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The Palo Alto City Library staff plan and implement many diverse and exciting programs for the community throughout the year. In this report, I like to highlight a few of our recent noteworthy events and activities. If you would like more detailed information about any of our programs, please contact me via phone at **650.329.2403** or by e-mail at **Monique.leconge@cityofpaloalto.org**

JUNE 2018 CIRCULATION STATISTICS	2016	2017	2018
Checkout	94,627	89,494	89,218
Self-Check	88.38%	88.36%	87.88%
Total Circulation	129,615	122,928	126,200
Visitor Count	97,348	90,133	89,134
Holds	16,971	18,118	17,803

BRANCH CIRCULATION STATISTICS	Children's	College Terrace	Downtown	Mitchell Park	Rinconada	Totals
Checkout	14,501	4,488	4,295	52,828	13,106	89,218
Self-Check	87.62%	89.30%	82.03%	89.65%	82.45%	87.88%
Total Circulation	19,930	6,369	6,220	75,331	18,350	126,200
Visitor Count	9,330	4,747	8,623	44,630	21,804	89,134
Holds	236	18	63	830	192	17,803*

*Includes online

JUNE 2018 EVENT STATISTICS	2016	2017	2018
Total Programs	117	164	113
Total Program Attendees	5,115	5,731	4,762
# of Outreach Events	—	4	0
Total Outreach Attendees	—	111	0
Total Volunteer Hours	245	458.50	577

E-BRANCH STATISTICS	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
Total Virtual Visits	98,722	100,472	75,431
Total Digital Content Downloads	11,060	11,322	15,017

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018
Number of Patron Suggestions Received and Responded To	169	158	193	204	227

Be the place where everyone can learn anything.



Left to Right: Outdoor Movie Night, STEAM Lab

Children's Events

June 8: Outdoor Movie Nights! Librarian Christine and Senior Librarian Alison hosted the library's first outdoor movie night at the Mitchell Park Bowl! Although they had their challenges with setting up on a windy night, it didn't keep customers from coming out and enjoying the fun. One child said "THAT WAS THE BEST MOVIE EVER!!!" While another child was frightened by the darker parts of the film, but didn't want to leave. It was her mother's first time watching it, and she didn't want to leave either! They left 10 minutes before the end with the mother asking if she could check the movie out later from the library.

June 17: Youth Librarian, Maggie Lai presented this month's STEAM Lab Sunday @MP on capillary action. 27 children and their parents colored and cut out flowers made of different types of paper. Then they put the flowers in a cup of water and watched the water travel up the stem, and act on the paper and colored ink. The kids experimented with different colors and designs on the flowers. They made fantastic looking flowers with the help of parents and volunteers!

June 13, 20: It was a special treat this year for Rinconada Library to host two wacky Wednesdays, both featuring magicians and each bringing in roughly 200 participants. Librarian Christine helped host the event with our new summer intern, Josephine, and a summer reading volunteer, Anon.

June 27: Senior Librarian, Liz Stewart, hosted the fourth Wacky Wednesday of the summer. This is a weekly performer program provided as part of our Summer

Reading activities and funded by the Friends. The performer, Golden Acorn LLC, was a music and movement performance for children and their families. It was held at the Downtown library and had 122 attendees.

Teen Events

June 12: Teen Librarian, Gina Feil, presented a teen program - DIY Ice Cream Sundaes - while a group of 16 enthusiastic teens watched a Tim Burton movie in the Midtown Room. The Teens requested another movie showing with ice cream which we will do in July. "Back by popular demand!"

Adult Events

June: The ESL Conversation Group normally takes a break in the summer. However, Library Services Manager, RuthAnn Garcia had mentioned this to the PA Adult School, who put the Library in touch with their volunteer coordinator. Senior Librarian, Ana Elisa de Campos Salles, worked with the PAAS staff and volunteers to continue and promote the weekly program. If the program picks up, the volunteers will continue in July.

June 7: Librarian Camden Kimura hosted a screening of "But I'm A Cheerleader" at Rinconada Library, as part of the "LGBTQ Cult Classic Movie Night," series for June. Seven people attended this screening.

June 9: Senior Librarian Alison de Geus hosted Coffee Tasting 101 with Red Giant Coffee co-founder Jimmy Huang at Rinconada Library. 35 adults attended the event, which featured a coffee tasting, a demonstration of how to best brew coffee at home, a show and tell of home brewing equipment and some great information about coffee. Attendees really appreciated and enjoyed this program, and asked for more programs along these lines.





Information Technology & Collections

State Library Grant for Minecraft Course accepted.

Periodicals & Digitization: Using the ITC microform scanner, Bob assisted Deputy City Clerk David Carnahan and Claire Hodgkins from the Planning Department with digitizing city documents.

Two interns (Kayla Estrada and Kevin Chen) have been hired to work on the Library's ongoing project to digitize historic local newspapers on microfilm. Kayla attends the University of Redlands and Kevin is enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Both interns will be with us through August.

Bob matted thirty-six photographs from his personal collection for the Library's Edward Durell Stone exhibit, which will be on display at RI from July 1 through August 31, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Rinconada's original opening. Rebecca Kohn assisted with this project.

Be the partner choice for community organizations.

Youth Services

June—Aug: Teen Librarian Gina Feil was contacted by a Paly Special Ed teacher who introduced her to an autistic teen who doesn't speak. The teen is now a proud new Teen Volunteer at Mitchell park branch, sorting shelving carts every Monday and Wednesday. She is doing wonderfully! Four new Teen Tech Volunteers are also contributing their services at MP every Saturday over the summer.

Adult Services

June 14: Senior Librarian Rebecca Kohn hosted a table at the Avenidas Tech Conference held at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View. She spoke with conference attendees about digital resources available with a PACL card. She distributed bookmarks, flyers, and the library branded carabiner clips and shopping bags. This was a well-attended conference and Avenidas gave the library a great table by the entrance to the conference hall.



Information Technology & Collections

Developed relationship with Roanoke County Library on robots in libraries.

Janet held dollmaking workshops at Cubberley Community Senior Center, partnership with Chinese Reading Room and Palo Alto Adult Education, gave library brochure and introduced library various collections. About 20+ senior people participated to make dolls and doll's clothing.

Janet also worked with Margaret Feuer of the Palo Alto Woman's Club to modify metadata on selected items from the Woman's Club archives for digitization.



Left to Right: Palo Alto Art Center, the Zero Waste Chef, and Zero Waste at the re:Maker Fair.

Create engagement opportunities by being the place for community conversations about needs and aspirations.

Teen Events

June 3: Teen Librarian Gina Feil and the TLAB participated in the City-sponsored Buoyancy Teen Music and Art Festival held at the Amphitheater in Mitchell Park. Tina, the TLAB teens and Librarian Doris Chen manned the Library's booth, where attending teens registered for the Summer Reading Program, picked up neat SRP buttons and had fun at the TLAB's water balloon toss. The balloon toss was so popular they ran out of balloons! Over 100 teens enjoyed the Festival.



Adult Events

June 23: The Library received a 2018 Innovation Grant from PLP for the "re:Maker Fair," a half-day event designed to share information about environmental and sustainability organizations, practices and tips for

green living. The event, despite the heat advisory, had a great turnout of about 175-200 attendees. The committee (RuthAnn, Alison, Kathy, Doris, Marleah, Dan L., Chris, Ryan, Anh, Alex, Jenny and Gayathri) came up with a great line-up of activities and presenters for the event, including:

- Family Storytimes & Crafts
- "Decluttering the Sustainable Way: Rethinking Your Stuff, Spaces, & Sanity" with Debra Baida
- Architectural Presentation by Group 4
- Talk with Public Artist: Rochelle Ford, Metal Sculptor
- "Make Dinner, Not Waste: How to Cook Easy Meals with What's on Hand" with the Zero Waste Chef
- All Day Events (11am to 3pm):
 - Collaborative Art Project with the Palo Alto Art Center
 - Venetian Mask Craft with FabMo
 - Bike Checkups & Repairs with Repair Cafe
 - Library Digital Resources Demo
 - Library Tech Zoo, MakeX
- Community partners had tabled the event and include:
 - Ada's Café
 - BioCellection
 - Climate Change Book Club
 - FabMo
 - Friends of the Palo Alto Library
 - GreenWaste Palo Alto
 - Group 4 Architecture
 - MakeX Palo Alto
 - Palo Alto Art Center
 - Palo Alto Repair Café
 - Palo Alto Utilities
 - Rochelle Ford Metal Sculpture
 - Transition Palo Alto
 - The Zero Waste Chef
 - Zero Waste Palo Alto

Information Technology & Collections

Engaged the community through technology demos of robots and VR at re:Maker Fair.

Delivered blockchain presentation to over 200 participants at Library 2.018 Conference.

Completed BiblioCommons Impact Study.

Technology/System Administration: Promoted PBS's "Great American Read" program on the library website, Bookmarks newsletter, and shared with the City's Communications Manager to promote on City social media outlets. Also ordered copies (or additional copies) of all 100 titles on the list.

Leverage technology to integrate the Library into the lives of community members.

Information Technology & Collections

Launched Axis 360 eBook hotspot project.

Developed new skin for Classic Catalog in preparation for eLibrary Privacy Initiative.

Completed 2nd series of Robot Programming Course.



Librarian Dan Lou teaching tweens, teens, and adults how to program the NAO robot.

Provide a richer library experience for our community because of the expertise and effort of our dynamic staff.

Youth Services

June 21-26: Senior Librarian, **Liz Stewart** attended the American Library Association's Annual Conference which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana. She brought back many great Advanced Reader copies to share with patrons and staff, and learned a lot at many different sessions offered at the conference. Her favorite session was presented by a library in Georgia which was partnering with their schools to have student IDs double as library cards not unlike what we are doing here. It was great to hear their successes and struggles and some great things we might consider trying with our Student Asset Card.

Adult Services

Ana Elisa:

Is working with Jenny Jordan and FOPAL staff on the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Event, scheduled for November.

Attended the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA. She highlighted attending, "Trans* Customer Service 101," a program sponsored by the GLBT Round Table.

Is the new alternate SEIU Bargaining Team representative for the Art Center and Library, having attended three meetings in June. She is excited about participating in negotiations and learning about the worker/union relationship, and how it might help as she pursues management opportunities.

Webinars: Saturday June 9: "A Day in the Life of A Leader", part 1. Webcast of leaders in leadership roles working in a variety of library and information environments. Shared by the San Jose State University School of Information through the CLA listserv.

Saturday June 16: "A Day in the Life of A Leader", part 2. Webcast of leaders in leadership roles working in a variety of library and information environments. Shared by the San Jose State University School of Information through the CLA listserv.

Rebecca participated in the Funding Information Outreach Call from the Foundation Center via the zoom platform on June 21. The webinar offered information on the newly relaunched Grantspace, which features self-paced instruction and media on grant funding.

Camden watched the Infopeople course “Serving Older Adults and Their Caregivers at Your Library”. This gave her some good insight into what struggles older adults and their caregivers face and how better to serve them in the library.

Information Technology & Collections

Worked with Teen Librarians to launch a new Teen Program page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Services

July 6: Camden will begin presenting Sensory Storytime for children with autism or other sensory processing issues with intern Josephine Kong.

August 11: Little Feet Dance Party—we are looking forward to our annual end of summer baby dance party! The event is primarily for kids under the age of 5 and includes crafts, snacks, and lots of great music that both parents and kids can enjoy.

August 15: Librarian Kathy Swartz and Senior Librarian Deborah Anthonyson will present Society of Bookworms: Battle of the Books.

August 19: At the next STEAM Lab Sunday @MP, volunteers will teach children how to solve the Rubik's cube. Each child will get a free cube to take home!

In the near future, Liz hopes to get manager approval for using the Instagram's 'Stories' feature to read a picture book to our followers. The goal will be to do it weekly and for it to be a very modern version of dial-a-story.

Librarian Kathy Swartz will present Preschool Storytime on Tuesdays and Baby/Wiggly One's storytimes on Thursdays at Children's.

Adult Services

July 7: Senior Librarian Alison de Geus is looking forward to welcoming Chessy Prout and Jenn Abelson for an Author Event at the Art Center Auditorium. Chessy and Jenn will discuss Chessy's memoir, I Have the Right To and will share about the process of writing the book and sharing Chessy's story.

Ana Elisa is continuing to work on the Welcome to America series, scheduled to start on **September 27**. She is also working on starting an Adult chess program with an outside presenter.