



**Yolo County Library Advisory Board Meeting (In-Person)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

Meeting Location:
Clarksburg Library
2915 Netherlands Ave, Clarksburg CA

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Call to Order 6:15pm

Library Advisory Board Roll Call and Introductions

- District 2: Anthony Wright, Member
- District 4: Holly Bishop, Vice Chair
- District 5: Esther Vasquez
- City of Davis: Sharon Hallberg, Chair
- City of West Sacramento: Kristin Peacock, Member
- City of Winters: Jeff TenPas, Member

Absent: Aria Berliner, Diane Adams

Staff: Diana Lopez, County Librarian; Dana Christy, Interim Assistant County Librarian; Cristina Ruiz, Branch Supervisor,

Welcome:

Diana Lopez, County Librarian

1. Public Comment:

None

2. **ACTION ITEM:** Review and vote to approve the minutes from April 12, 2023.
Wright moved, Vasquez seconded (approved)
3. **Staff Presentation:** Cristina Ruiz, Library Branch Supervisor, presented about Clarksburg Library services.
4. **County Librarian's Report**
 - a) Facilities
 - 1) East Yolo Facilities: West Sacramento's "Catch A Book" sculpture in front of the branch will be restored by the original artist Joseph Bellacera. Yolo's irrigation system for the lawn is still being fine-tuned to prevent brown patches. The AV system is scheduled to be installed in August.
 - 2) West Yolo Facilities: Davis is close to finalizing the architectural plan for makerspace and teen room renovations. Winters is working with a vendor to replace the circulation desk, public computer desks, seating, and adding a new information desk to improve sightlines in the lobby and community room.
 - 3) Gibson House: The East Barn at the Gibson House is being renovated starting June 28th. The building improvements will include new weather stripping, removal of skylights, and installation of a new split system HVAC unit. These modifications will create a better environment for the long-term preservation of some of the Historical Collection's larger objects such as buggies, agricultural equipment, and furniture. A volunteer recently backed into one of the outbuildings.
 - b) Program Highlights
 - 1) Launch of SRP: Yolo County Library and Yolo County Parks, in partnership with Tuleyome and Latino Outdoors, hosted "All Together Outside" on Saturday, June 10th from 9AM-12PM at Capay Open Space Park. This free bilingual event was the [Library's Summer Reading Program](#) Kick-Off Festival and was made possible by funding from the recently awarded California State Library Parks Pass Grant that Yolo County Library received. This event featured a Nature Walk lead by Tuleyome and Latino Outdoors volunteers, Bilingual Storytime, and Cascada de Flores, an interactive bilingual musical group. In between the scheduled events, participants and guests perused the tables and engaged with volunteers from Cache Creek Conservancy, Putah Creek Council, Bohart Museum, Tuleyome, California State Parks, Latino Outdoors. These partnerships help connect underserved communities with resources and knowledge empowering them within the Yolo County and State Park systems and beyond.
 - 2) First Partner's Visit: First Partner of California, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, at Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento: The Arthur F. Turner Community Library team hosted Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the First Partner of California on Tuesday, June 6 to launch the Statewide expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination

Library. First 5 Yolo and the Yolo County Children’s Alliance brought families to attend the First Partner’s storytime. Library Associate Maria Sandoval and Library Assistant II, Ana Landeros engaged children and caregivers with songs and activities, and the First Partner read a bilingual story to the children. The Yolo County Library will be working in partnership with the California State Library and the United Way to offer children under 5 a free book in the mail every month. California is the first state to offer a fully bilingual book option for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. The First Partner also announced the launch of her Summer Book Club for kids preschool through high school.

- 3) West Sacramento is hosting a “Repair Café” on June 24 that will include free bicycle repairs and clothing mending/sewing demonstrations.
- 4) Yolo Juneteenth Celebration 2023: Yolo County’s Juneteenth celebration was held on the UC Davis campus. The 2023 theme for this year’s event was “Together We Heal.” Master of Ceremony was the County’s very own Tessa Smith. The main stage had a little bit of everything. Ancestors, elders, veterans, those who have passed, and our youth were all honored. The Northern California Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers presented the colors and the Tuskegee Airmen chapter spoke on the history and contributions of Black veterans. The Aggie Black Excellence group from UC Davis shared advancements, edutainment, and research on the topic of health and healing from the perspectives of music, scholarship, community resources, poetry and spoken word and dance. Somatic meditation exercises were available for those who wanted ways of coping with trauma. Black-owned businesses and authors from the local area were featured. Performances on the main stage included the Melanin Day School Academy who performed music, dance and acrobatics; the Grant High School Drumline who performed many well-known hip-hop musical numbers in percussion with keyboard accompaniment; and the Kast Academy Dancers shared their Black Lives Matter Tribute and an outstanding production of Disney’s “The Princess and The Frog.” The Yolo County team is very grateful to the UC Davis DEI Team who sponsored the venue in order to give this event a home and to the many sponsors who contributed to the success of the event. On the same day, Library staff tabled and did face painting at the Davis Pride event in downtown Davis.
- 5) Archives/Records: The Archives will be hosting students from the Winters Participation Gallery on Thursday the 15th. The Archives has worked with this group for several years, providing archival materials to help inspire murals all over Winters. This year the students are creating a mural on the power building at the Winters Health Foundation. On their field trip the students will take a tour and view archival materials related to healthcare. Mel Russell will also be here to talk to the students about the Red Cross in Winters during WWI.

c) Staffing

- 1) Assistant County Librarian: Dana Christy was selected as the Assistant County Librarian, effective June 18, 2023. Dana will be supervising the two Regional Library Managers and the Central Services Manager.
- 2) Archives: Museum Curator second interviews took place Wednesday, June 14. We had nine candidates and held second interviews of the top 3.
- 3) Knights Landing Library Associate position and the limited-term part-time Library Associate recruitment for the ESL Coordinator position closed on Friday, June 9.

d) Major Grant Opportunities

- 1) Yolo Branch Library Update: Unable to use Building Forward Grant funding.
- 2) South Davis Branch Library
 - a. The first Building Forward Round One grant payment to Yolo County in the amount of \$4,391,700 (half of the \$8,783,400 award) was received in May.
 - b. Architectural and Engineering update: architect on contract (WMB Associates).
 - c. Building Forward Round Two grant application submitted for previously unallowable items for S. Davis Library.
 - d. City of Davis \$1.5 million contribution (Status of City's budget approval from City Council meeting on 06/06/2023).
- 3) Building Forward Round Two grant application for Archives/Records Central Services generator.
- 4) Others:
 - a. CLLS Adult Literacy (Elizabeth/Nancy)
 - b. CLLS Family Literacy (Elizabeth/Nancy)
 - c. CLLS ESL (Elizabeth/Stephaney)
 - d. First 5 Family/Friends/Neighbors (Elizabeth/Nancy)
 - e. CalHumanities Library Innovation Lab (Ruby)
 - f. CSL Welcome to Reading Kits (Lana)
 - g. CSL Lunch at the Library (Lana)
 - h. CSL Parks Pass Grant (Crista)
 - i. CSL Stronger Together Bookmobile (Dana)
 - j. CSL ZIP Books (Liz)

5. California Library Association Conference Attendance

- a) The CLA conference was held in Sacramento June 1st through June 3rd. The theme was "Sustaining our People, Planet, & Performance Into the Future." A total of 13 library staff members attended, including the County Librarian. Several literacy and rural branch staff were approved by CLA for no-cost attendance. Toni Mendieta, Esparto Library Branch Supervisor, and Ashleigh Torres, Winters Library Branch Supervisor did a presentation on public library and school district joint usage facilities. Yolo Reads

Program Coordinator, Nancy Pacheco and Becky McMannis, Americorps Service Member presented on literacy sustainability and the Americorps initiative. Staff will be reporting out and sharing knowledge from the conference during the Library’s All Staff Day in July.

- b) Diana Lopez is coordinating a training for staff facilitated by connections made at the conference regarding Freedom to Read issues.

6. American Library Association Conference Attendance

- a) Lopez will be attending the American Library Association Conference in Chicago.

7. Publicity

8. Yolo County Library Foundation Report

Date	Publication	Title
05-18-23	Fox 40 News	Yolo County Library Summer Reading Program starts June 1 https://youtu.be/lxSkGgELaiw
05-19-23	Daily Democrat	Yolo County Library’s annual Summer Reading Program to begin June 1
05-24-23	Winters Express	Yolo Juneteenth Celebration June 4
06-02-23	Davis Enterprise	Explore nature this summer with All Together Outside
06-10-23	KCRA	Interview: All Together Outside

- a. The Foundation is currently working on updating their bylaws.

6) Old Business

- a. Library Foundation contact information roster (Diana)

7) New Business - None

8) Library Advisory Board Member Reports

- a. Hallberg: Attended a non-library sponsored program in the Stephens-Davis Branch community room led by three women that presented books they found objectionable. The audience appeared to be largely opposed to removing the books in question. Also discussed were Zip Books. Hallberg shared resources including the article “[Empowered by Reading](#)” (Volume 51, No. 5 - May/June 2023 Knowledge Quest). Lopez noted that to date no formal requests for reconsideration have been submitted. Wright: The Library Advisory Board is available if needed in a policy capacity.
- b. Bishop: Shared Davis Friends of the Library FY2024 budget highlights. Logos Bookstore volunteers are receiving training for safety concerns like active shooters.

- c. Ten Pas: Winters Friends received a generous bequest. Book sales are doing well. Summer Reading Program kicked off with activities scheduled through the summer.
- d. Wright: None
- e. Vasquez: Six-week Tai Chi program starting at the Yolo Branch Library. August 26th Car Show planning is underway. Elected as Grand President for Young Ladies, a West Coast women's group dedicated to serving local communities. Her focus will be "Libraries are More than Books." The new library is making a big impact on the town.
- f. Peacock: West Sacramento Friends of the Library had a successful Big Day of Giving event, this month they are doing fundraising events at Drake's at the Barn where library staff will also be sharing Summer Reading Program information. Her Cosumnes River campus hosted a Living Library.

9) County and City Officials/Staff Reports and Comments – n/a

10) ACTION ITEMS

Adjourn the meeting at 7:50 Vasquez moved, Wright seconded (approved)

Next (In-person) Meeting:

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Woodland Public Library, 250 1st Street, Woodland, CA (Leake Room)

Items for next agenda:

Hosting a Library Advisory Board, Friends, and Foundation Forum