



**Yolo County Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Day and Time: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm**  
**Meeting Location: Esparto Regional Library, 17065 Yolo Ave, Esparto CA 95627**

**The Library Advisory Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in February, April, June, August, October and December.**

**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.

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**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Library Advisory Board Roll Call and Introductions**

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

**Welcome:**

Kristin Peacock, LAB Chair

**Introductions**

### 1. Public Comment:

Members of the public have an opportunity to address the Library Advisory Board. The Board reserves the right to impose a limit on time afforded to any topic or to any individual speaker to three minutes.

### 2. ACTION ITEM: Review and vote to approve the minutes from December 10, 2025.

### 3. Staff Reports

- a) Shu Jiao provided an update on the Esparto Regional Library including:
  - i) Report read, written by Toni Mendieta
    - (1) The branch recently hosted a company, coordinated by Yolo County General Services Department, who deep cleaned the floors, and they look sparkling new.
    - (2) Water bottle filling station works well and getting usage.
    - (3) Youth material adjustments to help it be brighter, increased browsing space; finished neighborhood classifications for picture books
    - (4) Esparto Library meeting room was open during the fireworks explosion for the community to be safe, grieve, and come together as a community.
    - (5) Strengthening collaboration between Esparto library, local schools, and local community. In its second year, now working closely with community partners and students and schools to create a plan to increase collaboration. Student voting on comic book / graphic novel options, to be highlighted as part of Dia de los Ninos celebration. One new element: use of AI by students to create art for their own books
    - (6) This branch is open 6 days/week to serve the community, and open into the evenings on Tue/Thu
    - (7) This library collaborated with literacy and ESL staff to host classes, and be here to support literacy tutors and learners.
- b) Nancy Pacheco, Yolo Reads Program Coordinator provided a presentation about the Library's literacy programs in the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
  - i) Nancy oversees Yolo Reads, with help from Elizabeth Gray
    - (1) Submitted mid-year CLLS report to help maintain funding. Nancy received compliments from California State Library staff Lisa Lindsay via phone call, with encouragement to keep up momentum. Ms. Lindsay said "Yolo is a shining example compared to other organizations."
    - (2) Projected to supersede numbers in FY 24/25 to get back to pre-pandemic numbers, up towards ~65 tutors and learners, uptick in West Sacramento enrollment.
    - (3) Yolo Reads / Family Literacy Month – in front of Board of Supervisors twice this year, to raise awareness of elected officials and community members.
    - (4) Advanced ESL class – a number of students at AFT in fall 2025 qualify for Yolo Reads program with 13 attendees over 16 weeks to the class with BOS Villegas present at a graduation / wrap up ceremony.
    - (5) Davis Embroiders Guild – an annual project from that organization who creates custom bookmarks to pass onto students.
    - (6) Outreach with West Sac – Washington adult school – sharing library resources, and at least 2 people from that outreach event also attended the ESL class and use the library. Also, continued collaboration with Bogle Winery, with cutbacks from CSL for how many free books can be given away with those grant funds, Nancy reached out to Bogle who did a book drive and got 500+ books to give away to Yolo Reads students. YCCA hosts a "family fun barn" at the Yolo County Fair, and Yolo Reads gives away hundreds of books at that event. Solidified another year with the winery to gather; the winery hosts a "give back" event of which a portion of wine and ticket sales go to Yolo Reads and YCCA.
    - (7) Tutor & Learner celebration had 13+ attendees, leading to an intimate conversation and a special moment to appreciate and have time for meaningful connections
    - (8) Family Literacy with Leticia Flores, our coordinator for family coordinator, helps the library move the needle. She partnered with state preschool to host a workshop helping to support the entire family, in local partnership with Woodland Public Library to support the entire community.

Woodland state preschool workshop with a tour of woodland library, to welcome 19+ families and share all the library resources the families have available. Flores also collaborates with UC Davis and the mind institute, and focused on ASQ kits (ages and stages questionnaire) which is a parent tool to help early developmental delays in children, which may help with early diagnosis and intervention.

- (9) Esperanza Crossing in Esparto, Flores has been collaborating with Esperanza to host two workshops; for cooking and storytelling.
- (10) Nancy attended Read Across America at a local school and read to two classes
- (11) Becky McMannis has worked with a local masonic youth chapter to raise \$600+ in donations
- (12) Interested in volunteering with Yolo Reads, or have books you'd like to donate? Contact Nancy Pacheco. For monetary donations, contact Meredith Beales
- (13) ESL funding – Elizabeth Gray has worked to close a budget gap in reaching local partners to host these classes for the next year; however, long-term funding remains questionable for ESL classes.
- (14) LAB is requesting full funding, how many students and session, etc. are offered. One suggestion is to inquire if First 5 Yolo has funding to contribute

#### **4. Library Administration Report**

- a) County budget – each department was required to meet with CAO, DFS, HR, etc. last month; general fund is impacted. Each department was asked to reduce 15% of general fund in proposals. April 14, National Library Week resolution and advocacy groups may appear to speak at BOS in support of library, archives, and historical museum. Next steps – April 28 will be part 1 of budget discussion to BOS, with preliminary budget out in June 2026.
- b) March 2 – state of the City for Davis, with a snapshot of what's happening in the City.
- c) March 5 – Women in Leadership hosted by Supervisors Frerich and Mary Vixie Sandy
- d) March 10 – AI in libraries; information literacy. Also on this date, YCL Foundation hosted a mixer at Camille's house to thank larger donors
- e) March 14, Women's history month program at Gibson House with speaker David Wilkinson about Woodland's City of Trees – link inserted here
- f) Farm to Fashion at Winters on March 30, part of Women's History Month, about sustainability in fashion with local high school students who participated in a sustainable fashion show.
- g) MTA visit by Jamie, Crista, Scott, and Carlos (GSD) for walnut park furniture
- h) Diana Lopez invited to attend Nueva Epoca, a Latinx leadership workshop, sponsored by Jesse Salinas.
- i) Reminder – Mary's Supper for Stories, a fundraiser for Yolo County Library Foundation, is on April 16
- j) Walnut Park Library update – Diana and Jamie
  - 1) On-site tour on April 2, with managers, furniture, IT staff etc. coordinated by Diana and Andy Lyman, project coordinator
  - 2) Staffing update: four classifications were approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 3 to operate this new location; transfers for existing staff are offered first, followed by filling (or backfilling) with hiring of new permanent staff.
- k) Staffing Update – Jamie
  - 1) Additional extra-help staff are being hired and trained to assist at various locations: Clare Howley, Librarian I, and Miyoshi Matsumoto, Librarian I
- l) SB707 – Diana
  - 1) This senate bill doesn't add any requirements to LAB, but offers a remote option for board members join. This needs to be arranged in advance, please give Diana a heads up if you are unable to make a meeting in person and would like to take advantage of joining remotely.

#### **5. Yolo County Library Foundation Update**

- a) Looking for Executive Director
- b) Mary's Supper for Stories on April 16, buy your tickets now

#### **6. Old Business**

## 7. New Business

## 8. Library Advisory Board Member Reports

- a) Holly – typically reports on Davis Friends of the Library. Amazing to be featured in Sheila Allen’s eNewsletter, with a note about book sales, and about the Gibson House. Reminder to the Board that they have a lot of power, ask your liaisons to include these in the local supervisors’ eNewsletter
- b) Sharon – the artwork and art displays has big pickup at the Friends Logos bookstore, with Sacramento Bee recently highlighting the artwork.
- c) Christine – recent tour at Arthur F Turner Community Library in West Sacramento; would like to learn grant writing and volunteer to help and is taking an online “how to write a grant”. Christine is excited to spread the word about the many, many offerings at the library. She may write an Op-ed for local newspaper, Southport magazine, etc. West Sac ledger. Christine notes that this location may have started as part of grocery store. Remember to highlight on social media, pass opportunities onto elected officials.
- d) Ester – summer reading coming and Yolo Branch is excited. Easter had 150+ kids attending the spring celebration with book giveaways. Many large programs coming in May – doll making with traditional Mexican dolls. Rural roots history talk provided by one of the 1800’s ranching families, with great turnout. Ester suggested a “more than books” library program to feature the stuff (cook pans, tools, whatever) to local groups.
- e) Jeff – Big Day of Giving, Winters FOL working on ramping up engagement. Native Garden Tour coming sponsored by CA Native Plant Society. New furniture purchased for Winters Library. Events include a tree sale, Quiz show, and SF Shakespeare did a 1-hour play for various school groups (elementary to high school).
- f) Nora – looking forward to Summer Reading. Recently participated in adult book club. Met with Supervisor Frerichs. Mention with DJUSD partnering with us on Walnut Park. A recent event, celebrating Persian New Year, had 140+ participants.
- g) Diana A – Friends of Archives, had quarterly meeting on February 4. There is concern about budget impact and staffing impacts, so met twice since then to discuss issues, impacts, and plan to attend Board of Supervisors meeting on April 14. Group hosted a recent membership drive with mailed envelopes; also participating in Big Day of Giving.
- h) Kristin – Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento had well attended cookie decorating program. Other highlights include a Pokémon event, which had a parent dress up. City of West Sac is doing a NLW recognition with staff; West Sac FOL doing Big Day of Giving.

## 9. County and City Officials/Staff Reports and Comments

## 10. ACTION ITEMS

Adjourn the meeting - adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm

### Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6 pm at the Clarksburg Branch Library, 52915 Netherlands Ave, Clarksburg CA 95612**

### Items for next agenda:

- **LAB transportation needs for attendance at meetings at rural branches**

### Standing items for next agenda:

- Walnut Park Library update
- Brief tour of the library facility where the meeting is being held, focusing on recent alterations and/or needs for renovation or maintenance
- Review of branch services where the meeting is being held: hours of operation, staffing levels, and any plans for changes to hours or services