

The Teddy Bears' Picnic by Jimmy Kennedy

To be installed Modesto Library for the post-renovation reopening in summer 2026.

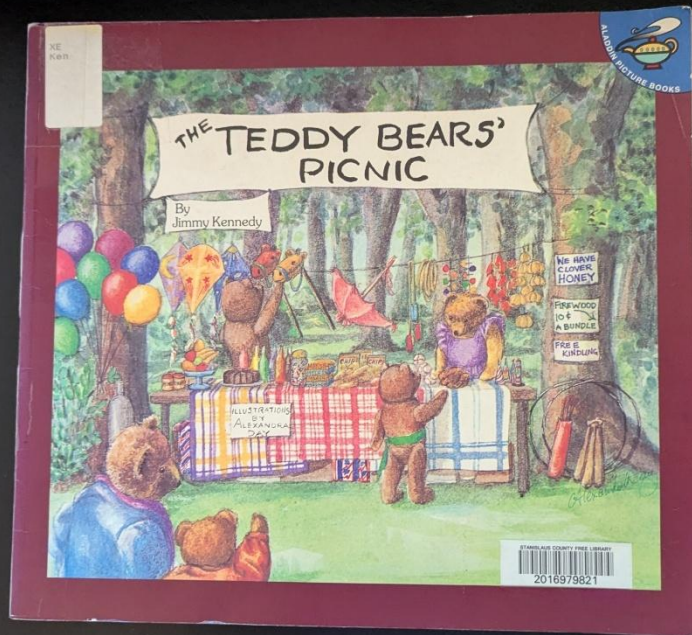
Our thought is to recreate a picnic scene for the reopening of the Modesto Library, maybe on a six-foot table in the lobby. Enlarge the cover of the book into a poster to display behind the scene. We bought 15 bears of assorted sizes at an estate sale and plan to make clothes for some/all of them (some may be “parents” and others “children”). We’ll make a picnic blanket to seat them on and items to spread out on or next to the blanket. Denise made a small yarn bombed chair we might be able to incorporate.

In the books we see bears dressed in items such as a dress, striped shirt, tank top, polo shirt, turtleneck sweater, sailor shirt, vest, shorts, pants, overalls, baseball cap, knit cap, beret, and various costumes.

We also see the following items that we might want to make/buy and include.

- Picnic basket (try to find, not make, one with two hinged lids; bears and baguettes can sit/stand inside)
- Teapot and plates (could crochet the teapot but it might be easier to borrow/buy one)
- Food items
 - Fruit (apple, banana, orange, watermelon slice)
 - Corn on the cob
 - Sandwiches or a board of sandwich ingredients, like sliced bread, cheese, tomato, lettuce, onion; maybe a PB&J sandwich
 - Jar of honey
 - Sweets (cake slice, cupcake, cookies)
- Play items
 - Baseball and bat
 - Basketball
 - Guitar, maybe for an adult bear
 - Sack for sack races
 - Red wagon
 - Bumblebee tic tac toe
 - Fishing game
- Other items
 - Picnic blanket, maybe checked with a green border
 - Logs (solid or hollow) or tree stump to sit on; wood pieces for fence as pictured by Prue Theobalds; boulder. Make or forage for these.
- Buy a few doll stands so some bears can stand up

First pictured edition below illustrated by Jimmy Kennedy; second by Alexandra Day; remainder by Prue Theobalds. Photos on next page.





For ev'ry Bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain, because
Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic.



There's lots of marvellous things to eat,

Picnic time for Teddy Bears,

The little Teddy Bears are having a lovely time today.
Watch them, catch them unawares
And see them picnic on their holiday.

