

Tuolumne County Library and Recreation Newsletter

April 2025

National Library Week Celebration

Every week millions of people visit their local library. What's the draw?

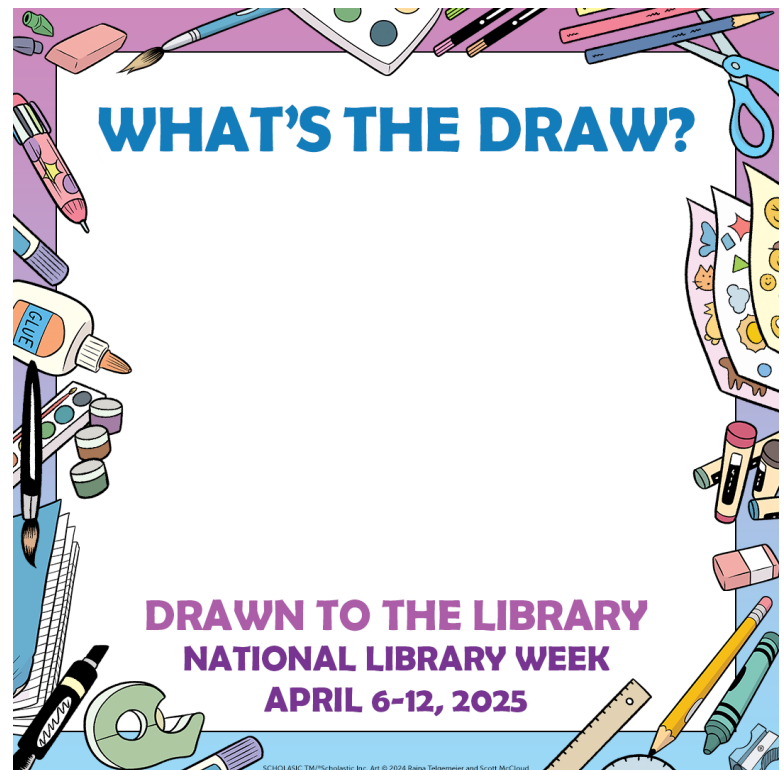
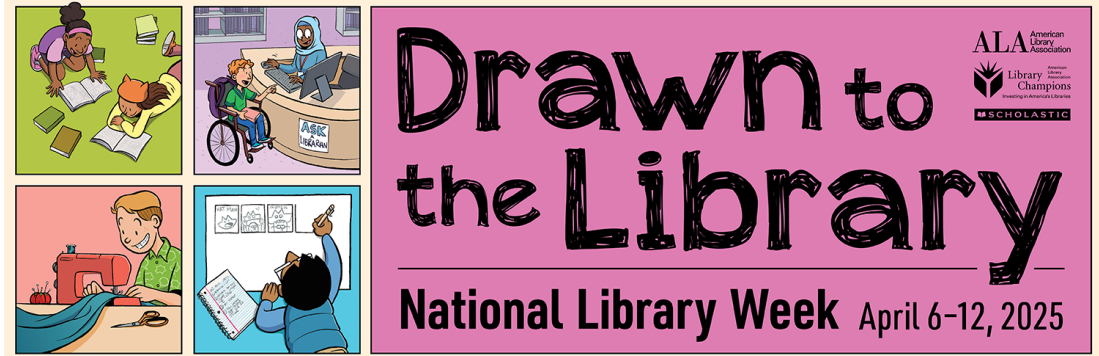
EVERYTHING! Libraries offer more than books to their patrons. Libraries offer important social programs, public computers, various

digital media, community interaction, interactive story times, and creative crafts all in a safe, inviting space. No matter what draws you into the library, there is something for everyone. Every April the American Library Association celebrates the importance of libraries by sponsoring NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK! This week is designed to showcase the necessity of libraries in the community and is an incredible opportunity for patrons to show their support. This year National Library Week will take place April 6th—12th, and the Tuolumne County Public Library will celebrate with a variety of programs, events, and special displays.

The Tuolumne County Public Library would like to encourage patrons to return their lost items this week as we will waive any fines! Though only lost items returned during this week will have their fines exempt; we will not be waiving fines for previous returned lost items.

The Friends of the Library will provide coffee and snacks throughout the week for patrons. As you enjoy your coffee feel free to explore the library, check out a book from our Local Author display, fill out a display card about what draws you to the library, or grab a book recommendation bookmark to share your favorite titles. On Wednesday April 9th, from 1:00pm—6:00pm the library will host a family fun day. Visit the library for games, snacks, and crafts. Saturday, April 12th, the Legos will come out to play so bring your building skills to the library from 1:00pm to 5:00pm for an awesome Lego Day.

We hope to see you celebrating your library during National Library Week and beyond!



Spring Adult Softball Leagues Continues

Spring Leagues are in full swing at the Standard Park Sports Complex! Leagues will be consisting of Tuesday night COED, Wednesday Men's 50+, a Thursday Men's League, and a Friday Men's League. The Spring season will run all the way through May, so come out to the ballpark and cheer for family, friends, and coworkers on your favorite team!

Join us April 26th, from 10:00am—1:00pm, for the Touch-A-Truck fundraiser at the Standard Park Sports Complex. This is a great opportunity to support the Tuolumne County Recreation Department's Youth Centers and is a fun experience for the whole family.

Summerville High School JV and Freshmen Baseball along with JV Softball games and practices will continue in April. Standard Park will also be home to Tuolumne County Girls Fastpitch practices Monday—Friday and games held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and all-day Saturdays. Special Olympics Bocce Ball will be coming back to the park this year with two courts for competitive play.

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 Office at (209) 533-5663. To sign up for any of the Tuolumne County Recreation Department Programs go to www.tc recreation.com and then click "Online Registration" in the upper left-hand corner.



The Tuolumne County Recreation Department started Spring 2025 with a variety of programs and career development opportunities. We kicked things off with our annual Lifeguarding Certification Class held at the Sonora Aquatic Center. This class is a huge part of our department where we recruit and train most of our lifeguards for the Summer. The class put 17 participants through a weeklong course of water saves, first aid, CPR, and AED training to be able to deal with any situation that may arise during the season. Safety is our first, second, and third priorities in the summer and we are proud to say that we certified a group of brand new lifeguards who are ready and excited to get on the pool deck and provide a safe and fun environment at our local pools!

We also completed the Basic 40 Firefighter Training Program for our new participants. This is a program that we have not offered since prior to Covid and we are thrilled we were able to bring it back this year with the partnership of the United States Forest Service. These ambitious young folks had the privilege to work and train with our local Forest Service staff. All participants passed the course and can now apply for summer work with the United States Forest Service to help prevent and fight forest fires. These jobs are so important to our local area, and we are so proud to have been able to partner with the Forest Service to help build that work force.



Spring Break is one of our busiest weeks of the year and this year we hosted for the second consecutive year our Spring Break Day Camp at Soulsbyville Elementary School. We cannot thank Soulsbyville Elementary enough for allowing us to use their space. We had 30 campers this year who participated in creative crafts, fun games, visits by special guests such as the Master Gardeners and the Sheriff K-9 unit and much more! We will be looking to run our Summer Recreation Camp as well this year, look for registration to open early–mid May.

This last month also saw the start of Session 1 for our very popular Yoga for Seniors program that we host with Yogi, Hoyt Cory at the Sonora Senior Center. This session saw our biggest turnout with 18 seniors signed up to enjoy some peaceful yoga and “keep all the moving parts, moving.” Registration is still open for this program if you are interested and want to join, if not, we do plan on running Session 2 shortly after Session 1 ends.

We are working very hard to bring more and more programs into the fold to provide programming for all ages and walks of life. Keep an eye out on our website www.tcrecreation.com as we will begin to open registration throughout April and May for all our Spring and Summer programs. Some programs to be excited for that we know we will be offering are our various sports camps and clinics, our very popular swim lessons at our local pools, and art programs for all ages. If there is a program that you want to see or a program you have passion for and would like to be an instructor for please call us at (209) 533-5663. We would love to hear from our community on the needs that you have and would love to work with more of our local coaches and instructors to provide fun, quality programming for our community.

Jamestown Youth Center

The 3rd annual Tuolumne Youth Center paint party had a great turn out with many amazing artists. A big thank you to Angelica Lunsford for leading us through the super cute spring painting.

We finished off this winter season with lots of snow for our sledding trip to Pinecrest. The kids enjoyed walking and sledding around the frozen lake and had a picnic lunch before heading down the mountain to warm up.

Some sunny days will be a welcome sight this April. At the Jamestown Youth Center, we have lots of activities planned. This month's Wednesday crafts will be paper bunnies, coloring Easter Eggs, origami flowers and enjoying some relaxing watercolors. We will be prepping and planting our spring garden which will include carrots, cabbage, spinach,

onions, tomatoes, cilantro, peppers, and cucumbers. We continue to welcome Friday Night Live on Tuesdays and enjoy our Thursdays Good Eats cooking activities. The ATCAA food bank has been generously donating loads of food for our kids to enjoy throughout the week. The Jamestown Youth Center will be closed April 1st —5th during spring break but will be back in action Tuesday, April 8th.



Tiny Tots

Here's the Tiny Tots recap of March. We finished our Old MacDonald touch book. This wonderful keepsake consisted of nine animals, all made with different materials. Session 4 ended with a visit from the Leprechaun who left a treasure and made a bit of a mess. Luckily our children happily collected the treasure to clean up our classroom. We also played a game of dress the teachers with multiple silly green items such as glasses, hats, necklaces, tutus, boas and so much more.

March 24th was the start of Session 5 and is our last session of the 2024—2025 school year. We're focusing on Spring and Graduation. We're studying the life cycle of the butterfly. We ordered caterpillars and are watching the transformation, then they'll be released into our play yard. Graduation is set for May 8th, and we estimate over 40 graduates. We won't be resting, however, summer camps will start in May and registration will open soon. This year's theme is Habitat's.

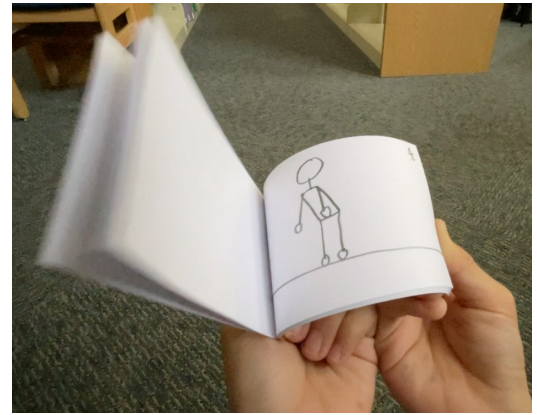
Animation Fun at Sonora Main Library

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The Sonora Main Library monthly STEM program always draws a big crowd. On Saturday, March 15th, the kids learned about the history of animation. Animation started in the 1600s with a projector called the “Magic Lantern.” Later animations introduced in the 1800s were called the Thaumatrope, Praxinoscope, and Zoetrope. The very first



flipbook was called the Kineograph, and it was made in 1868 by John Barnes Linnett. Our participants made unique flipbooks that displayed interesting motions and storylines. The flipbook is a small book of pictures that display different movements on each page. When the pages are flipped rapidly in succession, you will see the animated sequence.



Tuolumne County Recreation—Hiking Adventures

TUOLUMNE COUNTY RECREATION

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

TUOLUMNE TRAILS HIKING ADVENTURES ~ SPRING IN YOUR STEP SERIES ~

After a long cold winter, shake off Your “cabin fever” with four low elevation hikes featuring warmer temperatures, blue bird skies, colorful wildflowers & beautiful vistas

All Sessions start promptly @ 9am

April 5th Red Hills Overlook (2.5 mile LP)
Features lush green hills and seasonal wildflowers
Moderate Hilly Terrain / 415ft of Climbing
Estimated Total Time 2.75 hrs

April 12th Red Hills North (3.6 mile LP)
Features lush hills, wildflowers & rare species
Moderate Hilly Terrain / 475ft of Climbing
Estimated Total Time 3hrs

April 19th Table Mountain (3.0 mile RT)
Features seasonal wildflowers and panorama
Flat & Hilly Terrain + 1 easy ‘scramble’ climb
630ft of climbing / Estimated Total Time 3.5 hrs

April 26th Carson Creek (4.1 mile LP)
Features lakeside and vista views
Moderate + Steep Terrain / 405 ft of climbing
Estimated Total Time 4hrs

Scan QR code then click
“Online Registration”



ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
@ www.tcRecreation.com

Register a la carte = \$10 per person / session or
Register For Entire Series = \$8 per person / session

Subject to minimum & maximum sign-ups / all Locations subject to change
All Hikers responsible for maintaining and carrying their own gear
** TCRD is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items **



Hike Your Way! Choose Sessions a la carte or
save by registering for all Sessions in the series

Designed for Adults
and Young Adults
(Age 10-17 Accompanied by Adult)

Must be able to walk up to 4 miles
with moderate hills at a slow pace

Something for all skill levels
Beginners are Welcome

Program Durations
(including warm up & breaks)
3 to 4 Hour Excursions

For help or more information contact the Tuolumne County Recreation Department by visiting the Sonora Main Library at 480 Greenley Road. You can also call (209) 533-5663 or email sschwilling@co.tuolumne.ca.us

Easter Egg Hunt and Coloring Program

Come join us at the Sonora Main Library for some egg-citing fun at our Easter egg hunting and coloring program. Come hear stories and music, make crafts, and hunt for eggs and the golden egg to get your candy and grand prize! This event will be on Saturday, April 19th at 10:30am.



Read Across America Celebration

To celebrate Read Across America Day on March 2nd, we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday at the Sonora Main Library on March 5th, 6th, and 8th during our regular Storytime and craft program. On Saturday, March 8th, we were joined by the Parents as Teachers (PAT) group, an organization within the Tuolumne County Public Health

Department. PAT works to increase parent's knowledge of early childhood development and improve positive parenting practices. During the program, our Children's Librarian gave a lesson on kindness with one



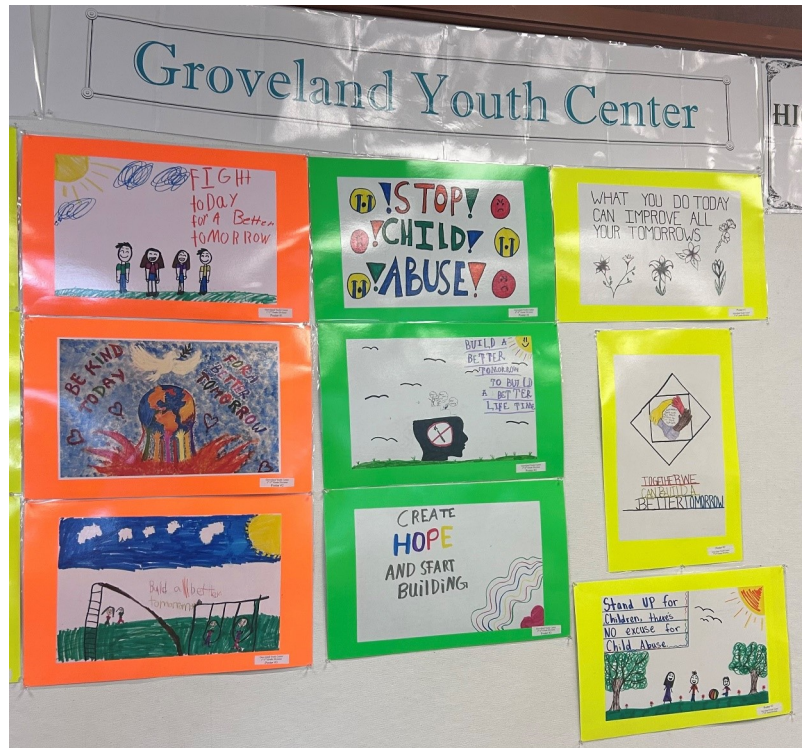
of Dr. Seuss's endearing stories, *Yertle the Turtle*. She paired that story with *Tucker Turtle*, a book that supports early childhood development and is promoted by First 5 Tuolumne County. During the program, children and their caregivers sang songs and made crafts that had to do with Dr. Seuss's stories. Our children's librarian even made the children laugh as she became the CAT IN THE HAT, passing out goodies and Green Egg cupcakes!

We have been busy planning our next event. Our 3rd annual Bunny Bake Sale will be on April 19th from 10:00am—1:00pm at the Groveland Youth Center. This year our kids are bringing back the Paint Your Own Sugar Cookie Easter Egg kits that come with plain white sugar cookies shaped as eggs and edible watercolors. This is such a fun activity for our kids and families to take home. We also will have photos with the Easter Bunny themselves!



The Youth Centers have also been busy planning our annual Touch-A-Truck event this year. We are bringing in different vehicles for our kids including squad cars, firetrucks, lift trucks, and even a helicopter! This will be such a fun new event for us to run and we can't wait to see our families. Touch-A-Truck will be held at the Standard Park Sports Complex on April 26th from 10:00am — 1:00pm. We will also be selling hot dog meals for lunches as well.

We joined Jamestown Youth Center in a sledding field trip in Pinecrest. The kids had a ton of fun going down hills and trying to beat the coordinators in snowball fights. We also had a craft to make fake snow at the Groveland Youth Center. The kids had so much fun squishing and creating the “snow”. April 8th will be the morning our kids receive their prizes for our annual Poster and Poetry Contest. We announce the winners every year in front of our Board of Supervisors. Even with our Tuolumne Youth Center being closed, we received so many submissions for our Tuolumne category. Our kids and parents look forward to this every year.



Our hours during Spring Break are Tuesday—Friday from 10:00am—5:00pm and Saturdays 9:30am—5:00pm. When school comes back into session 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.

What's Happening in April?

Library and Recreation Programming

Mobile Library

East Garden Apartments

Tuesday, April 1st, 15th, and 29th 10:00am—11:00am

Willow Springs Clubhouse

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

Don Pedro Market

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

Mi-Wuk Community Center/Library

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

Crystal Falls Association

Saturdays, April 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th 10:00am—11:00am

Jamestown Community Hall

Saturdays, April 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th 1:00pm—5:00pm

Columbia State Park

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

Tuolumne Senior Apartments

Fridays, April 11th and 25th 10:00am—11:00am

Jamestown Preston Lane Apartments

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

49ers Church

Fridays, April 11th and 25th 2:00pm—3:00pm

Recreation Programs

Yoga for Seniors: *Sonora Senior Center*, Tuesdays Until April 29th 9:30am—10:30am

Mommy & Me Walking Meditation: *Standard Park Sports Complex*, Wednesday, April 2nd 10:00am—11:00am

Touch-A-Truck: *Standard Park Sports Complex*, Saturday, April 26th 10:00am—1:00pm

Bunny Bake Sale: *Groveland Youth Center*, Saturday, April 19th 10:00am—1:00pm

Lifeguard Training: *Sonora Aquatic Center*, March 31st—April 4th

Firefighter Training: *Sonora Forest Service Station*, March 31st—April 4th

Spring Break Day Camp: *Soulsbyville Elementary*, March 31st—April 4th

Tuolumne Resiliency Coalition & Tuolumne Victim Services Annual Luncheon: *Chicken Ranch Casino*, April 10th 11:00am—2:00pm

Sonora Main Library

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays @ 10:30am:

Children's Storytime and Crafts

Tuesdays @ 1:00pm: Scrabble

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

Saturdays, 3:00pm—5:00pm: Technology Help Time
(No Technology Help Time April 12th and 29th)

Wednesday, April 9th 1:00pm—6:00pm: Family Fun Day

Saturday, April 12th 1:00pm—5:00pm: Lego Building Day

Tuesday, April 15th @ 12:00pm: Book Club: *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed and *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt

Thursday, April 17th @ 10:00am

Library Opening Late for Staff Meeting

Friday, April 18th 10:00am—12:00pm:

Library Literacy Services New Tutor Training

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

Tuesday, April 22nd @ 2:00pm: Friends of the

Tuolumne County Library Meeting

Wednesday, April 23rd @ 1:00pm:

Craft Cart—Earth Day Rock Painting

Twain Harte Branch Library

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

Thursday, April 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, April 11th @ 10:00am: Book Club—

The Magician's Assistant by Ann Packett

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

Groveland Branch Library

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

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

Friday, April 11th @ 2:00pm: Book Club

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