San Carlos Branch Library, 2018 in review

We are so pleased that the San Carlos Branch Library could offer so much opportunity, discovery and inspiration in 2018!

We partnered with many local organizations for feature events and had great attendance at our monthly programs. This year we held our first Robotics Showcase Extravaganza which featured unique robotic creations built for competitions by local robotics teams from Dailard Elementary, Pershing Middle, Cajon Park Junior High and Patrick Henry High schools.

So far this year, we held 190 programs for children with 5416 participants. Our Youth Services Librarian coordinated many special programs to engage young people. The library's annual Spring into STEAM program included a When Stars Go Boom interactive display and the Where's Waldo Button Design Contest attracted record numbers to the Summer Reading Program. Children participated in the science-based Challenge Island series, Artifact Junction with the San Diego Archaeological Center, Incredible Insects with a local entomologist and South African Music & Dance with the Center for World Music. We worked with the Environmental Services Department to co-host an All About Recycling event and our Halloween Trick-or-Read program gave free books to kids. Families also enjoyed our Clifford the Big Red Dog Party, and Clifford even made a special appearance.

We have held 166 programs for adults that attracted 2311 attendees in 2018. San Diego County Health & Human Services presented on Good Mental Health and taught people to avoid scams in the Don't Get Hooked program. Patrons learned about the development of the city with the Old Town, New Town and San Diego During WWI presentations by the San Diego History Center and the Save Our Heritage Organisation had us Remembering the Marstons. We had a Persian New Year Celebration which featured beautiful music and singers and partnered with the San Carlos Garden Club for the annual Art & Flower Show. The community also enjoyed listening to authors speak about their works at our monthly Author Talks.

The dedication and hard work of the San Carlos Friends of the Library made these wonderful events possible and we appreciate their support. A special thank you to the staff and volunteers that make our library such a friendly community gathering place!

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