

Summer Reading 2019



This year, David Cousin, holder of five world juggling records, was the featured performer, visiting all four branches of the Ventura region. His performance kicked off a summer of juggling reading, science activities and the arts.



Kids registered online for the Summer Reading Challenge and recorded the number of minutes they had read over the summer. Among the four library branches, 639 kids and teens registered, logging 467,670 minutes read. For every 100 minutes, their name was entered into the grand prize drawing. Reading 1,000 minutes over the summer was encouraged. When 500 minutes was recorded, the reader earned a free book to add to his or her own library. 504 books were awarded over the summer.



The Makerspace Open Workshop at E.P. Foster and the Maker Lab at Hill Road Library hosted science and technology activities and Steam Boxes brought those activities to Avenue and Saticoy libraries. The science of freezing with liquid nitrogen was demonstrated at E.P. Foster Library. Those who attended were given tickets to continue their research at the SubZero ice cream parlor next door to the library.

This year, a great variety of music events were featured. Craig Newton brought nine musical instruments from around the world to hear and touch. Nathalia, Bilingual Children's Musician, and Jessica Vang invited all to join in song. Inlakech Cultural Arts brought the exuberance of a youth Mariachi orchestra.



The Friends of the Library also sponsored a special author visit and book give-away at E.P. Foster as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. Alane Adams, author of the Legends of Orkney fantasy series for middle grade readers, gave a lively presentation and autographed books. Craig Newton followed with a sing-along and those who attended received tickets for an ice cream at SubZero next door.

In the Ventura Region, the attendance at events totaled 3318.

Teen volunteers gained community service credits for school as they registered kids for the Summer Reading Program, prepared craft and program materials and supported library events. Among the four branches, there were 38 teen volunteers contributing 1035 volunteer hours to the great success of the Summer Reading Program!

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