

- The annual report effort is nearly complete and nearly due. Budget reconciliation was indeed a large challenge this year and the library budget numbers are very different this year with all of the building repairs. Repair expenses are being tracked via the library budget, as makes sense since the funds are needed for the library to exist in that building.
- The remediation contract and process has changed yet again as the contractor discovered structural damage to the roof joists in the north half of the southern section of the library. Work will halt on the remediation contract while the reconstruction contract begins with the replacement of the roof joists on that section of the building. The containment system is still in place to protect the rest of the building while this work occurs; another barrier will be installed between the clean and not-clean sides of the building prior to the construction. Then the remediation contractor will return to clean that section of the building and get clearance testing before the remainder of the reconstruction contract is able to happen in the southern portion. The two contractors met and will work together for scheduling and any advice/questions for one another. The north portion of the building has passed clearance tests and containment has been removed; the area is unsafe for the public as there are hanging wires and conduit and reconstruction has not begun as of yet. A contract has been awarded for all of the reconstruction and work will have begun by the timing of the board meetings.
- Funding for the remediation, repairs and associated costs are anticipated to come from insurance.
- Summer Reading is now over after a lovely finale event and some proud readers earned fun raffle prizes of gift certificates for books, cold treats, and a discount store as well as some fun prize items donated to the library.
- The library director attended and had an info table at the JVPS back to school night.
- **The special events of the month were well-appreciated by attendees** – “Understanding Substance Abuse” was offered twice at the Sr Center in Canon, the Summer Finale was fun with bubbles, popsicles, music & prizes, and Mission Street Arts hosted a lovely painting program in the park with artist Jenna Annuziato.
- **Regular programs are also going well including:** community as poet, aerobics, yoga, storytime (ages 0-5), These are the only programs that are continuing in August while staff takes vacation after the summer efforts. Thank you to staff and volunteers for providing these opportunities to the area!
- **Upcoming Special Events will resume in September:** Book Discussion: “Elderhood” guided by Pam Cornell, and a travel talk about Slovenia are in the works so far. Please visit the website, facebook page, or NextDoor for dates, times, and location updates.
- Monthly book displays have instead become a flier listing books available on the topic in the small library at the church or online.
- The Library Board is seeking another new member, and welcoming new member Pam Cornell. Please visit <https://jsplibrary.org/library-board/> to learn more about the board and contact the library if you’re interested.
- In addition to in-person services the library also offers contact-free services such as curbside pickup, lockers for 24/7 hold pickups, laptops to use outside the library, and reference via phone/ email.
- The Friends of the Library continue to be a tremendous support to the library by contributing to operations costs as well as funding all of the programming expenses! Thank you to all who contribute as volunteers and as donators of funds!!!
- The **Volunteer Appreciation Event** is being planned and we are hoping for the 24th of September. All library volunteers please save the date!!!