

Tuolumne County Library and Recreation Newsletter

November 2024

Adult Softball Wrap-Up and Fall Events at SPSC

The Tuolumne County Recreation Department's 2024 Adult Softball season came to an end with the fall championship. The championship gave four teams from each league a chance to compete to win a custom fall championship t-shirt. The Adult Softball Program had a total of 125 teams within three seasons that consisted of Tuesday night Coed, Men's 50+, Thursday Men's and Women's, and Friday Men's Leagues. Thank you to all the Team Managers and players that competed this year!

The Recreation Department has brought back Touch Rugby to the Standard Park Sports Complex on Tuesday nights from 6:00pm—8:00pm, and signups are still available at www.tcrecreation.com. Standard Park will also be partnering with Sonora Sunshine Rotary Club to offer the 3rd annual Tuolumne County Field of Honor, which will be open daily from 12:00pm—4:30pm, November 8th—11th. The flags on display will be dedicated in honor or memory of veterans, active military members, new recruits, and first responders. The Opening Ceremony will take place Saturday, November 9th at 11:30am. Flags will be displayed on the fields during the event and can be taken home by the participants once the event has concluded.

Sponsoring a flag is just \$35 per flag at www.healingfield.org/event/tuolumne-county-ca-field-of-honor-2024/. All proceeds will benefit local veterans, first responders, and will help further this event each year.

Tuolumne County Youth Soccer's fall Recreation League games wrapped up just in time for the Bill Meyer Winter Recreation League, beginning in December. Until mid-November Standard Park will also hold Sierra United Soccer Club's Competitive League practices and games.

For questions and additional information about programs at the Standard Park Sports Complex 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 Tuolumne County Recreation Department located in the Sonora Main Library.

Tuolumne County Field of Honor®



Tuolumne County 2024

The Sonora Sunrise Rotary Club is pleased to present the 3rd Annual Tuolumne County Field of Honor®. You are invited to recognize your heroes by purchasing and placing an American flag on the Field of Honor®.

Honoring: Any and all Veterans and First Responders, past and present
How: Purchase and dedicate a flag by going to:

<https://www.healingfield.org/event/tuolumne-county-ca-field-of-honor-2024/>

When: Opening Ceremony Sat., Nov. 9th at 11:30am @ Standard Park

Field of Honor® will be open daily from;
Noon until 4:30pm, November 8th - 11th

Where: Standard Park and Sports Complex
18500 Standard Road, Sonora, CA



Scan the QR Code to find out more info

The Field of Honor® will be open to the public every day, lighted during the evening and night hours. All proceeds from the event will be used solely for the benefit of our local Veterans, Active Military members, new recruits and First Responder organizations.

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Friends of the Library Updates

It has been a busy month for Friends of the Tuolumne County Library Branches.

Tuolumne Main Branch (FOTCL): The monthly business meeting included current budget, income, expenditures, and updates covering the concert fundraiser, book sale, membership and annual goals to be adopted at the annual meeting in January.

It was announced FOTCL received several donations in August, including a substantial donation from a longtime volunteer.

Groveland (FOGL): Friends of the Groveland Library is proud to support literacy efforts in the Groveland area. That includes helping with volunteers and providing funds at the local library, as well as supporting reading programs at Tenaya Elementary School.

The Groveland Friends of the Library Authors Day was held October 19th. Our newest local authors spoke about their books and answered questions.

FOGL helped the annual "Stuff the Bus". A check was presented to Tenaya Elementary School to help purchase back-to-school supplies for students and classroom teachers.

FOGL earns funds to support our local library and children's literacy programs through membership dues, donations, and our book sales every Saturday in the Book Nook, downstairs at the Groveland Branch Library.

Please join us! Membership forms are available in the library or send \$25 and your name and email address to FOGL, PO Box 43, Groveland CA, 95321.

High Country Friends of the Library: HCFL serves the Twain Harte and Mi-Wuk libraries. The board met on Wednesday, October 16th, in the Mi-Wuk library which is next to the Mi-Wuk Post Office. All are invited. Current and future events were discussed.

Tuolumne City Library Friends: Over 450 treat bags for the Halloween Parade in Tuolumne City were prepared by TCFL. Children from around the county participated in this parade. Items for the annual Santa Sale are being collected. The sale begins after Thanksgiving. Children can buy gifts for nominal amounts. Our friends group provides gift bags for the items purchased.

Library Programs at Sonora Main Library

The Sonora Main Library offers various programs for adults and teens every month. On Tuesdays, the library provides Scrabble boards so patrons can play with friends or meet new people. If Scabble is not your thing, you can ask at the Circulation desk about the other board games the library has available for use in the building. If you would like to suggest a game purchase for the library, you can mention it to any staff member or leave a note in our suggestion box.

On Fridays, the library plays movies in the mornings at 10:00am and puts out the chess and checkers games all afternoon. Friday, November 8th is a Teen's pick movie afternoon starting after school around 2:45pm. Teens get to select the movie they want to see. On Thursday, November 14th, Friday Night Live, FNL Kids and Club Live will host activities in the library meeting room. Wednesday, November 20th, from 1:00pm to 5:30pm the Craft Cart will roll out with a fun family craft project for fall. Finally, don't miss our Saturday Family Movie feature November 30th, at 1:00pm.

With changes in seasons, come changes at the Tuolumne Youth Center. We recently said goodbye to our Coordinator as she moved on to a new adventure in her life. But we don't want our Tuolumne youth and families to worry because we will remain open for our community! Our team is pulling together and covering days to keep the center open. The Tuolumne Youth Center is currently open Wednesdays and Thursdays for our regular hours 1:00pm—7:00pm.

Our annual Halloween Party was a huge success. We had children participate in the Tuolumne Parade, after a pizza party and games in our center. Even with our small team, we were able to pull together and plan our 45th annual Turkey Trot. We want to offer a huge thank you to our donors as we wouldn't be able to host this event without the continued support. The Turkey Trot will be held at Jerry Whitehead Field in



Tuolumne on Thursday, November 21st with registration beginning at 3:00pm.

For any questions, please reach out to our Recreation Office at (209) 533-5663. Thank you to the community for the continued support and we look forward to the opportunity to be open full time again to support our youth and families.

Zip Books

The Tuolumne County Public Library has once again been awarded funds to purchase new materials through a Zip Book Grant administered by the California State Library. This statewide project began as a pilot project in 2011 and has grown to include 99 library jurisdictions. Zip Books allow libraries to purchase additional books that may be different than those usually selected by the library. Patrons can place a Zip Book request at the Sonora Main Library reference desk, or any library branch. The request is then reviewed and ordered with the book being sent to the patron directly from Amazon. The patron can enjoy the item, and then return it to the library so it can be added to the collection for others to enjoy. There are limited restrictions, but most requests can be filled. Ask about Zip Books at your local library branch.

Library Database Spotlight

When you visit any of the branches of the Tuolumne County Public Library you will probably notice the wall or rack of magazines. Most magazines are available for check out for one week, with a maximum of 10 magazines per patron. However, did you know the library has access to over 1000 magazines through one of our database providers, Gale Infotrac. This database contains the full text of these journals and is searchable. You can search by a topic of interest or select a popular journal and read the latest edition. The database allows you to filter your results and you can access the database from home. This is one of several databases provided free by the Tuolumne County Public Library for use by our patrons.

Groveland Youth Center

Before we get started with all the cool things going on at the Groveland Youth Center, we would like to reach out and say thanks to the Tuolumne County Sheriffs Department for the work they did at the Youth Center and Library in Groveland. This team did such an incredible job on the landscaping and our kids can run around in more places without being poked and cut up by the bushes. Even better, they recovered so many missing balls for us! Once the balls land in the berry bushes, there was no way to retrieve them. They toughed it out and we truly appreciate the work they did around the center, the library, and the park. Thank you, guys!

Now, back to our kids! We have been enjoying the fall air that has been coming in. Our centers joined in a fun field trip courtesy of Cover's Apple Ranch. We went to their Fall Festival and enjoyed the hay maze, pumpkin patch, fresh cider, train rides, and the pie eating contest... oh, the pie eating contest is wild! There was so much more



that we relished in as well.

Our kids had a Halloween painting day where we painted different sculptures to help decorate our center, some were spooky, and some were cute, but all had uniqueness and creativity behind them. We also made Halloween hand puppets, told stories, and even made some Halloween themed treats.

November is one of our favorite months. Friendsgiving is one of our biggest events for the centers that will

be held at the Groveland Youth Center on November 23rd at 2:00pm. We invite all the local kids to join in and build friendships over a plate of tasty food and drinks. Last year we were able to feed over 40 kids and send plates home for parents as well! As someone who likes to eat, Friendsgiving, Thanksgiving, whatever



we are giving, I'm excited.

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.



With unseasonably warm temperatures this October we are excited for it to finally feel like fall. Last month we had our first fieldtrip to Cover's Fall festival and enjoyed their petting zoo, train rides and hay maze. We celebrated Halloween with our annual costume party at the Tuolumne Youth Center and for Dia de Los Muertos (day of the dead) we are watching Coco during our Friday night movie and enjoying some homemade traditional horchata on Saturday, November 2nd! JYC is bringing back it's much anticipated air hockey tournaments, the first being on Friday, November 8th. Our second annual Friendsgiving will be held at the Groveland Youth Center on Saturday, November 23rd (permission slip required). Our partnership with the TCSOS Nexus program has been a great success and we

look forward to expanding the centers availability to accommodate their program. Jamestown Youth Center will unfortunately be closed Wednesdays until a replacement coordinator is found for the Tuolumne



Youth Center. We will also be closed Thursday, November 21st, for the 40th annual Turkey Trot in Tuolumne City. Please view our month calendar at www.tcrecreation.com for holiday schedule and events.

Twain Harte Branch Library

At the Twain Harte Branch Library, several of our moms who regularly bring their children to Storytime have stepped up as volunteers to read and assist with crafts when we don't have a volunteer scheduled. Our mothers often step in and help with crafts during Storytime and help clean up when our Friday stories and crafts are over. We sincerely thank our dedicated moms for their eagerness to help the library!

We also have exciting news at the Twain Harte Branch Library—Game Day is returning! Game Day is scheduled for every Wednesday at 2:30pm. The Game Group has lost a few members recently and is welcoming new players to our library. Young and old are welcome to come and play the group's regular games as well as introduce new games. Please join us for some fun!

In October two classrooms of second graders from Twain Harte Elementary came and visited the library. These school kids were curious, full of questions, and excited to see the variety of library resources we have for them. Our library is happy to introduce our young readers to the many items we have to offer.

And remember—If you are interested in volunteering at Twain Harte Branch Library, please come visit us!

Tiny Tots—Thank You!

Tuolumne County Recreation Department and Sonora Tiny Tots would like to thank our amazing community for voting us **2024 Best Preschool** with the Union Democrat Readers' Choice Awards! This was only possible because of all your support.

Monday, October 14th was the start of Session Two and we are so pleased to say we only have a couple spots left. We've been learning about all the changes that fall brings along with tasting apples, sunflower seeds, and pumpkin seeds. We also had our fall photo session, creating so many smiles and great pictures!

November we'll be continuing our fall education and celebration of Thanksgiving. Our classes will be making our Thankful Trail Mix and a yummy pumpkin pie together, and it's so easy that the children can make it at home with their families. The children will bring an item from home that they think will make our trail mix delicious, then share what they are thankful for. The last days of Session Two will be our Fall Feast, made possible by the families sharing their favorite dishes.

If you'd like to join us at Tiny Tots, registration is open for Sessions Three, Four, and Five online at www.tcrecreation.com.

Pumpkin Pie

- 6 oz. graham cracker crust
- Vanilla pudding (5.1 box)
 - Milk
- 8 oz. container of whipped topping
 - Pumpkin pie spice
 - 8 oz. can of pumpkin

Make vanilla pudding according to directions on the box.

Add desired amount of pumpkin, the spice, and the container of whipped topping.

Fill the crust and enjoy!

Mobile Library at East Garden Apartments

Every other Tuesday, the Mobile Library visits the East Garden Apartments, conveniently located off Main Street in Jamestown. It is available from 10:00am—11:00am during



these visits. On alternating weeks, the Mobile Library visits Columbia State Park. We will be sure to note



any changes to the standard schedule in our calendar or newsletters. We warmly invite you to stop by if you happen to be in the area and would like to explore some books, return items, obtain a library card, or simply say hello. The Mobile Library offers a rotating selection of books across various genres for all ages, as

well as audiobooks and DVDs. Additionally, if you have specific titles in mind from our full collection, please feel free to log into your account, place a hold as usual, and send it to the Mobile Library or the WOW—we will be happy to have it ready for you on our next visit!



On September 21st, the Tuolumne County Public Library had an exhibitor booth at the 39th annual Infant/Child Enrichment Services' (ICES) Children's Fair at the West Side Memorial Park in Tuolumne City. Our Children's Librarian was present that day to showcase our services, promote upcoming programs, give away prizes and interact with attendees. It was a fun and festive day featuring entertainment that delighted the children, including Magician Michael Rappa and Juggler Kevin Axtel. Many organizations such as CalFresh Healthy Living, First 5



Tuolumne, Local Child Care Planning Council, Tuolumne Fire Department, WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors, Foothill Pregnancy Center, and California Highway Patrol were there to support ICES' missions and to promote their own services. "I.C.E.S. is a public benefit, non-profit corporation created in 1983 to provide a variety of childcare parenting support services to families in Tuolumne and Mariposa counties. The ICES vision is that all parents in the community have access to quality childcare and parenting education." —icesagency.org

Thanksgiving Break Day Camp

The Tuolumne County Recreation Department is excited to announce the first ever Thanksgiving Break Day Camp! This day camp will be held at Soulsbyville Elementary from Monday, November 25th — Wednesday, November 27th from 7:30am—5:30pm. We created this camp because we know how difficult it can be to find childcare when the school system is out, but families are still working. This camp will provide a safe and fun space for kids during the holiday break. With games to play, crafts to make, and special guests to entertain, this camp is sure to be a good time while providing parents with peace of mind when they are at work during the break. Our staff is certified in First Aid/CPR/AED and is excited to provide the kids with a fun and memorable experience. We want to give a big shout out and thank you to Soulsbyville Elementary for working with us to provide the space for this camp. Without their support, programs like this would be hard to host. Registration is currently open on our website www.tcrecreation.com so log on and reserve your spot today! You can also call us at (209) 533-5663 with any questions. We hope you decide to spend some of your Thanksgiving Break with the Tuolumne County Recreation Department!

What's Happening in November?

Library and Recreation Programming

Mobile Library

East Garden Apartments

Tuesday, November 19th 10:00am—11:00am

Willow Springs Clubhouse

Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, and 26th 3:00pm—4:00pm

Don Pedro Market

Wednesdays, November 13th, 20th, and 27th
10:00am—11:00am

Mi-Wuk Community Center/Library

Fridays, November 8th and 22nd 11:30am—12:30pm

Crystal Falls Association

Saturdays, November 9th, 16th, and 30th
10:00am—11:00am

Jamestown Community Hall

Saturdays, November 9th, 16th, and 30th
1:00pm—5:00pm

Columbia State Park

Tuesdays, November 12th and 26th 10:00am—11:00am

Tuolumne Senior Apartments

Friday, November 15th 10:00am—11:00am

Jamestown Preston Lane Apartments

Friday, November 15th 11:30am—12:30pm

49ers Church

Friday, November 15th 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)

Thanksgiving Break Day Camp: November 25th—

November 27th *Soulsbyville Elementary*
7:30am—5:30pm

Youth Centers: *Back to School Hours*

Tuesdays—Fridays 1:00pm—7:00pm &
Saturdays 9:30am—5:00pm

(Tuolumne Youth Center currently only open
Wednesdays and Thursdays for regular hours)

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

Friday, November 8th @ 2:45pm—Teen After School Movie

Thursday, November 14th @ 3:00pm—

Friday Night Live Kids/Club Live

Thursday, November 14th @ 4:00pm—Friday Night Live

Saturday, November 16th @ 2:00pm—STEM at the Library

Tuesday, November 19th @ 11:30am—Book Club:

March by Geraldine Brooks

Wednesday, November 20th @ 1:00pm—Craft Cart: Mod
Podge Fall Leaf Coasters (Ages 12+)

Thursday, November 21st @ 4:00pm—Teen Advisory Council

Tuesday, November 26th @ 2:00pm—

Friends of the Tuolumne County Library Meeting

Saturday, November 30th @ 1:00pm—Family Matinee Movie

Twain Harte Branch Library

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

Wednesdays @ 2:30pm—Adult Game Group

Thursday, November 21st @ 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, November 8th @ 10:00am—Book Club:

The Orphan Train by Christina Baker

Wednesday, November 20th @ 3:30pm—STEM at the Library

Groveland Branch Library

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

Friday, November 1st @ 2:30pm—STEM at the Library

Friday, November 8th @ 2:00pm—Book Club

Tuesday, November 19th @ 10:00am—Quilter's Group

ALL COUNTY FACILITIES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

NOVEMBER 11th, 28th, and 29th