

Yolo Branch Library
Report
for
Friends of the Yolo Branch Library
January 4, 2018

During the month of December 2017 the Yolo Branch Library was open 13 days for a total of 69 hours.

December programs:

*Let's Create program was available every day the library was open. The purpose of Let's Create is to provide an environment for participants to be able to explore the creative process whether it be creating friends, teamwork, art, science, engineering and such. The theme for November and December was to create items that participants could give as gifts or use as ornaments for the holidays. There were 11 opportunities for the community to participate and each day had an average of 8 people. Some of the activities were beading jewelry, painting, making pompoms, decorating plastic ornaments.

*The Holiday gift wrapping event was huge this month with 22 participants. Some brought their own presents and used the donated trimmings while others chose gifts from all of the donated items. These items ranged from kites and bubbles to scarves, tea cups and saucers, embroidered pillow cases etc. The wrapping trimmings were donated by members of the Friends group as were many of the gift items. Staff of the Yolo County library system also pulled out all the stops to be sure we had a wide assortment of items to choose from.

*The Historical society had their meeting in the Yolo branch this month.

*There were 7 teens at our teen group this month. The activity was to make paracord bracelets to be used in case of an emergency. These bracelets will be donated to Operation Gratitude and be sent either to our troops or to first responders. This is the first time the teens have taken on a charitable effort.

*Chrome books and hot spots continue to be checked out by the community with the over whelming popularity being the hot spots.

*Food for Fines was held from Mid-November until the end of December. This event is the only way that Adult card holders can reduce overdue amounts on their library cards. The event was open to all card holders and for each non-perishable food item brought in \$1.00 was removed from their overdue amount. 58 accounts were reduced by \$306.40.

*3 Food Bank distributions were held helping over 40 families.

Things to look forward to:

*Let's Create will continue on Tuesdays at 4:00

*Loteria January 10, 2018 at 6:30

*Hora de Cuentos is back starting January 17, 2018 at 6:15.