



Newsletter

A Bi-monthly Newsletter

July – August 2023



HAPPY SUMMER



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Co-Presidents' Message

In spite of the persistent fog in June, summer has arrived. The library Summer Learning programs are in full swing, and the libraries are hopping with activities for all ages. You can pick up a schedule for events at either library or from the website www.smcl.org.

We want to thank all the people who made our June booksale a success. We raised \$3,249.60 that will help our Pacifica libraries. Thanks to the donors for their gently used books, to the faithful set-up crew, the cashiers and floor workers, and last, but not least, the hard working clean-up crew. It is a team effort and would not have been possible without your help. THANK YOU! We had an outstanding collection of books to offer,

The Middle Scholars program returns this summer. This program provides STEAM learning opportunities for middle school youth, especially to those who haven't had access to them. The SMCL is partnering with 3 San Mateo County agencies including the County Parks Dept., Mosquito and Vector Control District, and the Office of Sustainability and their experts for super engaging learning experiences. In addition, every library will host a STEAM themed escape room challenge for middle

schoolers.

One of the brand new services offered by our SMC is the Maker Mobile. This is a zero-emission vehicle custom built to deliver maker programs to libraries like ours that don't have a Maker space. It will have 3 carts that will fold out to transform the surrounding space into a bustling maker space. It will have a sewing machine, laser cutters, built-in display cabinets, and a video screen. Check at the library or online to see when it will be visiting our libraries, neither of which has a maker space in the building. Another new innovation is a seed library. These seed libraries have seeds for community members to take home, plant, and then donate their harvested seeds in turn. Types of seeds may vary by branch location.

There are lots of exciting things going on at our libraries. Go out and enjoy the many services offered by our Pacifica Libraries this summer. Everyone is more than welcome.

Carl Schwab & Joan Putz

Co- Presidents

New Self-Service Kiosk is on the Way

Pacifica's Sanchez Library has been

chosen as the first of three sites which will be getting a self-service library outpost. After experiencing rain delays and complications, the project is back on track. This will be the pilot program so see how the easy to use kiosks will provide services 24/7 for patrons who have limited access and is another example of the outreach efforts by the library to reach all residents. The machine has the capacity to hold 1,000 books. You will be able to check out holds, place holds, browse and check out books from a curated collection including e-books and audiobooks. This will be the first automated, ADA accessible library in the county. It is expected to open some time in the fall. The Pacifica Tribune posted a story with more details that you can check out at Sanchez Library to Introduce 24/7 self-service kiosk-pacificatribune.com. Construction of the canopy will start this summer.

Front of System



Updates

Lots of new and exciting things are going on in the midst of all the Summer Learning activities. Sharp Park got a new water heater and both libraries are replacing their public computers. Sanchez has already received new chairs, study tables, some children's furniture and bright new furniture for the patio. Patrons enjoyed the new chairs at a recent puppet show.



Library Advisory Committee

At the June 26th City Council meeting, the City presented the council with a resolution to consider re-constituting the Library Advisory Committee which was originally formed to advise the council on the process of getting a new library to replace the Sharp Park building. The defeat of the bond measure and then the pandemic caused the committee to essentially disband. Now, the City is proposing a more streamlined committee which would help guide the City in the process of finding a solution to the problem of the deteriorating Sharp Park facility. The City will begin recruitment efforts soon. Go to the City's website for more information.

Events

July 6 3:30 Sanchez Polynesian Dance Program

July 11 6:30 pm Virtual Author Talk Lisa See [Lady Tan's Circle of Women.](#) Register at [smcl.org](#).

July 13 3:30 pm Sharp Park Onye African Village Celebration

Aug. 4 4 pm Virtual Author Talk Laura Lippman [Prom Mom](#) register at [smcl.org](#).

Aug. 10 6:00pm Author Dominic Lin [All the Right Notes](#)

Aug. 30 3:30 pm Sanchez Biblio Spectacular Magic Show

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