 9th, the Central Library held another special Reading Pillow Craft program for children. In this program, patrons designed and sewed their very own reading pillows! Patrons were provided step-by-step instructions on how to construct the pillow, as well as an introduction to using sewing machines for the first time. Hosted by Library Assistant **Erin Avila** and Librarian **Karla Morones**, the group was able to select their fabrics, pin their designs in place, and sew the pieces together using our sewing machines.



With assistance from staff and parents, each patron was able to complete the project within the two hour time frame. This was a registration only program due to the limited staff and supplies for this program. All together, **18 patrons** attended this program.



Patrons were very pleased with their completed projects. This was the first time using a sewing machine for most of the children and adults who attended. They were very excited to have the opportunity to use our machines and felt a sense of accomplishment for completing their designs!





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DRONES 4 ADULTS

On Tuesday, March 11th, the monthly drone class welcomed **a new student** who was eager to learn all about drones and their potential. After his PowerPoint presentation, Library Assistant **Emiliano Saxe** demonstrated how to operate the various drones the library owns. The student had many questions, and Emiliano was happy to answer them all. Next month's class will be open to both teens and adults, so from now on, the class will be "Drones 4 Teens/Adults."

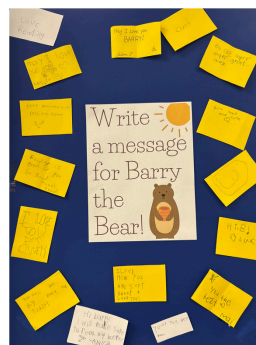


MASTER BUILDERS ACADEMY

On March 11th and 25th, **over 20 patrons** joined us to unleash their inner Master Builder. From rocket ships, to zoos, to flying pizza delivery services, and so much more, our patrons let out their creative side for all to see with their creations!

Additionally, the Children Department also introduced Barry the Teddy! He is a giant Teddy Bear who watches over the Children's Area and loves to read. Patrons were asked to leave him messages in his popcorn bucket and so far he has received up to 30 messages about how cute he is, how patrons love him, how they also love to read, and many more! One patron even made a drawing of Barry for all to see!

Meet Barry!





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EASY 3D PRINTING FOR KIDS

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This afternoon, we had six kids and their parents come down to the MPR to 3D print with our easy-to-use Toybox printers. More than half of the group was new, but by the end of the session, everyone was well-versed in using the Toybox 3D printers. They all left with smiles, each with a handful of their own small 3D-printed items.

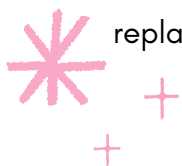


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EASY 3D PRINTING FOR ADULTS

On Sunday, March 16th, the Easy 3D Printing class for adults welcomed **four new students**. In just two hours, everyone learned as much as possible about 3D printing. They had a great time and left with a handful of small 3D-printed items. Library Assistant and class host **Emiliano Saxe** also informed them that this would be the last Sunday session for the 3D Printing class, and that it would be replaced with the new 3D Printed Jewelry class.





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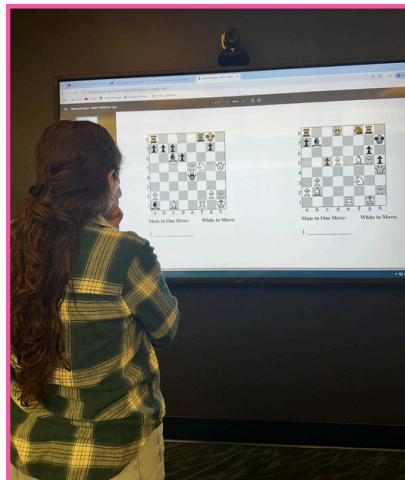
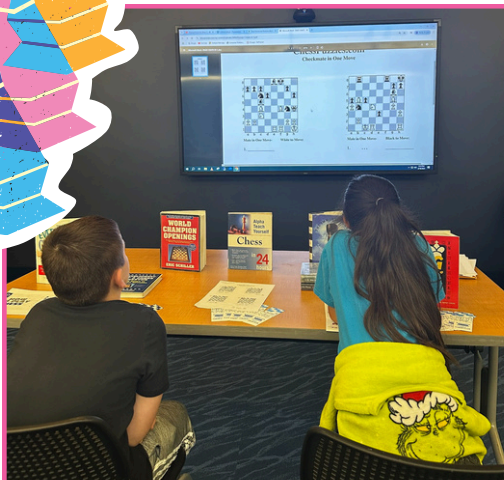
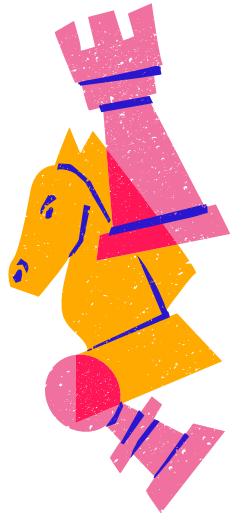
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JAUQUE MATE CHESS CLUB



On Tuesday, March 18th, the Jaque Mate Chess Club hosted **6 participants!** Led by Library Tech **Luis Dircio**, attendees learned strategies for solving chess puzzles, honing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. After mastering the techniques, participants face off against one another in friendly matches to put their new found knowledge to the test! The atmosphere was enriched by classical music playing in the background, creating a focused and engaging environment for all!





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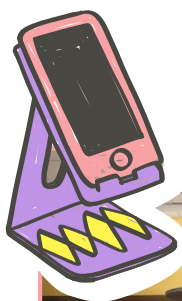
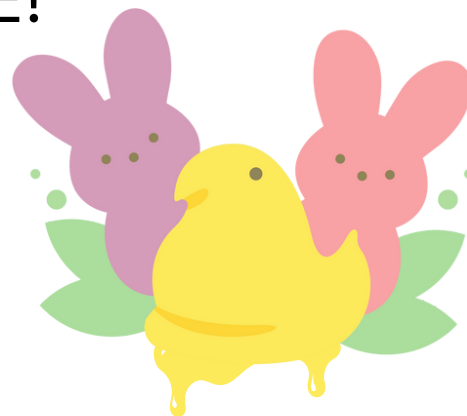
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WONDERCLUB: PEEP SLIME!

On Thursday, March 20th, over **120 patrons** joined us for this month's Wonderclub: Peep Slime! Patrons got learn all about the delicious treat, watch them joust, and use a chemical reaction to turn them into slime. Patrons had a fun time and many said they look forward to making it again at home!



3D MODELING FOR TEENS & ADULTS



For March's 3D modeling class on March 20th, Library Assistants **Emiliano Saxe** and **Matthew Worden** welcomed **8 students** into the 7 & 8 Place. Some were new to the class, while others were returning students. We guided them through creating their very own cellphone stands, adding a personal touch by embedding their names or drawings into the design.

Thanks to Matthew's artistic skills, use of the Scribble tool opened up new possibilities for blending freehand art with the precision of Tinkercad's modeling program. As always, we're committed to pushing the boundaries and introducing new steps and techniques to our ever-evolving classes.





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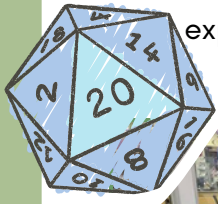
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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CHARACTER CREATION CLINIC



On March 22nd, Library Technician **Nicole Klingensmith** led teens in a Dungeons and Dragons Character Creation Clinic. This was a beginner-friendly program, with all **six participants** being completely new to the game and excited to learn. Each teen had a unique idea for their character and had a blast learning how to fill-out their own character sheet. Despite the relatively complicated nature of this process, the teens were resilient and expressed enthusiasm in exploring all the possibilities for bringing to life a unique and personal character.



Additionally, teens discussed how playing D&D can be beneficial for building confidence, learning problem-solving skills and pondering character traits they want to embody in both the game and real life. Each teen expressed interest in returning for another session and finalizing their characters, a few stating that they were so inspired they were going to draw original art for their new character. Due to popular demand, a follow up session is currently being planned!





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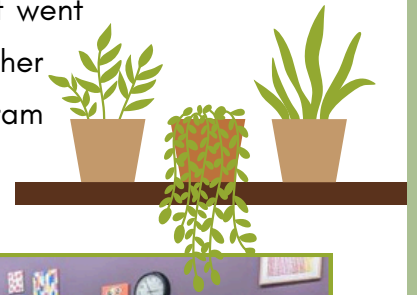
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SPRING REFRESH: INTERIOR DESIGN WORKSHOP

Led by Library Assistant **Marisa Timothy**, the library hosted their first program in the new *Enliven Your Space* summer series, Spring Refresh! The event went well with a total of **7 attendees**, including two attentive couples. Another attendee had come to the library to get her Teens to the D&D program and was very happy to come upon this program for herself. All had different home spaces that they were looking to refresh this season.



Handouts were provided for notetaking and midway through the PowerPoint presentation, patrons were invited to select a flower and colored tissue paper to bring back to their space for inspiration. It was interesting to see the variety of selections. I also used furniture in the 7-8 Place to demonstrate different layouts and the effect of placement. And it's always fun to get a few laughs from the crowd during a talk.





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3D JEWELRY

This month's 3D Jewelry class was led by Library Assistant **Emiliano Saxe** and saw over **11 participants** who learned how to create their own personalized jewelry. Everyone had the opportunity to explore and master the user-friendly Toybox 3D printers, gaining hands-on experience in the customization process.

PAINT AND POUR

On Monday, March 24th, Central Library presented another successful session of Paint And Pour, a monthly program that is designed for adults and older adults to unite as an art community.

Participants have the opportunity to draw and paint, learn new art techniques, make new friends, and savor snacks. Library Assistant **Matthew Worden** is the host and organizer of the program. The program had **22 attendees**, and they all had a wonderful time making watercolor paintings of a flower field to celebrate the beginning of Spring.

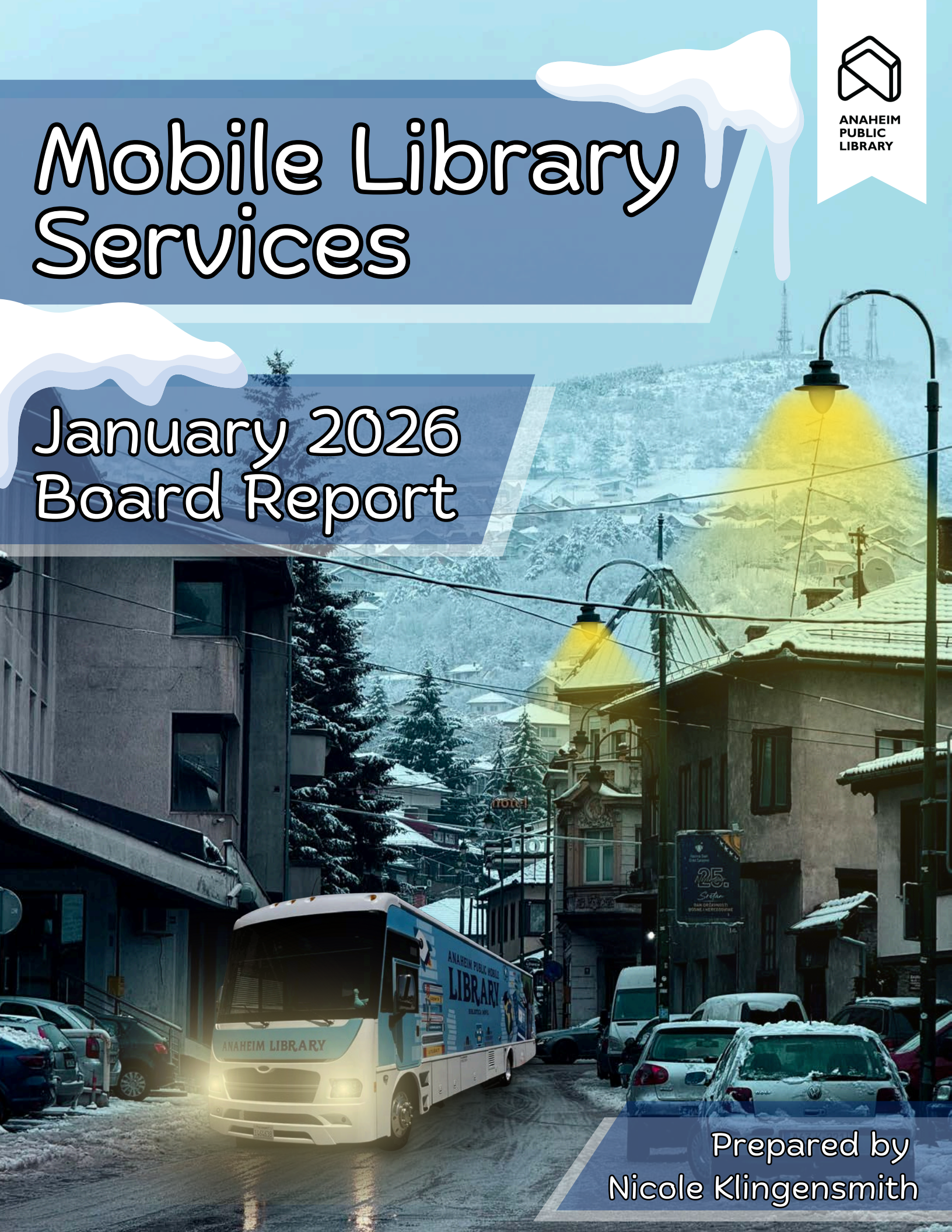




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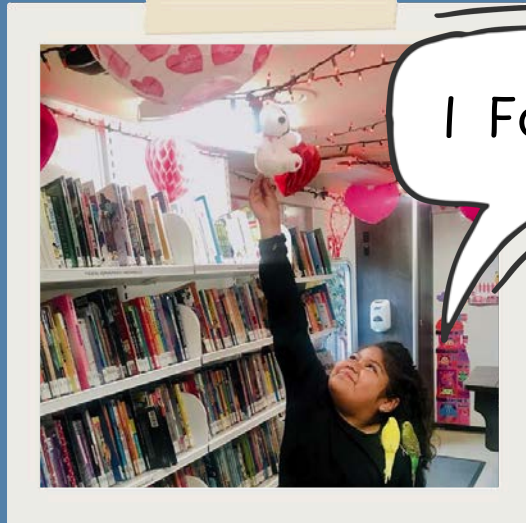
This January, our Mobile Library team returned to our 5 school stops and 13 neighborhood stops, bringing our beautiful mobile collection and our Winter Reading Program! Mobile library patrons always have a blast boarding the Bookmobile and searching for the perfect book. This month they were extra excited to hear all about the fun winter reading library events they could attend at their nearest branches and prizes they could receive for tracking their reading.



The Bookmobile introduced it's own version of elf on the shelf this January, with a special twist! Patrons were tasked with exploring the mobile library in search of their favorite furry canines, Snoopy and Bluey!



Thanks to the attentiveness and timely reporting of our Bookmobile driver Wendy, we were able to notify Fleet yard of a nail in our passenger seat tire. Thanks to Fleet, our tire was patched after our Thursday routes and was ready for service Monday morning.



I Found Snoopy!



STEAM ADVENTURES



PROJECT ACCESS

This January we celebrated East Asian culture at our five Project Access sites across our Anaheim community! Participants began each program receiving a Winter Reading log and discussing how they plan to meet their WRP goals. Then, we dove into our programming, first creating Lunar New Year lanterns that actually glow with the help of mini LED lights and Koinobori Japanese fish kites. Once completed, participants moved on, decorating and assembling their own Korean paper plate drum. Although the kids loved the creative freedom they had when decorating their drums, they had even more fun once they were complete, filling the room with the sound of drum beats and joyful laughter. At the end of the program, each participant had an opportunity to peruse and check out from our specially curated circulation cart. Awesome programming like this is made possible thanks to the generous Lunch at the Library grant.



STEAM ADVENTURES



ANAHEIM MOBILE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

The new year is here and so is the return of our bi-weekly participation in Anaheim Mobile Family Resource Centers (AMFRC). During AMFRCs, our Mobile Team provides important library information, STEAM activities, and giveaway books to add to at-home libraries to Anaheim residents.



In addition to outreach, our Mobile Team brought programming to celebrate East Asian culture. Similar to our Project Access sights, AMFRC participants had the opportunity to make Japanese Koinobori fish kites and Korean paper plate drums. Kids had a blast flexing their creative muscles and choosing their own unique designs to decorate these crafts. Awesome programming like this is made possible thanks to a generous Lunch at the Library grant!



STEAM ADVENTURES



RIO VISTA PARK & GOLDEN SKIES MOBILE HOME PARK

Programming at Rio Vista Park and Golden Skies continued this January! Program participants made Japanese Koinobori fish flags this month, decorating them with an array of colors and streamers. One parent remarked that her kids noticed us across the park and begged to come join the fun! She thanked us for bringing such engaging programming and asked all about other mobile and in-house program opportunities offered through APL.



STEAM ADVENTURES



BELAGE & OC PACE SENIOR COMMUNITIES

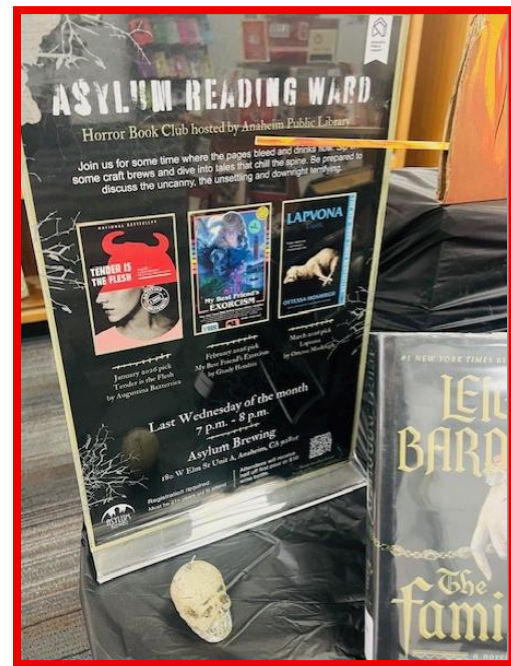
The Mobile Services team dedicates one day a month to both OC Pace and Bel'Age Senior Community, bringing programming, library information, and even a specially curated circulation cart. This month at Bel'Age we got extra cozy with a no-sew blanket making program! Each participant began with two large pieces of felt, a pair of scissors, and the support of our STEAM Team in the creation of their new lap blankets. At OC Pace, participants flexed their creative muscles with a rock painting activity! As the programs came to a close, many patrons perused and checked out books from our collection, many commenting on the great selection of cook books, crafting books and books in other languages.



OPERATION SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT

JANUARY 2026

Collection Support assists the Anaheim Public Library system in a variety of ways. In January, we highlighted some of the horror and thriller books in the fiction collection at the Central branch. Staff are hosting a new horror book club for adults at Asylum Brewing once a month. The club will meet on the last Wednesday each month to share casual discussions on popular horror books. At Central, staff promoted the new book club by showcasing horror titles in our collection that have people talking on social media. The popularity of the horror genre has grown quite a bit recently. Librarians at APL work hard to make sure that the community has access to well-known classics and new titles that are making a buzz on social media.



Collection Support provides a variety of services to help facilitate APL's collection development. Here are the stats from some of those services in January 2026:

- Received 698 new shelf-ready books.
- Added 763 new juvenile, teen, and adult books to the APL system.
- Processed 928 paperback books.
- Added 48 new magazine issues to Central library's collection.
- There were 199 records created to add new titles to the APL system.
- This month, there were 962 books or media that were mended, repaired, relabeled and made ready to get back on the shelves for the library system.

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Automation:

In December and January, the Library debuted two new public technology services the Automation Team had helped to set up. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Tom Edelblute, Susi Pineda (Principal Library Clerk for East Region) and Communications/Public Services staff member Robyn Dixon, Circulation-related notices about available holds, renewals, books due back, etc. are now sent using our Patron Point service that provides modern, attractive email messages that include cover images of the related books.

At the East Anaheim Branch, Don Hilliard and Yui Tamaki worked with our vendor to replace the failing public copier with a new ScannX unit, which offers not only public printing and copying but new features like scan to email, print from and scan to USB drive, scanning text into a spoken word audio file, faxing, and translation.

Automation resolved a variety of day-to-day issues for staff and the public and assisted with tech setup for 63 programs in December and January, including the Staff Training day for the Library system, a KPOP event at the Central Library that attracted over 650 attendees, and the January Open Mic Night at the Central Library, where the featured performer was Don from the Automation Team a.k.a. "Acoustic Librarian".