

Tuolumne County Library and Recreation Newsletter

October 2024

Friends of the Tuolumne County Library

Book Sale Bonanza and Book Nook Treasures

Get ready to dive into a world of literary adventures! The Friends of the Tuolumne County Library is hosting their annual Fall Book Sale on Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th from 10:00am—4:00pm at the Sonora Main Library meeting room. Discover hidden gems, complete a collection, or simply indulge your passion for reading. Remember, these events are made possible by generous book donations from our community.

While you're there, don't miss the opportunity to explore the Book Nook, a delightful little shop located at the entrance to the Sonora Main Library. Find your next favorite read and support your local library at the same time. The Friends are excited to announce that they are now offering stylish blue tote bags to carry your literary treasures.

Friends Groups Making a Difference

Your local Friends groups are busy at work! The Tuolumne City Library Friends are expanding their membership and inviting you to join their Stitch Club and Book Club. Stitch Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2:00pm, while the Book Club gathers on the second Friday of each month at 10:00am.

Groveland Friends continue its programs of support for children, the local school library and STEM program supplies.

The High Country Friends of the Library, representing the Twain Harte library, had a successful book sale in June, which welcomed 43 new members, and doubled its revenue. Their dedication to supporting their communities remains unwavering.

Become a Friend of the Library

Want to make a difference in your community? Consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Tuolumne County Library. Your support helps essential library programs and purchase new materials.

The Friends also welcome volunteers to help with book sales, sorting donations, and other tasks. Your time and talents are invaluable to our library.

To learn more about membership or volunteer opportunities, please visit us at the Sonora Main Library's front desk. Together, we can create a thriving library for everyone.



F R I E N D S

OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY LIBRARY

Summer 2024 Recreation Wrap Up

The 2024 Summer has come to an end and what a fun summer it was! The Tuolumne County Recreation Department had a very busy summer with popular annual programs as well as some exciting new ones. Every summer it is our goal to offer a wide range of programs for our community to take part in, learn, and grow. From youth sports camps such as Tennis, Fastpitch, Water Polo, Swim, Basketball, and Baseball, to mental and emotional enrichment programs such as Senior and Youth Yoga and Children's Movement classes, The Summer Rec Program, Paint Parties, Crafts, and the Tiny Tots Summer Camps, the Recreation Department strives to provide something for everyone. The Recreation Department's ever popular Summer Aquatics Program brought Aquatic Fitness, The Mother Lode Miners Swim Team, and of course our Swim Lessons program, which the Recreation Department, staff, and instructors had a great time working with and providing for the community.

Some highlights from this summer include: increasing our Mother Lode Miners Swim team from 23 to 76 athletes, providing over 800 swim lessons to the youth of our county, seeing our highest numbers in our Summer Recreation Program at Soulsbyville Elementary School since prior to Covid, the certification of over 20 new lifeguards, creating a Tuolumne Recreation Art Series, sold out all of our Tiny Tots Summer Camp spots in all five sessions and increasing the number of mental and emotional well-being programs offered. This summer we were also able to offer extended summer hours at the Twain Harte Pool, where we offered Aquafit, Rec Swim, and Family Game Nights throughout August and September. We will continue to work with this momentum as we try to offer more every year, and improve on what we already offer. It is our goal to always be improving and adding to our catalog and to offer what the community wants to participate in. If you have any suggestions on programs you would like to see offered or if you are interested in teaching/coaching something you are passionate in, please reach out to us at the Tuolumne County Recreation Department at (209) 533-5663 or email us at recreation@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov. We would love to work with our talented and qualified locals, who want to share their expertise with the community by offering high quality programs for our community members. Visit our website www.tcrecreation.com for more information about the programs and events happening this fall and winter.





Carolyn, our new Storytime and Crafts volunteer for our 10:30am Friday Storytime hour, is bringing fresh ideas and excitement to our library. One Friday, the children made kazoos and played them during a parade around the library. It was a colorful, noisy, and gleeful parade! If you have pre-K children and haven't attended Storytime at our cozy library don't hesitate to join us. All are Welcome! If you have an interest in volunteering at the Twain Harte Branch Library, please come visit us.

Groveland Youth Center

The Groveland kids were back in the kitchen! This time however, we were cooking instead of baking. We participated in the Taste of Tuolumne at the 49er Festival alongside other local businesses and restaurants from across the county. Our kids successfully created a Sweet Georgia Brown Chili for our community. This was such a fun and wild event for us to be a part of. We loved being a part of it and showing everyone the things that we are capable of. Our youth would like to give a big thanks to everyone who donated and supported us. We feel the love and appreciate it.

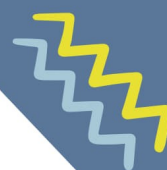
We are getting ready for fall and Halloween events for the coming months, so please check our calendars. Our hours are Tuesdays—Fridays, from 1:00pm—7:00pm and Saturdays, 9:30am—5:00pm. Please call the Groveland Youth Center at (209) 962-7263 with any questions.

Teen Programs

Programming for young adults at the library will continue to expand into the Fall. The October Teen Open House will feature a fun Halloween theme on Thursday, October 31st, from 2:30pm—4:30pm at the Sonora Main Library. Students from ages 12—18 can relax with friends, play games, and enjoy snacks at this spooky Halloween Party.

The library's expanded teen programs now include a monthly Friday afternoon teens choice movie. On Friday, October 11th, teens can drop by the meeting room to vote on the movie they want to watch. The movies will air monthly, so mark your calendars for November 8th, and December 13th, starting after school at approximately 2:45pm—3:00pm.

The Tuolumne County Public Library has also partnered with Friday Night Live and Club Live to host meetings here at the library. The first meeting was held in August, and the clubs continue to meet on alternate Thursdays. Friday Night Live Kids/Club Live meet at 3:00pm, and at 4:00pm is Friday Night Live. Friday Night Live Kids is aimed at students in 5th and 6th grade, Club Live is geared toward grades 7th and 8th, and Friday Night Live is for 9th—12th grades. The dates for the meetings are as follows: October 3rd and 17th, November 14th, December 5th and 19th.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

@SONORA LIBRARY

480 GREENLY RD., SONORA, CA



STARTING AUGUST 8, 2024

3-4 PM

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE KIDS (5-6TH GRADE)
CLUB LIVE (7-8TH GRADES)**

4-5 PM

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
(HIGH SCHOOL GRADES)**

**AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS IN
TUOLUMNE COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL TIFFANY RIZZO-WEAVER:
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Programs for Adults at Sonora Main Library

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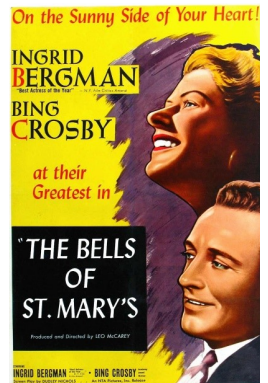


The Tuolumne County Public Library celebrated National Library Card sign-up month in September with several programs and displays. Optimus Prime was this year's spokesperson and did a wonderful job promoting signing up for a library card to library patrons. He also patrolled the library and kept it safe from the evil Decepticons who tried to stop patrons from checking out books! The Sonora Main Library hosted a Lego Day for families, the monthly Craft Cart featured a book art project, and every Friday the library showed a movie adapted from a classic banned or challenged novel to honor Banned Books Week.

The library will continue to entertain the masses in October with our monthly programs. The Friday Morning at the Movies will show classic movies on

October 4th, 11th, and 18th. The Craft Cart will be rolled out on Wednesday, October 23rd to make laminated fall bookmarks for all ages. The Friends of the Tuolumne County Library will hold the Fall Booksale on Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th. There will also be more Lego fun on Saturday, October 26th, when the Legos will be available for kids and families. The Saturday Matinee Movie will be cancelled as the Friends of the Library Booksale is being held in the meeting room .

The library continues to host weekly social programs for adults. Every Tuesday, the library hosts a scrabble game open to adults starting at 1:00pm. We are encouraging local knitters and crocheters to join us on Wednesdays at 2:00pm for a crochet circle. On Fridays, locals can partake in checkers, chess, or dominoes from 1:00pm until closing. If you would like to suggest a program or event for the library, please contact library staff.



October 4th



October 11th



October 18th

Tiny Tots Session 2

Session 1 of the Sonora Tiny Tots Program was a huge success with new and returning families. We focused on exploring new languages by looking at the letters A-F, shapes, and colors which we learned in Spanish and Sign Language. The children enjoyed singing, playing outside, painting, and learning new things. We're looking forward to continuing their education in Session 2. We'll turn our focus on the letters G-L, all the wonders of fall, and we'll be visited by the tooth fairies from Smile Keepers. Fall is also family picture time! If you'd like to join us at Sonora Tiny Tots, you can register at www.tcrecreation.com. Our next session begins Monday, October 14th. Please call the Tuolumne County Recreation Department at (209) 533-5663 with any questions.

Tuolumne City Branch Library

The Tuolumne City Branch Library will be making another appearance at this year's Halloween Parade hosted by the Tuolumne City Parks and Recreation Department. We will be giving out a variety of goodies to all the boys and girls of our community as well as displaying some of our pretty festive decorations.

Last year we gave out about 450 goodie bags and are hoping to give out even more this year. The Halloween Parade is on Wednesday, October 30th starting at 4:30pm. Be sure to stop by our table to get a treat! There will be a special Halloween Costume Party Storytime on Friday, October 25th, at 10:30am, during our regular Storytime hour. Hope to see you there.



Tuolumne Youth Center



September has been an exciting month at the Tuolumne Youth Center, brimming with engaging activities and creative projects. The center's young participants dived into fall-themed crafts honing their artistic skills with seasonal decorations and projects. Baking sessions also proved to be a hit, with kids learning to create delicious treats while enjoying hands-on cooking experiences. One of the highlights of the month was the involvement of Friday Night Live, which brought a range of entertaining activities and community-building games to the center. These special events provided an opportunity for the kids to socialize, make new friends, and have fun in a lively and supportive environment. Additionally, the afterschool homework groups have been a valuable part of the program. The children participated in creating their own personalized bookmarks to keep track of their reading progress and to add a touch of individuality to their books. Looking ahead, October promises to be just as dynamic with a range of exciting activities lined up. The

Tuolumne Youth Center will feature Halloween-themed crafts throughout the month, culminating in a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 30th. This festive event will be a great opportunity for the kids to showcase their costumes and enjoy a memorable evening with their peers. The Tuolumne Youth Center continues to be a vibrant hub for learning, play, and friendship. As the season changes, so does the opportunities for kids to grow, explore their interests, and create lasting memories.

Fall Leagues Continue

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Tuolumne County Recreation Department's fall Adult Softball continues to swing away at the Standard Park Sports Complex. Fall Adult Softball consists of Tuesday night Coed, Men's 50+ on Wednesdays, Thursday Men's and Women's, and Friday Men's Leagues. Fall Championships will be held October 22nd–October 24th, where four teams from each league will compete for a chance to win a custom fall championship t-shirt. The Recreation Department will also be bringing back Touch Rugby on Tuesday nights at the park from 5:30pm –7:30pm starting on October 1st.

For questions and additional information about Fall Adult Softball or any of our other programs at Standard Park Sports Complex please call the park at (209) 533-2678 or the Tuolumne County Recreation Department at (209) 533-5663. To sign up for any of Tuolumne County Recreation Department Programs go to www.tcrecreation.com and then click "Online Registration" in the upper left-hand corner. To sign up in person, stop by the Standard Park Sports Complex or the Recreation Office located in the Sonora Main Library.



Tuolumne County Recreation Department
~creating community by offering programs that promote opportunities for growth through fun, inclusive, and educational experiences~

TOUCH RUGBY

Every Tuesday
10/01/2024 - 3/11/2025
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Field #4
All Ages
\$45.00

Standard Park Sports Complex
18500 Standard Rd. Sonora, CA 95370

Register online @
www.tcrecreation.com
or at the Recreation Department
480 Greenley Road Sonora, CA 95370
209-533-5663

All program registration is first come, first served.
Space is limited!



The Tuolumne County Recreation Department is not responsible for any lost stolen or broken items.

Jamestown Youth Center

Over at the Jamestown Youth Center, we wrapped up September enjoying the cooler temperatures while prepping and planting our fall garden. This season we planted beans, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, peppers, and tomatoes that will be ready to harvest in November and December. This October brings some exciting and spooky crafts, activities, and fieldtrips. We will be making ghost leaves, glowstick brooms, marble pumpkins and Halloween themed fidget/stress balls. Some activities will be fall Portraits on Saturday, October 5th, at Railtown (by appointment only), Friday Night Live on Tuesdays at 3:30pm, Good Eats on Thursdays, and our Friday night movies will take a spooky turn featuring *Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Hocus Pocus*, *Hocus Pocus 2*, and *The Haunted Mansion*. There are two fieldtrips planned for this month, Covers Fall Festival on Saturday, October 19th, and our annual costume party at the Tuolumne Youth Center on Wednesday, October 30th. Permissions slips are required for all fieldtrips and can be found at any of our Youth Center locations (Jamestown, Groveland, and Tuolumne).

What's Happening in October?

Library and Recreation Programming

Mobile Library

East Garden Apartments

Tuesdays, October 1st, 15th, and 29th 10:00am—11:00am

Willow Springs Clubhouse

Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 1st, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th and 31st 3:00pm—4:00pm

Don Pedro Market

Wednesdays, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th 10:00am—11:00am

Mi-Wuk Community Center/Library

Fridays, October 11th and 25th 11:30am—12:30pm

Crystal Falls Association

Saturdays, October 12th, 19th, and 26th 10:00am—11:00am

Jamestown Community Hall

Saturdays, October 12th, 19th, and 26th 1:00pm—5:00pm

Columbia State Park

Tuesdays, October 8th and 22nd 10:00am—11:00am

Tuolumne Senior Apartments

Friday, October 18th 10:00am—11:00am

Jamestown Preston Lane Apartments

Friday, October 18th 11:30am—12:30pm

49ers Church

Friday, October 18th 2:00pm—3:00pm

Recreation Programs

Yoga for Seniors: October 1st—December 17th *Sonora Senior Center*, Tuesdays 9:30am—10:30am (Ages 60+)

Tiny Tots Session 2: October 14th—November 20th *Sonora Youth Center* Monday—Thursday 9:00am—12:00pm (Ages 3-6)

Youth Centers: *Back to School Hours* Tuesdays—Fridays 1:00pm—7:00pm & Saturdays 9:30am—5:00pm

Touch Rugby: October 1st—March 11th *Standard Park Sports Complex*, Tuesdays 5:30pm—7:30pm (All Ages)

Adult Softball: October 1st—October 24th *Standard Park Sports Complex*, Tuesdays—Thursdays times and ages vary with league.

Sonora Main Library

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays @ 10:30am—Children's Storytime and Crafts

Tuesdays @ 1:00pm—Scrabble

Fridays @ 10:00am—Mornings at the Movies

Fridays @ 1:00pm—Checkers, Dominoes, and Chess

Saturdays 3:00pm—5:00pm—Technology Help Time

Thursday, October 3rd and 17th @ 3:00pm—Friday Night Live Kids/Club Live

Thursday, October 3rd and 17th @ 4:00pm—Friday Night Live

Friday, October 11th @ 2:45pm—Teen After School Movie

Tuesday, October 15th @ 11:30am—Book Club: *Britt Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman

Saturday, October 19th @ 2:00pm—STEM at the Library

Tuesday, October 22nd @ 2:00pm—Friends of the Tuolumne County Library Meeting

Wednesday, October 23rd @ 1:00pm—Craft Cart: Laminated Autumn Bookmarks (Ages 12+)

Thursday, October 24th @ 4:00pm—Teen Advisory Council

Saturday, October 26th @ 1:00pm—Lego Building Day

Thursday, October 31st @ 2:30pm—Teen Open House

Twain Harte Branch Library

Fridays @ 10:30am—Children's Storytime and Crafts

Thursday, October 24th @ 3:30pm—STEM at the Library

Tuolumne City Branch Library

Tuesdays @ 2:00pm—Crochet Club

Tuesdays 3:00pm—5:00pm—VR Headset Play Time (Ages 10+)

Fridays @ 10:30am—Children's Storytime and Crafts

Friday, October 11th @ 10:00am—Book Club: *Wicked: Life & Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory McGuire

Wednesday, October 16th @ 3:30pm—STEM at the Library

Wednesday, October 30th @ 4:30pm—Halloween Parade

Groveland Branch Library

Fridays @ 10:30am—Children's Storytime and Crafts

Friday, October 4th @ 2:30pm—STEM at the Library

Friday, October 11th @ 2:00pm—Book Club

Tuesday, October 15th @ 10:00am—Quilter's Group