

Watsonville Library Report

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Notes from Steve Blair

- Saturday 6/24/2017
- 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM

Summary

- High points:
 - Entire first-floor Children and Juvenile sections
 - Story time area
 - Circular, enclosed space with 2-shelf carpeted "bleachers" for seating
 - Large, lovely mural on front wall where reader would be
 - Overhead projector and drop-down screen available
 - Carpeted, comfy, warm, inviting space
 - Excellent use of light and space (stacks have limited height and one open shelf)
 - Four small study rooms on second floor

Children's Section

- Entire first floor
- Lots of light and space
- Beautiful circular, enclosed story time area
- Picture book area outside story time area
 - Blocked off in a rectangular section by arrangement of stacks
 - Kid sized chairs and tables for reading
 - Three-shelf stacks are chest high and on wheels
 - Nice carpet and kid-friendly colors on walls
- Seating area (chairs and table) for adults outside story time area
 - Can leave small kids alone in the picture books but still see them (~10 feet away)
- Dedicated toddler computers (10) in their own section
 - Each computer has headphones hanging over the monitor
 - Color-coded keyboard
 - Computer desktop kid-friendly
 - Pre-configured with kid's software, reading programs, educational games

Juvenile Section

- Card catalog computers, same as adult
- 4-shelf stacks; lower shelf not used
- Lots of kid's art on walls and on top of stacks
- Tables and chairs scattered around

Second Floor (Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction)

- Four 3-person study rooms; lights on and no sleep
 - Walk in, first come basis
 - Time limit (2 hours?)
 - Rooms are locked when not in active use
- The George Ow Conference Room (10-person)
 - Available by reservation

- May optionally be used as study room if available and other rooms full
- Room is locked when not in active use
- Non-fiction area
 - Four large tables and chairs in front of librarian's desk
 - Six-shelf stacks, bottom shelf empty
- Teen space (YA)
 - Open room with stacks around walls
 - Tables in center
 - Six computers around edges of room
- Agricultural Workers History Center
 - Like the California section of Santa Cruz
 - Dedicated room with archival local history
 - Large tables for research, quiet reading, or studying
 - Large glass window on front wall; visibility from librarian's area
- Computer lab
 - Dedicated room
 - Approximately 24 PCs; toggle between English and Spanish?
 - Collaborative space; talking is OK
 - Staff person on duty at all times can tutor or provide technical assistance
 - Bi-lingual, usually college student but paid staff
- Meeting Center
 - Large room with kitchen
 - Available by reservation only
 - Did not get to see this room