



LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST THRU OCTOBER 2021

From pastures to pines, connecting you to the world of ideas...

STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS (VISION 2020)

- ✓ **Improve county residents' reading habits:** Book clubs provide an avenue for readers to gather and discuss ideas generated by reading. Tuolumne County Public Library supports a number of these clubs by providing access to multiple copies of the monthly title selection. The library system has participated with the 49-99 Consortium Book Club in a Box where local groups order the books through their lists and the books are then sent to the main library to be distributed to the clubs. Over the past years, Sonora Main Library collected copies of specific titles which were very helpful when the Book Club in a Box program shutdown during the California Stay at Home Order. Because of the popularity of the small collection at Sonora, High Country Friends donated \$2,000 to add additional and new titles to the library's book club collection. Our book clubs will enjoy the expanded selection of books to read and discuss.
- ✓ **Encourage lifelong learning:** Tuolumne County Public Library Children's Room have begun a new partnership with Amador Tuolumne Action Agency to provide mini workshops for our local families and their children's early development. These 15 minute modules will occur after the regular Thursday Story Time at Sonora Main on select dates. While the young children begin their craft parents will be able to participate in these interactive learning sessions. This new program will begin in December.
- ✓ **Improve facilities for community engagement:** The Sonora Main Library's Children's Room recently received a gift of a sturdy doll house for our local children from Sonora Kiwanis Club. The club has been generous through the years with purchasing Duplo bricks for the preschoolers, an activity cube for toddlers, and wooden building blocks for the children. These generous donations have inspired fun and learning for our youngest library users. Halloween was celebrated with activities at Tuolumne City with a community led parade. Tuolumne City Branch sponsored a decorated table at the event and gave away candy to over 100 children.

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021
Visitors	2,888	3,098	3,155
Items checked out at Month's End	3,782	3,931	3,855
Children's book loans	2,328	2,280	2,346
Adult book loans	3,564	3,456	3,238
Library materials owned (cumulative)*	77,246	76,695	76,326

*Tuolumne County Library is cleaning up the actual records of library materials that are listed in our collection. We are deleting the records of all materials that are set to lost or cannot be found on our shelves for at least five years.

BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ **Fundraising/Friends of the Library Activities:** Friends of the Tuolumne County Library support the library system programs and services through fundraising activities. They are always in need of volunteers and their expertise to expand their efforts and supportive events. This past year has been extremely hard with the restrictions from COVID-19. If you haven't joined the organization, please consider becoming a member. Contact your local branch for more information on how you can help the Friends of Tuolumne County Library and the Tuolumne County Library.



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