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is closed on Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day holiday.



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August 2024

2024 Summer Reading Challenge Wrap-Up

by Kelly Van Valkenburg, Assistant Director

That's a wrap! Our 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, "Read, Renew, Repeat," ended with a Grand Finale on Saturday, July 20. This year's summer program consisted of 84 events in its 6-week run and saw a total of 9,062 in attendance!

Several events featured special visitors such as naturalists from the Wildlands Conservancy, Max's Mobile Museum, Rusty Hearts Horse Rescue, and GZ Safari Park Reptile show with the most popular event being Wildlife Wendy's Exotic Bird Show.

We also had visits from STEAM Rocket who taught us all about Mars, melting glaciers, and Sun Power, and held a Bicycle Repair workshop hosted by a local small business, Ridgeline Bike Shop.

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This was our 5th summer of collaborating with Beaumont Unified School District to offer the Lunch at the Library program providing free meals to children between the ages of 0-18, 5 days per week for 7 weeks! 3,686 people attended and we served 3,000 meals! Meals were paired with fun like lawn games, crafts, Lego-building, and our Farm to Table Program.

Farm to Table was in partnership with local Cherry Valley homesteading farms, Where the Good Things Grow and K2 Acres, with participants learning about farming and sustainability, and making items to take home such as lettuce greenhouses and refrigerator pickles.

While in-person events were fun, we cannot forget the Summer Reading Challenge is all about BOOKS. This year, 422 participants across all age groups read for a total of 133,380 minutes! That equals 2,223 hours!

Our big prize winners were: (Age 0-5 category) Noelle Capuchino, who won a Leapfrog Interactive Reader; (Age 6-12 category) Manoah Cesar, who won tickets to Castle Amusement Park; (Age 12-17 category) Rebeckah Parish, who won a movie night pack at Cinema West and a Chipotle Gift card; and (Ages 18+ category) Caroline Soto, who won the Samsung tablet. Congratulations to all of our big prize winners!

All prizes and programs were funded by Friends of the Library and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. To support the Friends, become a member or shop at their bookstore, open every Saturday morning.

Our New Bookmobile Arrived on July 24



Beaumont Library's brand new, full-size Bookmobile arrived in town late last month. It replaces the much smaller Sprinter van, purchased used, in operation since 2012.

The new, step van style Bookmobile has a 2022 Ford F59 chassis with a

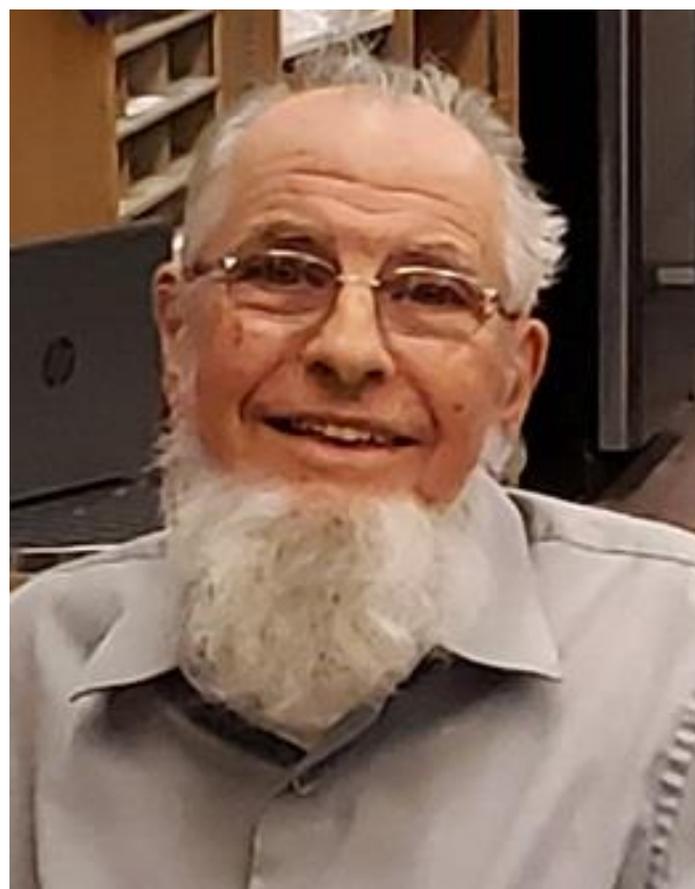
26' Ford Route Star Walk-In Morgan Olson body and a wheelchair lift, powered awning, small seating area and lots of shelf space!

Beaumont Library provides bookmobile service to in-home childcare and day care facilities, preschools, and Veterans and low-income housing. There are also regular stops at the Chatigny Community Center and Noble Creek Community Center. A new bookmobile route and schedule will be implemented in September 2024.

In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn that Milton Cook, the longtime member and President of the Friends of Beaumont Library, died on July 6 after a lengthy illness. A native of Ohio, Mr. Cook moved to Arizona as a teenager with his family and later relocated to California.

His wife, Marilyn, who survives him, is a former Beaumont Library staff member and is also a longtime Friends member and Treasurer.



The Beaumont Library District Board of Trustees hosted a retirement reception for Mr. Cook last October where it was announced that the new public meeting room in our expanded and renovated facility would be named the "Marilyn & Milton Cook Community Room."

Among several surviving children is Laura Cook who is now in her thirtieth year as a Beaumont Library employee.

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Library Hours

Sunday—1 to 6 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday—1 to 6 p.m.

Thursday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

Monday—10 to 10:45 a.m., Chatigny Community Center

Tuesday—10 to 10:45 a.m., Noble Creek

Wednesday—1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Blossom (644 Allegheny Street)

Wednesday—3 to 4 p.m., Liberty Village (735 Illinois Avenue)

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