



# LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

## FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2021

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

### STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS (VISION 2020)

- ✓ **Improve county residents' reading habits:** During January CalFire and the U. S. Forest Service partnered with Tuolumne County Library to film fire safety programs in the Sonora Main Library's Children's Room. Using the wonderful mural as a backdrop, the local agencies read stories and provided lessons on staying safe for the various elementary grades in our community. In February, Sonora Elementary was provided with a Zoom Class Visit. Tacy Rowan, a fourth grade teacher at the local school worked with the Children's Librarian to offer this special visit for her class to introduce the students to our library services. After the visit the students continued to practice their new searching skills to locate and request materials from the library.
- ✓ **Encourage lifelong learning:** One of the Tuolumne County Library's ongoing services is proctoring tests for local residents. February was a busy month for residents needing to utilize this program. Local students who need to schedule a test should contact the library and set up an appointment with the librarian. All potential proctor test takers should allow for the time needed for instructors or professors to contact the librarian and arrange for the sending of any materials or passwords required for the success of the student.
- ✓ **Improve facilities for community engagement:** Tuolumne County Library is excited to announce that both Tuolumne City and Twain Harte Branches are now open to the public. The library hired and trained three new employees to operate the branches starting with limited hours. Beginning in May, Tuolumne City and Twain Harte will all be open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Fridays & Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Beginning Tuesday, May 18th Groveland Branch will be open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Fridays & Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Staff devoted many hours to re-organize and clean the branches for their opening days. Sonora Main Library has partnered with Mother Lode Art Association and the group has organized and brought back Rotating Art Display in the library. Stop by during our business hours and view the wonderful art created by local artists.

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021
Visitors	No stats collected	2,764	3,334
Items checked out at Month's End	2,963	3,487	3,868
Children's book loans	1,195	1,614	1,858
Adult book loans	2,473	2,761	3,245
Books owned (cumulative)	78,463	78,415	76,942

### BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ **Fundraising/Friends of the Library Activities:** Friends of the Tuolumne County Library has re-opened its Sonora Main Library Book Nook. This little gem sells gently used books at great prices. The proceeds benefit the library's programs and services. They are open for residents to purchase books as gifts and personal reading. They are planning an outdoor sale on Friday, May 14th at the Sonora Main Library from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This will be a great time to stock up on lots of reading materials as the prices will be extremely low.



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