



Yolo County Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Meeting Location: Woodland Public Library

Leake Community Room

250 1st Street; Woodland, CA

Call to Order

Library Advisory Board Roll Call and Introductions

- District 1: Aria Berliner, Member
- District 3: Diane Adams, Member
- District 4: Holly Bishop, Vice Chair
- City of Davis: Sharon Hallberg, Chair
- City of West Sacramento: Kristin Peacock, Member

Absent: Anthony Wright, Esther Vasquez, Jeff TenPas

Staff: Diana Lopez, County Librarian; Dana Christy, Assistant County Librarian; Heather Lanctot, Archives & Records Coordinator; Sarah Bartlett, Museum Curator

Guest: Greta Galindo, Library Director, Woodland Public Library

Welcome:

Diana Lopez, County Librarian - introductions

1. Public Comment:

None

2. ACTION ITEM: Review and vote to approve the minutes from June 14, 2023.

Bishop moved, Peacock seconded (approved)

3. Staff Presentation:

Update on the Archives and Records Center - Heather Lanctot, Archives and Records Coordinator and Sarah Bartlett, new Museum Curator.

4. County Librarian's Report

a) Facilities

- 1) Winters: The library has asked General Services to paint the 5 parking spaces in front of the library as LIBRARY ONLY and is working with the Superintendent to help resolve the issue of students using the library parking lot. We continue to work on the replacement of the main desk, computer desk, addition of an information desk, and now Winters Friends of the Library is interested in replacing broken and worn-out chairs. Hope remains that this project can be done during spring break, but doing so will likely mean we will need to close for a couple of days for the main demolition work.
- 2) Davis: Yolo County EV station project should be finished by Thursday. There has been a significant disruption to the parking lot, causing confusion and some upset people.
- 3) West Sacramento: Painting is complete in and around the study rooms as well as touch-ups in the kids' area. The City of West Sacramento is installing EV charging stations in the parking lot against the north side of the library. The parking spaces are striped and signed but the chargers are not yet installed.
- 4) Yolo: Irrigation problems are largely resolved, and the grass is looking greener. The AV system is scheduled to be installed September 18-22. Still working on HVAC issues.

b) Program Highlights

- 1) Summer Reading Program is wrapping up.



Participants must complete the program by August 15 to claim their finisher prizes and get entered in the Grand Prize Drawing for their branch.

Upcoming Summer Reading Program events include:

- Bohart Museum of Entomology, Thursday, August 10, 2:00 pm - Yolo Branch Library
- Effie Yeaw Nature Center: Animal Ambassadors!, Thursday, August 10, 2:00 pm - Winters Community Library
- West Coast Falconry: Triple Raptor Rally, Saturday, August 12, 2:00 pm - Arthur F. Turner Community Library
- Cowboy Poetry Event Featuring Larry Maurice, Saturday, August 12, 4:30 pm - Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Sunday Afternoon Concert Featuring Biscuits & Honey with Me & Him, Sunday, August 13, 4:30 pm - Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- NorCal Bats, Saturday, August 12, 12:00 pm - Knights Landing Branch Library; Wednesday, August 16, 2:00 pm - Esparto Regional Library; Wednesday, August 16, 5:30 pm - Clarksburg Branch Library

2) Upcoming programs:

- Knights Landing is hosting its Second Annual Back to School event on August 12. Attendees will receive backpacks, school supplies, and free haircuts.
- Author talk: Alexandra Chang with Jamil Jan Kochai, September 7, 6:30-8 pm, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Additional weekly storytimes in West Sacramento will start in September including Hug-A-Bye Baby and Wiggle Wednesdays.
- August 26 and September 30 from 9am-12pm: Repair Cafés at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library
- Esparto Regional Library staff are working with United Way to distribute 75 free laptops to families in need at a literacy night event on September 14, from 4-6 pm. AT&T will provide volunteer assistance for set-up and connection and bilingual volunteers will be on-site to help families sign up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, as well as provide information about low-cost internet options.
- October 27, 5:30 pm drag queen storytime at the LGBTQIA Resource Center at UC Davis.

3) Other Highlights

- July was Disability Pride Month. Branches did Disability Pride themed storytimes.
- The bookmobile is scheduled to be delivered in September.
- Circulation for our past fiscal year was up 29% and gate counts were up 55%
- Launch of Imagination Library (kids birth to age 5 can get a free book mailed to them each month. Support from California State Library. United Way of Yolo County funding the rest. Yolo is one of the few fully funded.)
- West Sacramento staff attended the YCCA Backpack giveaway event on Saturday, August 5. Hundreds of books were given away and information about the library was shared with students and their families.

- Delta Elementary Charter School starts today, August 9, and Clarksburg Library staff are preparing for the return of class visits including training new extra help Library Assistants.
- Yolo Branch Library staff hosted a very well attended Summer Reading Program event in the Dunnigan Hall.
- The library received a California Humanities Library Innovation Lab grant to conduct outreach with the Spanish-speaking community in Winters and plan programs and services that the library can provide to meet community needs. Staff met with community members and stakeholders in the summer and, through ongoing conversations, identified health and wellness and culture and heritage as high priority areas. In collaboration with community partners, the Winters Community Library will hold weekly bilingual Cultura y Comunidad programs for all ages and levels centering around these topics in October. Programs include nutrition and movement workshops, Día de los Muertos printmaking presentation, bilingual storytimes, a health resource fair, and cultural performances. Each program will provide opportunities for discussion, reflection, and celebration.

c) Staffing

- New Museum Curator has started.
- We will have an open recruitment for the Library Regional Manager for East Yolo to replace Dana Christy who was promoted to Assistant County Librarian.
- We hired a new Library Associate for the Knights Landing branch lead position. She will train with Hope Saldivar who was promoted to Youth Services Librarian at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento.
- We are interviewing for two permanent, fulltime Library Assistants: one for Davis to fill a vacancy left by a staff member that relocated out of the area, and a newly funded position that will be shared by both the Winters and Esparto branches.

d) Major Grant Opportunities

- South Davis Library planning is moving along. We are meeting with WMB Architects. Plans are underway for a community event in September.

e) Other

- CLA Annual in Sacramento
 - Theme: Sustainability (for the planet, for our staff)
 - Several literacy and rural library staff got to attend at no cost with support from the California State Library.
 - Diana Lopez and Nancy Pacheco (Yolo Reads Program Coordinator and Outreach Specialist II) attended a special meeting for literacy program managers and their library directors. It was geared toward new directors and staff.
 - Toni Mendieta, Library Branch Supervisor for the Esparto Regional Branch Library, and Ashleigh Torres, Library Branch Supervisor for the Winters Community Library presented with Olivia Rodriguez, Winters High School

Librarian; and a librarian from Sacramento PL on joint-use facilities (public library and schools).

- ALA Annual in Chicago
 - Book challenges theme.
 - Diana attended sessions and would like to bring together YCL staff, YCOE library staff, YCLF, YCL Friends, YCL Library Advisory Board, Woodland PL, BoS and other stakeholders to meet for a workshop on the Freedom to Read and dealing with book challenges. Planning for a date in the fall.

- All Staff Day, Monday, 07/21/2023 at West Sac Library
 - Guest Speaker: Peter Mendoza (he/him/his) | Community Program Specialist II, Sacramento Regional Office State Council on Developmental Disabilities
 - Talked about services to patrons with disabilities, including needs, appropriate language, and behavior.

- Several Staff Members reported out on the CLA sessions they attended:
 - Ashleigh Torres, Recognizing & Sustaining Volunteers
 - Sue Billing, Early Math in Libraries: Bring math into programming for ages 0-5
 - Hope Saldivar, Working with English Language Learners
 - Joseph Piette, Responding to Hate: Proud Boys, Drag Storytime, and the Future of LGBTQIA+ Programming
 - Andrea Valadez, What's New in Children's Literature and Book Connections.

f) Publicity

Date	Publication	Title
06-08-23	Sacramento Bee	Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and California First Partner's Summer Book Club launch at West Sacramento Library https://www.sacbee.com/article276188426.html
07-15-23	Daily Democrat	Davis Branch Library Holds Disability Pride Storytime at Pioneer Park https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2023/07/15/davis-branch-library-holds-disability-pride-storytime-at-pioneer-park/

5. Yolo County Library Foundation Report

Funding was approved for books for drag queen storytime, and staff workshops.

6. Old Business

- a) LAB contact information roster (Diana)

7. New Business

- a) Sharon Hallberg: Shared articles on the science of reading.

8. Library Advisory Board Member Reports

- a) Kristin Peacock: West Sacramento Friends of the Library held a fundraising event at The Barn. They are planning for the Annual WSFOL Dinner traditionally held in the fall.
- b) Aria Berliner: Clarksburg is wrapping up their Summer Reading Program and doing a great job promoting their events on social media.
- c) Diane Adams: Recently met with Supervisor Sandy who is planning to be back in the office in September. He is staying up to date with everything despite being out of the office.
- d) Holly Bishop: Davis Friends of the Library continue to be successful. Logos sales are strong and book sales at the branch continue to do well.
- e) Sharon Hallberg shared “Be Ready for a Book Challenge: A 5-point checklist for book challenges,” Governor Newsom’s “Educational Rights and Requests to Remove Instructional Materials,” and an article on the science of reading. She also shared a flyer about the Yolo Car Show taking place on August 26.

9. County and City Officials/Staff Reports and Comments

None

10. ACTION ITEMS

Adjourn the meeting

Next (In-person) Meeting:

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Items for next agenda:

Hosting a Library Advisory Board, Friends, and Foundation Forum
Elections