

What's your favorite island celebration? 4th of July parade or County Fair?



Library to Close during Fair, Wednesday thru Saturday, August 13 – 16.

This year we Library staff asked ourselves which celebration provided the best opportunity to get out into the community, and reasonably decided we could only do a good job on one or the other—the parade or the Fair. We opted for the Fair, since we had missed it last year.

Then we learned the theme of the parade, Storybook Heroes, and learned that Library Director Laurie Orton and Friends of the Library president Margaret Barker were to be co-Grand Marshals in the parade. How could we pass up the chance to organize a group of kids and families to walk with the Library and celebrate this special theme?

We represented the fantastic characters from The Hunger Games and honored our own island hero, Jessica Procaccini who had a scary mishap in the parade last year and wanted to portray Katniss Everdeen, the heroine of the popular Hunger Games series in young adult fiction.

But it is hard to staff both a Fair booth for all of those Fair hours and the Library, simultaneously. The conclusion was that we would close during the Fair, complete some tasks we can't work on in the Library while we are busy serving the public, and staff a Fair booth. We're having some new carpet installed and replacing the checkout counter, chores we can't do when we have visitors. The Library resumes regular hours at 1 pm on Sunday, August 17.

During the Library closure, book drops will be open and the meeting room will be available for scheduled meetings. Resources from the Library website will continue to be available, including ebooks, consumer and investment information, language learning, and research databases. WiFi will be available from the benches outside the entrance.

Visit us at the Fair to learn about Library programs and services, play the duck game, and win prizes. At the Fair, we will ask you about a favorite book. Such a hard question! How to choose only one? You might have to give this one some thought. See you at the Fair!

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