



**Yolo County Library Advisory Board Meeting (In-Person)
6:00 PM Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Meeting Location: Esparto Regional Library
17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, CA 95627**

Minutes

Call to Order at 6:02 PM

1. Staff Reports

- a) Toni Mendieta, Library Branch Supervisor provided a tour of the branch and talked about library services and the community served.

2. Introductions

- District 1: Vacant
- District 2: Vacant
- District 3: Diane Adams, Vice Chair
- District 4: Holly Bishop, Member
- District 5: Esther Vasquez
- City of Davis: Sharon Hallberg, Member
- City of West Sacramento: Kristin Peacock, Chair
- City of Winters: Jeff TenPas, Member

- Diana Lopez, County Librarian and Chief Archivist
- Dana Christy, Assistant County Librarian
- Toni Mendieta, Branch Supervisor – Esparto
- Ryan Pistochini, Director, Yolo County General Services
- Sandra Clark, Executive Director, Yolo County Library Foundation

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome:

Diana Lopez, County Librarian

3. Public Comment: None

- 4. ACTION ITEM:** Reviewed and approved the minutes from April 10, 2024. Holly Bishop motioned. Esther Vasquez seconded. Motion passed.

5. County Librarian's Report

a) Facilities

- i) General Services Director, Ryan Pistochini shared information about the Walnut Park Library project timeline and building features. The goal for the substantial completion hand-over is March 26, 2026, and the grand opening will be approximately four months later.
- ii) Diana Lopez reported the language for the Walnut Park ballot measure has been finalized. The public art Request for Qualifications is open.
- iii) The Gibson House has new hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12PM – 4PM and select Saturdays 8am – 4PM with tours at 1PM and 2PM.
- iv) Archives and Historical Collection: Staff were awarded a \$15,000 Groundwork Grant for Emergency Preparedness. Funding includes assistance with development of a disaster plan for the Historical Collection with a Myriad consultant, three disaster recovery and spill kits, and improvements to the alarm system for the Historical Collection. The grant will be completed by December 2024.

b) Staffing

- i) Dana Christy provided an update on hiring and vacancies at the library including the Library Regional Manager, ESL Coordinator, Library Assistant at the West Sacramento branch, and new Extra Help Employees.

c) Program updates

- i) The Summer Reading Program runs June 1 through August 15. As of June 11, there were over 2,300 people signed up and participants read over 2,000 books for over 1,000 hours. LAB member Diane Adams connected the Library with the Yolo County Fair, which is providing vouchers for a free carnival ride for all youth and teen finishers for all youth and teen program finishers at both the Yolo County Library and Woodland Public Library. Families are showing up in big numbers for our weekly events including TruckTopia!, Mario Party, and a Tie Dye Party. Library staff are visiting summer schools for pop-up library visits, providing students with free books and activities.
- ii) Diana Lopez reported on Stories on Stage, All Staff Day at Full Belly Farm, Author Talk at West Sacramento, Luncheon for the Japan Town monument dedication in Winters, Walnut Park Library Community Engagement session in Davis, and Juneteenth. Archives has made available numerous digital assets including 787 maps, 10,178 photographs, and 669 other collection items. The Historical Collection made available 161 images for a total of 81 objects with an additional 2,000 images ready to be posted online in the coming weeks. The Archives were awarded \$2,000 from the Woodland Stroll Through History to pay for an Extra Help Library Assistant to catalog the Woodland portion of a large collection of Title Abstracts.
- iii) Bookmobile - Dana Christy shared photos and information about the bookmobile and the soft opening plans.
- iv) Esparto Regional Library branch report - Scott Love reported on increasing circulation numbers, additional staffing, and programs.
- v) Dana Christy provided information about the Esparto Library infrastructure and improvements as it relates to the Facilities Master Plan.

6) Yolo County Library Foundation

Executive Director, Sandra Clark, reported on her work at the Foundation. Her goal is to bring all the Friends groups and Foundation together. To that end, she is planning a retreat in the fall for the Foundation and Friends of the Library members. She also reported on the Foundation's Big Day of Giving campaign. She will be working with the Foundation Board

Director, Ben Cadranel, to apply for grants. The Foundation created a strategic plan that they are rolling into a working plan. The Foundation is also looking for additional members so there is representation throughout the county.

7) 2024-25 Budget

- a) The Yolo County budget was released. Training funds for Archives staff was reduced. Library staff will bring the budget book to the next meeting for LAB member review.
- b) State budget cuts affecting the library include elimination of support for Career Pathways resources. Access to the following resources will end in September 2024: Coursera, Job & Career Accelerator, LearningExpress Library, LinkIn Learning, Northstar, and VetNow.

8) Publicity

Date	Publication	Link
04/16/2024	West Sac News Ledger	https://www.westsacramentonewsledger.com/2024/04/16/487919/city-officials-honor-yolo-county-library-system
04/23/2024	Davis Enterprise	https://www.davisenterprise.com/townnews/museums/library-seeks-funds-for-bookmobile/article_a19f0a34-01d9-11ef-a0ad-27a8e67e3ec6.html
05/04/2024	Davis Enterprise	https://www.davisenterprise.com/features/empower-yolo-giving-big-thanks-change-happened/article_d977d374-097b-11ef-90ea-6f5bca2396e4.html
05/08/2024	Daily Democrat	https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2024/05/08/annual-senior-resource-fair-set-for-thursday-may-23/
05/08/2024	Hannity.com	https://hannity.com/media-room/this-pro-palestine-childrens-book-is-coming-to-your-schools-and-libraries-op-ed/
05/10/2024	Daily Democrat	https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2024/05/10/yolo-county-invites-community-to-informational-event-for-new-walnut-park-library/
05/14/2024	ABC10	Conservative Yolo County mothers group reaches settlement with county officials https://youtu.be/Oaxai0wajcE?si=tbLcSjcxngzFd4NQ
05/14/2024	ABC10	https://www.abc10.com/article/news/local/conservative-yolo-county-mothers-group-reaches-settlement/103-6a996e4a-4ed3-4a0e-85fc-ca75384fff64
05/14/2024	Sacrament Bee	https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article288490389.html
05/14/2024	Alliance Defending Freedom	https://adflegal.org/press-release/following-adf-lawsuit-ca-library-changes-policy-allows-womens-sports-discussion
05/14/2024	Davis Enterprise	https://www.davisenterprise.com/news/yolo-county-settles-moms-for-liberty-civil-rights-lawsuit/article_07d0b3f0-124e-11ef-849a-c723cf89a5f8.html
05/15/2024	Daily Citizen	https://dailycitizen.focusonthefamily.com/breaking-big-wins-for-free-speech-and-religious-freedom-in-california/
05/15/2024	Washington Times	https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2024/may/15/california-county-to-pay-damages-after-library-shu/
05/16/2024	The Pink News	https://www.thepinknews.com/2024/05/16/moms-for-liberty-california-library-damages/
05/16/2024	Davis Enterprise	https://www.davisenterprise.com/news/open-house-highlights-tangibles-of-walnut-park-library/article_8329fbe0-13b3-11ef-9325-479832f6fc03.html
05/16/2024	CA Family Council	https://www.californiafamily.org/2024/05/victory-yolo-county-library-changes-policies-after-cfc-lawsuit/
05/17/2024	Los Angeles Blade	https://www.losangelesblade.com/2024/05/17/hate-group-wins-federal-lawsuit-settlement-with-yolo-county-library/
05/17/2024	LGBTQ Nation	https://www.lgbtqnation.com/2024/05/anti-lgbtq-moms-for-liberty-wins-70k-in-settlement-after-library-kicked-them-out/
05/17/2024	Fox News	https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/i-was-thrown-out-california-public-library-discussing-fair-men-compete-womens-sports
05/18/2024	Zenit.org	https://zenit.org/2024/05/18/ca-library-changes-policy-allows-womens-sports-discussion/
05/22/2024	SRN News	https://srnnews.com/audio-news/a-victory-for-free-speech-in-california/
05/30/2024	Daily Democrat	https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2024/05/30/yolo-juneteenth-celebration-sunday-food-safety-advisory-forum-just-business/

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06/03/2024	American Libraries	https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2024/06/03/seeking-sanctuary/
06/03/2024	Davis Enterprise	https://www.davisenterprise.com/news/yolo-county-librarys-summer-reading-program-returns/article_f61d08ce-21e9-11ef-af8a-e740cb3f637e.html
06/05/2024	Daily Democrat	https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2024/06/05/yolo-county-librarys-summer-reading-program-returns/

9) Old Business - None

10) New Business – No update on the District 1 LAB vacancy.

11) Library Advisory Board Member Reports

- a. Holly Bishop reported they made over \$9,000 at the last book sale. She visited a 45,000 square foot library in Quincy, IL (population 38,000) that would make a great sister library.
- b. Jeff TenPas reported their Fourth Friday book sales are back. The Friends sponsor a Shakespeare workshop. This year’s event was held in the Opera House and was attended by hundreds of school children. Big Day of Giving was approximately \$21,000.
- c. Esther Vasquez reported SRP sign-ups are going strong in the Yolo Branch. Cache Creek High School students displayed their art, and several are entering their work to the Yolo County Fair. The English Conversation Group is expanding to an additional day due to popularity. An animal program will be coming soon complete with a kangaroo. The annual car show will be August 24. She also shared her work with her service club efforts to educate people throughout the west about libraries. Her program is called “Libraries are More Than Just Books” and she encourages people to get involved with their local libraries or at a minimum, join their Friends groups.
- d. Sharon Hallberg reported she attended the Walnut Park Library community sessions where she shared with the architects the unique bicycle configurations that are present in Davis. She also thanked them for keeping the oak trees.
- e. Kristin Peacock reported the Friends of the Library put book donation bins in local businesses, did a Chipotle fund raiser, and visited numerous libraries during her recent travels back east.

12) County and City Officials/Staff Reports and Comments – none.

13) ACTION ITEMS

Holly Bishop moved to adjourn the meeting. Esther Vasquez seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Next (In-person) Meeting:

Wednesday, August 14 at the Yolo Branch Library located at 37750 Sacramento Street, Yolo, CA 95697

Items for next agenda:

FY 25 Budget Review