



**Yolo County Library Advisory Board Meeting (In-Person)
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 6:00 pm
Meeting Location: Gibson House
512 Gibson Road; Woodland, CA 95695**

The next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 and will be held in person at the **Arthur F. Turner Community Library located at 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento. The Library Advisory Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday in February, April, June, August, October and December. Please add this recurring meeting to your calendars.**

Land Acknowledgement:

We should take a moment to acknowledge the land on which we are gathered for this meeting. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people, including the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation today. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be working here today on their traditional lands.

For more information, visit: <https://yochadehe.org>.

MINUTES

Call to Order 6:01 PM

Library Advisory Board Roll Call and Introductions

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

- Diana Lopez, County Librarian and Chief Archivist
- Dana Christy, Assistant County Librarian
- Sarah Bartlett, Museum Curator – Gibson House

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Welcome:

Diana Lopez, County Librarian

1. Public Comment:

None

2. **ACTION ITEM:** Reviewed and approved the minutes from August 14, 2024, and October 9, 2024. Holly Bishop moved. Diane Adams seconded. Motion passed.

3. Staff Reports

- a) Sarah Bartlett, Museum Curator provided:
- i) A presentation on activities at the Gibson House
 - ii) A tour of the Gibson House

4. County Librarian's Report

- a) Walnut Park Library updates
- i. The building contract was awarded, and a groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled for January. Five artists were selected to move forward in the public art selection process.
- b) LAB/Foundation/Friends meeting locations for 2025
- i. Discussed moving the Clarksburg meeting to the summer. Diana will finalize the schedule and forward to the Board.
- c) Staffing Update – Dana
- i. Library Regional Manager, East Yolo: Crista Cannariato was offered and accepted the position. She is currently the Library Regional Supervisor, West Yolo and has been with the Library since 2008.
 - ii. A recruitment to fill Crista's position will begin as soon as possible.
- d) Program and Bibliobus updates
- i. There was a Bibliobus unveiling for the County Administrator's Office, the County Board of Supervisors, and the California State Library on December 10. The goal is for service to start in January.

- ii. A nationwide recruitment is underway for a new County Administrator. Department Heads were invited to share input on desired skills and areas of expertise.
- iii. The Library held a staff day on October 21 featuring a presentation on Safe and Compassionate Libraries by the head of security at Seattle Public Library.
- iv. Two staff, Hope Saldivar and Toni Mendieta, attended a Native American library conference. November is Native American Heritage Month. The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation once again generously provided branded bags with activities for kids, recipe cards, and more. Hope and Toni have planned several engaging Native programs for the branches throughout the month.
- v. Liz Converse, Library Assistant II, Central Services; and Becky McMannis, Library Assistant I, Yolo Reads; and Diana Lopez, County Librarian tabled at Communicare+Ole's Dia de Muertos event. They connected with many families about library resources and programs, including YoloReads, had sugar skull crafts, gave away mini maracas, and books that Nancy Pacheco, our Yolo Reads Coordinator provided.
- vi. Supervisor Provenza presented Yolo Reads Coordinator Nancy Pacheco with a Resolution proclaiming November as Family Literacy Month. Also in attendance were Elizabeth Gray, Central Services Manager; Becky McMannis, Library Assistant in our Yolo Reads program; and Said Mostafa, a dedicated learner and resident of West Sacramento who was tutored by Aaron Needles. Mr. Mostafa gave a very moving speech about his experience. You can watch the presentation here: <https://yolocountyca.swagit.com/play/11052024-508/#13> Scroll to 32:44 minutes in.
- vii. Bob Loessberg-Zahl, Archives volunteer and extra-help team member in Archives was selected as the 2024 Yolo Philanthropy Award Honoree by the Friends of the Yolo County Archives. A reception was held on November 19 at the California Agriculture Museum for all the honorees. The Yolo Philanthropy Awards, sponsored by Nugget Markets, are presented each year by the Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) to recognize volunteers and donors who make a significant impact in our community. Nonprofit organizations can recognize an individual or group that exemplifies philanthropy in our community.
- viii. Yolo County Library is partnering with YoloWorks to host a Farmworker Blanket Drive from November 11-December 13. Community members will be invited to drop off their donated items at library branches.
- ix. On Wednesday, November 13, Ines Ruiz, Library Associate who runs our Knights Landing branch; Tatum Kubik, Library Assistant at West Sac tabled at the launch of the new Knights Landing Park. Diana Lopez was also there.
- x. Congressman Thompson is reconvening a Latino advisory group. Davis Phoenix Coalition is coordinating an effort to make sure groups aren't duplicating efforts as they work to ensure undocumented residents feel safe. Know Your Rights training by Catholic Charities being planned for staff including Woodland Public Library.
- xi. On Saturday, November 30th, the Yolo County Libraries Adult and Family Literacy Program, Yolo Reads collaborated with Bogle Winery and tabled at their wine tasting event. Over 150 new books were donated at the event. The winery will continue collecting books through December.
- xii. The software company we contracted with to schedule meeting room and library book club bags went out of business, so we are implementing a new system.
- xiii. Water heater and gas meter at the Turner Branch had to be replaced. The branch was closed for 5 days but everything is back in working order.
- xiv. Yolo County Library Youth Services Librarian, Hope Saldivar, had partnered with the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera to perform a Winter Concert at the branch. She worked with colleagues at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch to move it there. On Saturday, December 7, there were 230 community members, including many from West Sacramento, who enjoyed a beautiful evening concert filled with holiday favorites, including a sing-along, and, by special request from one of the youngest attendees, a spectacular version of Let it Go. The Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera will perform a make-up concert at the Arthur F. Turner Branch on Friday, January 10 and is planning

performances of Goldilocks and the Three Singing Bears, a four-person opera designed for younger children, at multiple library branches in the spring.

xv. The Davis Makerspace MOU is almost complete.

e) Grants

i. Literacy received a \$25,000 grant from Save the Children for materials, staffing, and giveaway books to build home libraries.

f) Publicity

i. Going forward, the agenda will include a link to a shared drive with all the press for the period.

5. Yolo County Library Foundation Report

a) \$3,270 raised as part of the Giving Tuesday campaign, surpassing their goal.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – None

8. Library Advisory Board Member Reports

a) Holly Bishop reported Measure T passed by 74.2%. The Board of Supervisors certified the election yesterday. Book sales from all sources last month were \$24,294. Davis Friends Of the Library donated \$22,000 toward Measure T.

b) Nora Brazil reported the Mary L. Stephens-Davis branch has an origami decorated tree, the Teen Space appeared to be well used, and “Know Your Rights” cards are available to all customers. There were 68 submissions for the public art at the Walnut Park Library. The 5 finalists will be voted on December 19. Da Vinci High School is a project-based learning high school, and the seniors created a parcel tax proposal project. One of the presentations was on how to spend Measure T funds. Student study space at the new library was highlighted as a big need.

c) Jeff Ten Pas reported the new circulation desk the Friends of the Library helped fund is installed. The Winters Friends of the Library had their annual meeting in November. There will be an author talk with Kim Stanley Robinson in January. The Friends put on a holiday festival annually that will take place this Saturday. Work is already starting for the Fruit Tree sale scheduled for March.

d) Diana Adams reported on the Archives meeting and the Friends and Foundation forum. Their next meeting is next February.

e) Kristen Peacock reported the West Sacramento Friends of the Library raised their rates on books and magazines which resulted in additional funds raised at their last book sale. Their annual meeting was in October and featured a presentation by Youth Services Librarian Hope Saldivar.

9. County and City Officials/Staff Reports and Comments

None

10. ACTION ITEMS

Holly Bishop moved to close the meeting. Jeff TenPas seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

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Items for next agenda: Walnut Park Library updates, review of bylaws and term limits.