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CITY LIBRARY

Annual Report

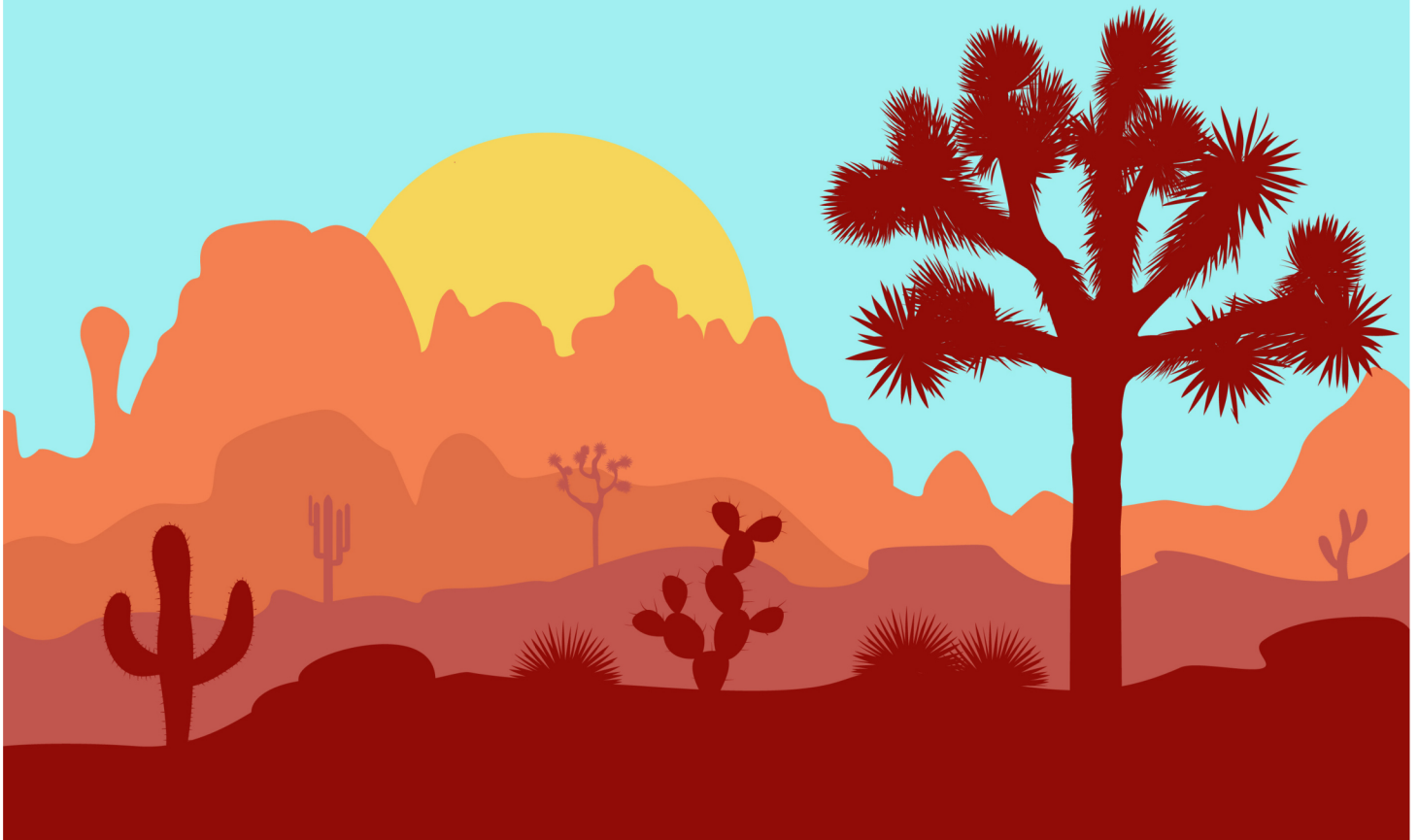
FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023



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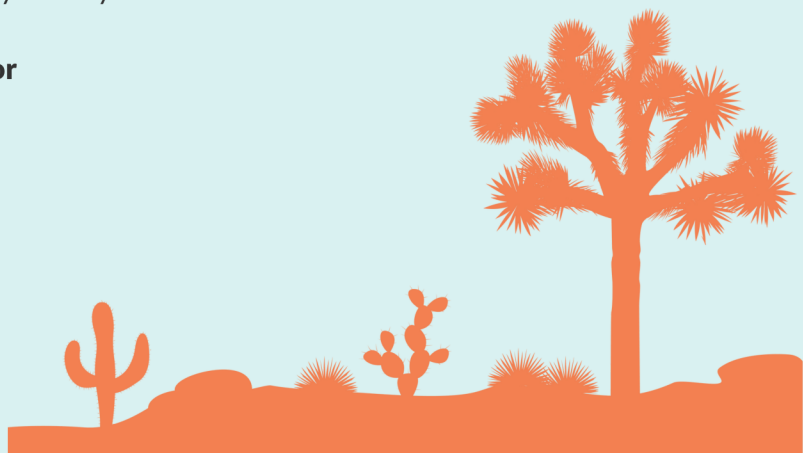
Letter from the Library Director

An exceptional year of service and commitment to the Palmdale community, Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 was filled with access to resources, information, and opportunities for local enrichment. Led by an effective and supportive City leadership team and complemented by an enthusiastic and passionate Library Board of Trustees, the staff at Palmdale City Library accomplished many key goals. Exciting new programs along with the full return of interesting and vibrant events brought a record number of attendees to the Library.

New services included the introduction of an active Teen Advisory Board, Mental Health Mondays (in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health), “I Spy” passive programs for children in the Library, the inclusion of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) kit usage at Summer Lunch and Literacy Pop-Up Programs (in partnership with Palmdale School District), and “Open-Mic Night the Library.” All these services underscore the Library’s role as a lively, welcoming place for the community to gather.

The City of Palmdale’s leaders, Library Board of Trustees, and Library Team were thrilled to receive word in July 2023 that their application for funding resulted in over \$62,000 toward the establishment of an Adult, Family, and English as a Second Language (ESL) program, to be administered and managed out of the Library. The Board of Trustees celebrated this announcement during their July Board meeting. We look forward to implementing these programs during the coming year along with becoming an official member of the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) family of libraries across the State. Here’s to another successful year at Palmdale City Library.

Robert Shupe | Library Director



Library Usage Statistics



51,085

VISITORS



10,569

REFERENCE
QUESTIONS



3,923

CARDS ISSUED



12,223

PUBLIC COMPUTER
SESSIONS



18,636

WI-FI SESSIONS



148,593

CIRCULATION
PRINT



12,075

CIRCULATION
E-MATERIAL



160,668

TOTAL
CIRCULATION

239

TOTAL
PROGRAMS

81

GENERAL INTEREST
PROGRAMS



15

KNOW MOBILE /
OUTREACH EVENTS



2,835

KNOW MOBILE /
OUTREACH
ATTENDANCE



124

YOUTH PROGRAMS



3,755

YOUTH PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE



34

ADULT PROGRAMS



897

ADULT PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

Events & Activities

Summer Reading

Under the theme, “Find Your Voice,” summer reading in FY2022-2023 featured over 40 programs for adults and adolescents to use their unique voices to express themselves and their passions. Summer highlights include a video game tournament for teens, a Ready-To-Write Workshop for early learners, and our annual Harry Potter Birthday Bash to end our summer reading program.





Located at:
700 E. Palmdale Blvd
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SUMMER READING 2023

PALMDALE CITY LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE STATS

506 READERS
132 FINISHERS
3456 HOURS READ
811 PRIZES GIVEN



NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

41

NUMBER OF PROGRAM / ACTIVITY ATTENDEES

1905





We ran summer programming for:

Early Childhood
Children
Teens
Adults
Families







Summer Lunch and Literacy Program



Library staff visited five schools during the summer lunches program for FY2022-2023, where Palmdale School District provided lunches for enrolled students and other community members. With a grant administered by the State Library of California, the Library provided low-cost, high-quality Scholastic books, crafts, buttons, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) activities all with the help of youth interns. Overall, the Library was able to contribute over 4,000 books to the home libraries of the Palmdale community.

Storytime Sessions

After a brief hiatus, storytime returned in FY2022-2023 with the restoration of simple crafts for children to create based on stories read. The sessions garnered some of the strongest attendance records in years; a total of 75 storytime sessions saw 1,686 attendees this year.



75
STORYTIME
SESSIONS

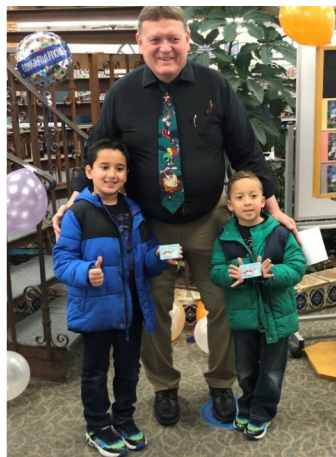
1,686
ATTENDEES

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

The Youth Services Team evolved the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, expanding with new additions including: an increase in prizes for reading milestones, a program celebration at the start of the year honoring past completers of the challenge, and Beanstack, an app allowing users to track reading.



122 new participants have taken on the challenge, with a few familiar participants returning for another round.



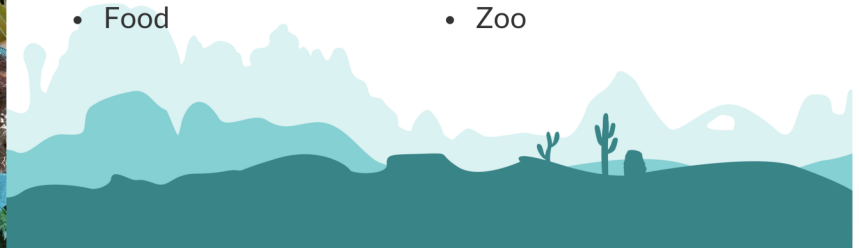
Storytime to Go Kits

Due to the overwhelming popularity of Storytime to Go kits in FY2022-2023, the Youth Services Team prioritized making more take-home bags. Each kit came with songs, activity sheets, a craft, and five books. This year, there are 15 new bags available for our patrons to check-out on top of the existing seven.

New themes for the kits include:



- Bedtime
- Dogs
- Dragons
- Emotions & Feelings
- Fiesta
- Food
- Nature
- Robots
- Space
- Trains
- Unicorns
- Zoo

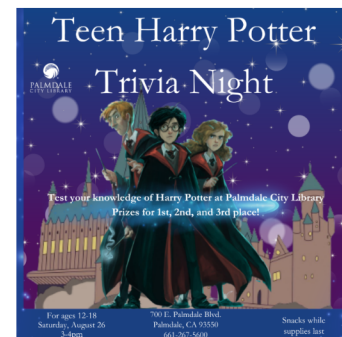


"I Spy" Passive Programs

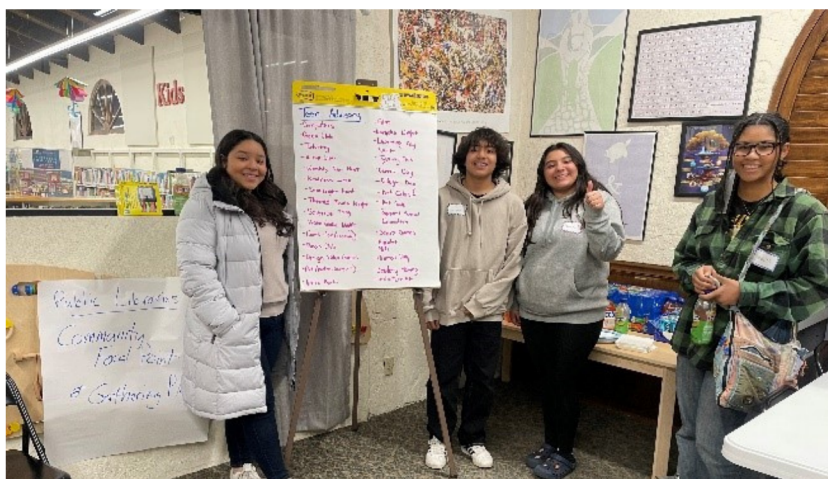
Starting in November 2022, students able to find objects on a checklist of "I Spy" items in the children's area could return their lists to the front window for a prize. The game was very popular for familiar and new patrons alike, garnering 410 participants and continuing to attract dedicated student "I Spy" finders.



Teen Advisory Board



In April 2023, the Library revitalized the Teen Advisory Board; currently, volunteer hours are available to students 16 and older and teens may attend Board meetings and assist in any programs born from the discussions. The Board has immensely contributed to teen library programming via teen program preparation and generating new ideas. Their first event, Harry Potter Trivia Night, was very successful with 15 participants.



Mental Health Mondays



In February, the Library teamed up with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to create a possible new program, then titled “Let’s Break the Stigma: Depression Awareness and Recovery.” The program included information on mental health awareness and resources, in both English and Spanish, and was led by the department’s Mental Health promoters. While few visitors attended, the participants found the information presented invaluable. This program served as the precursor to Mental Health Mondays, running fall into December 2023.

Inkwell: Palmdale’s Book and Art Festival

Palmdale’s Book & Art Festival on Saturday, May 6, 2023 was met with 600 enthusiastic attendees. The event, running from 10 am to 2 pm, was made possible through a collaboration with the City’s Park & Recreation Department and featured several local artists including the Library committee’s selection of 22 authors. The Library also had the Friends of the Palmdale City Library conduct their Book Sale, gave approximately 140 Inkwell bags to attendees, authors, and artists, and hosted three Storytime sessions with a total 33 participants.



Game Night at the Library

Game Night at the Library happened on both March 10 and May 12. This after-hours program invited the Palmdale community in for karaoke, board games, snacks, and Loteria for both nights. 31 visitors attended Game Night on March 10 and 28 visitors attended May 12.

