The Porter Ranch Branch (Los Angeles Public Library) on Chinese New Year’s Programs

Porter Ranch Branch (Los Angeles Public Library) had their Chinese New Year’s Programs on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. During the story time, there were two dozen 0-4 year olds with their parents. Stories about Chinese New Year were read to the little ones. Then everyone sang songs, and the Children’s Librarian told a flannel board story. They also participated in creative dramatics to the rhyme “four little dragons.” At the end of the story time, The Children’s Librarian also performed a puppet show using the new puppets that were brought from the Family Literacy Focus project fund. Then everyone colored Chinese New Year’s calendars. Many book about Chinese New Year’s were available for families to check out. The next day, the library had a Chinese New Year’s program for school-aged children. After the librarian read stories to about two dozen children and their parents, the kids separated into different groups to do various crafts. These included making a dragon puppet and coloring Chinese lanterns. Promotions were made to local preschools and elementary schools before events. Everyone at the Porter Ranch Branch had a wonderful time participating and learning about Chinese New Year.

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