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FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021



or over one hundred years the Montecito Library has embodied the charm and spirit of Montecito, providing free and open access to a broad range of services and materials to all of our community.

Our library is a safe and friendly space, treasured for the connection to the community, and commitment to lifelong learning it provides. As a charitable nonprofit organization, Friends of the Montecito Library works to ensure that our library's doors will stay open, providing access to books and media, enrichment programs, free internet access, and most of all, a welcoming smile.

However, costs continue to rise and governmental resources cannot be depended on to keep the doors open. Our library needs you now more than ever. Your tax-deductible donations to the Friends of the Montecito Library have provided up to half of the Montecito Library's operating costs.

Our small but mighty library called on creativity and care to support our community through the pandemic and beyond.

986 registrants for 2020 Summer Reading Program



In July 2020, opened sidewalk service offering access to materials and human connection



In December 2020 launched Grab n' Go service where patrons could book browse and pick up holds safely in one stop

888 hours worked by Library staff contact tracing and assisting with shelters for vulnerable populations experiencing homelessness

COVID

RESPONSE



2,983 book bundles delivered to patrons

Grant-funded
Community Read
programs for Montecito
and Summerland,
including in-person
and virtual book clubs
and author talks. Grant
money was used to
purchase 200 copies
of book from local

community bookstore,

Tecolote, and are given

to patrons for free

Join the Wednesday evening Virtual English Conversation Group where adult learners can practice their language skills and build friendships and confidence

Since June of 2021 the
Montecito Library has been
open to the public without
capacity or time limits,
allowing people to browse
the stacks, use public
computers and internet,
and pick up holds



KEEPING THE COMMUNITY CONNECTED

Kids and grownups alike enjoy monthly **StoryWalk** events at Lower Manning Park

Library on the Go brings the library to the community as an outdoor mobile branch

We need your help to ensure that adequate funding is available for the Montecito Library to remain open at least five days a week. Support this community treasure today with your tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Montecito Library.

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Enjoy fresh air and friendship through the Montecito Book Club, Poetry Club, and Knit n' Needle groups that meet outside

