



The Summer Reading Program met the challenge of current conditions. 600 kids and teens registered online to log in their reading. The magicians and musicians familiar to students from past summers streamed and recorded their performances. Students could pick up STEAM kits along with the books they had checked out through the online catalog. The STEAM kits consist of materials and instructions to complete science and art projects. Over 750 kits were distributed system wide over the summer. The Avenue Library provided free Grab and Go healthy sack lunches for children under 18 through August 7th, made possible by donations from the Ventura County Library Foundation, the California State Library, and Premier America Credit Union.

This summer's reading program also included an invitation to Rubicon Theatre Company's Fearless Macbeth via Zoom. Rubicon's Fearless Shakespeare program is notorious for its wild take on the Bard. This summer was wilder than ever with a cast of 13 teens from Connecticut to California, witches, kings, and calamity - all viewed from the comfort of your living room.

As distance learning continues into the Fall, the library is offering a Fall Reading Challenge for Kids & Teens! Kids are encouraged to read books and log reading minutes. There is a section for Adults, as well.

The library is working in partnership with schools to provide students with electronic library cards so that they can access all the library's online resources.

One of the new Online resources is Brainfuse – on demand eLearning for all ages and levels.

Brainfuse HelpNow offers homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) provided by subject area certified tutors in English and Spanish.

The platform also offers tools such as flashcards, learning games, customized study plans, writing help, and the opportunity for students to meet up with their friends in a virtual study room.

HelpNow also includes a variety of college preparatory materials and lifelong learning resources such as a Spanish language study center and ESL assistance, as well as test preparation tools for the ACT/SAT, GED and the USCIS citizenship test.

Brainfuse is available from any computer with internet connection seven days a week from 1 pm to 10 pm.



While the Teen Advisory Group is not able to meet in person, Youth Librarian Phillip Yocham is extending a virtual invitation to the whole county.

Two different projects are planned for the Fall. One is a Minecraft Maze event.

The other project is a Scary Story Read-aloud in lieu of the Horror in the Stacks Haunted House this Halloween.

Teens are invited to participate in a Minecraft server hosted by the library. VCL's server offers an opportunity for open and collaborative Minecraft building for youth ages 10-17.

Participants must have parental permission, own a personal Minecraft Java Edition license and use Minecraft Version 1.16.1. Please send your request to join to vencolib.minecraft@gmail.com. Verified participants will be "Allow Listed", thereby granted permission to access the server.



Walk Up Holds Pick-up

E.P. Foster Library
(805) 648-2716
10 am -6 pm, Monday through Friday
and 10 am - 5 pm on Saturday

Avenue Library
(805) 677-7180
1-6 pm, Monday through Thursday
and 10 am - 3 pm on Saturday

Hill Road Library
(805) 643-6393
1-6 pm, Monday through Thursday
and 10 am - 3 pm on Saturday

Saticoy Library
(805) 671-5148
1-6 pm, Monday through Thursday