

MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2009

System Services

- Teresa attended a retreat to start her year long involvement with Leadership Santa Cruz County
- The Library was involved with the selection of the architect for the new Scotts Valley Library. Group 4 was hired with Kathy Page hired as an independent library consultant.
- Teresa continued to hold one on one meetings with staff.
- Susan Elgin retired from her position as Assistant Director.

Access Services

- Barbara Snider became Access Services Manager this month, moving from the position of Central Library Branch Manager and taking over for Laura Whaley who had been interim Manager after Margaret Souza retired.
- Access Services staffs, who work in the Routing and Receiving, Delivery, Cataloging, Processing, and Collection Development sections continue to do their regular workloads and, except for Delivery/Courier Drivers, work assigned shifts at Central Library service desks, making this is a busy area.
- One of our positive challenges for the month was learning how best to process “Wish List” receipts from local book stores, make sure the stores are recognized for their efforts and wonderful gifts, and then get the items on book shelves quickly for our library patrons.

Library Information Technology

- The name change from Network Access Services was completed

Programs and Partnerships

- The Programs and Partnerships Division became official on September 8, 2009. Staff for the Division includes all Outreach staff, Sandi Imperio, Sarah Harbison, Victor Willis, and Janis O’Driscoll.
- **Outreach**
 - Investigating feasibility of AWE Early Literacy Laptop Workstations
 - Beta Testing MonoMouse Device for People with Low Vision
 - Participating in a campaign with SC Elementary Schools to get every child a library card. We hope to expand this if it is successful.
 - PIN Extravaganza for Harbor High School Freshmen to get them a clean slate library card and pin number for their high school years.
 - Several staff attended Libraries for the Future
 - Developing a sounding board mechanism to encourage input from all staff regarding training opportunities
 - Applied for Get Involved training on volunteer engagement and the SCPL Team was accepted
 - Applied for Transforming Life After 50 Symposium and the SCPL team accepted

- Wish List Project with Local Bookstores to supplement the collection was started
- SCPL participated in Jumpstart Read for the Record
- SCPL participated in National Gaming Day
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- The following Community Partnerships were fostered
 - ❖ Local bookstores
 - ❖ Santa Cruz City Schools
 - ❖ First 5 Santa Cruz County
 - ❖ Papas – Spanish-speaking teen dads group

Public Services

Aptos

- Aptos' newest volunteers are slowly being groomed as support for staff and to provide assistance to other Aptos' volunteers. The placements are working out extremely well. Shan Crockett is an excellent fit as an assistant to Dana MacKenzie, the Chess Club Director. The Chess Club continues to bring in a large number of participants aged 6-18.
- Sadie Anderson, a 2009 UCSC graduate, is making a contribution to the Library by coordinating the efforts of other youth services volunteers. Jobs for volunteers include creating crafts, assisting with programs such as Family Place and preschool storytime programs, shelf reading, and sorting due cards.
- Marilyn Kanemura is right at home in our library following a career as a librarian and library manager at the Monterey County Free Libraries. Marilyn thought she was retired for good, but decided she wanted to help ease the burden of budget cuts in her hometown. She is up for just about any job we need her to do, including emptying the book drop and searching for titles on request lists.
- Booktalkin', a book discussion group led by 11-13 year olds, is new to Aptos. The group previously met at LSB. After a couple of meetings here, the group now appear to be happy and at home in the Aptos meeting room. The group is very independent. For September, a cozy group of five decided to read Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland books. The book discussion was topped off with a Mad Hatter Tea Party.

La Selva Beach

- Library staff assigned to LSB Tuesday and Thursday afternoons report that the branch is often very slow during open hours.
- Beginning October 20th, Tuesday hours will be 3-7, making it possible for patrons to visit after standard work hours.

Central

- YouthServe installed a wonderful three dimensional mural in the reference area. This is the second mural donated to the Central Branch.

Garfield Park

- On 9/22/09 Garfield Park had their first class visits since the reduced hours went into effect. Valerie Murphy came over from Central to do story times for Bay View Elementary School. Both visits were held in the morning before the branch opened. The first story time was held for three Kindergarten classes which included 55 children and 14 adults. The second story time was for two Kindergarten classes which were bilingual and included 38 children and 14 adults. Valerie did a wonderful job reading to the children and doing stories with the flannel board. Afterwards they went out to the front lawn and ate apples.

Live Oak

- Live Oak has three volunteers, and is losing one, who has become a page for Live Oak
- We also have a new page, Chicory Roth, who transferred from B40
- Live Oak continues to have building issues such as ants, checkpoint ghosting, boiler not turning on etc.
- Branch manager Paula Contreras spends a lot of time scheduling various technicians from First Alarm, Emcor, NAS and Kone Elevator to work on the under floor water detection system
- Staff seems to be getting adjusted to scheduling and branch changes.
- Mickey Magic donated his time to present a very fun and entertaining magic show for kids and their families on 9/2.

Capitola

- Staff is busy with new open hours