

SPLAMBA April 2022 Meeting Notes

People present - Mary (PG), Peggy (MPL), Teri (Salinas), Brenda and Jackie (SCPL), Rochelle

Note taker - Alison

Facilitator - Mary

Reports from other MOBAC Committees

- No reports (or no one who is on other committees haha)

Old Business

- Listserv is updated to include MPL

New Programming for Summer Events

- MPL - take and explore bags - get to know Monterey more - ideas: go somewhere and draw a picture on a postcard, MPL provide the postcard and stamps, embroidery hoops doing a stitching of Monterey landmark trees, choose a new place to walk and gathering materials from the ground to make suncatchers, beach clean up, indoor camping and encourage them to tell stories, downtown treasure hunt listening to the cell phone tour but not sure if that would be too hard, Revival giving gift certificates, rock painting and leaving the rock at a new park that they went to explore. Idea is to do things outdoors and get kids outside and moving and learning about their community.
- Salinas - Teri is now the Senior Librarian for Youth Services. Ideas for summer - bird house kits, stencil art, owl pellets. In person - Pokemon terrarium ball, art programs, stuffed animal/action figure sleepover, owl pellets are available in the iReads guide as part of their incentives
- Alison - at MPL we used to do campouts where we would let people make forts with the tables and chairs in the community room. Folks brought their own blankets and pillows and flashlights
- PG - camping inside the library watching a movie (needs to check on licensing), performances every week, performers more expensive than past years, 8 week long program, purchasing STEAM kits that will be available for circulation, inspired by the rock painting programming, using Scholastic Literacy Partners for purchasing books - having issues with backorders of titles
- SCPL - applied for My Garden of 1000 Bees, didn't get it, but they got seed packs and bee cards to go out for Earth Day for a grab and go. For summer doing the usual - 2 entertainers per site, only 4 libraries open right now and the Bookmobile, but might have more in the summer, but the supply chain has been holding everything up. Scotts Valley booked the community center since they don't know if they'll be open, usual book prizes, Penny Ice Creamery giving certificates again, joining up with lunch at the library with pop up sites. Not providing food but they're going to go to distribution sites around the county to give away books and do programs - journaling, grab and go bags, sidewalk chalk, painted rocks, STEAM project, decorating a canvas bookbag, made an effort to get in different performers - bilingual and multicultural performers, Peopleologie

workshops, Native workshop with information about CA tribes and dancing. Tried to up their amount of Spanish or bilingual books for kids for giveaways

- MCFL - doing 6 weeks of programming with paid performers, menu of in house programs for smaller branches where we can only afford to send one performer, for adults and teens doing paint parties and Anime Your Way workshop, each branch participating in the Lunch at the Library program serving lunch and some doing pop up programming (details still being figured out on that, but we participate every year), purchased kids books from Scholastic Literacy Partners and adult and teen books from Ingram. Super reader prizes for kids who doing their reading log AND activities on the back (animal backpacks and llama stuffed animals). Always try to get more bilingual and multicultural presenters, but can be hard because of drive time etc.

Grants:

- PG - received grant to buy an electric outreach vehicle. Taking up a lot of Mary's time. Friends and MC Gives did a lot of good fundraising and the grant was approved.

Local Library News Updates:

- Salinas - started new program that's a subscription box for teens - two books and different swag that they're interested in. Program is called Lit, Lib, Loot (try saying that three times fast). Age is 13-18, but they're being ok with younger kiddos. Talked about restricting it to 20. \$12 per box. <https://salinaspubliclibrary.org/teens/teen-book-subscription>. Also having a graphic novel contest that's open to all Monterey County residents <https://salinaspubliclibrary.org/events/graphic-novel-contest-kids-and-teens-2022> - if anyone wants to help promote.
- MPL - SEL kits - social emotional learning kits. There are 10 available and they're really popular. Providing a backpack with 6 books about a particular emotion and a game that the kids and parents could play with to talk more about the theme.
- MCFL - working on hiring. Just hired a Librarian III for the Seaside Branch - was an internal promotion.
- SCPL - just started doing storytimes again, going really well

Links:

- Rock Painting: [Sacto Cali Rocks | Facebook](#)
- Owl Pellets: <https://obdk.com/>
- Tote Bags: <https://totebagfactory.com/collections/wholesale-cotton-tote-bags/products/economical-100-cotton-tote-bag-tob293?variant=728431129>