

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2021, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD MEETING ROOM
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. by Mr. Joe Neuhardt. Members present were Ms. Wilma Humason, Mr. Joe Neuhardt, and Ms. Anne Sutton. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher-Library Director, Ashley Nuhfer – Digital Services Librarian. Ms. Linda Mackey was absent. Public present were Alicia Jacobo, Senior Field Representative for Senator Hurtado’s office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved as read.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Library Budget Update – 21-22 FY budget has been submitted. The cost allocation plan and the cost applied-energy project are two expenditures that have increased significantly. The library’s next budget review and discussion will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Grants Update –

- Infrastructure Grant – On March 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved submission of two Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grants for the Hanford and Lemoore Branch Libraries. The deadline is due Monday, March 21, 2022, at 12noon. Senator Hurtado’s office will provide letters of support for both applications.
- Mobile Library – The graphic art for the vehicle was shared. Ms. Wilma Humason suggested to make our diverse population. The vehicle is schedule to arrive in June 2022.
- Día de los Ninos – For the second year the library received \$500 per branch from the California State Library to celebrate Día de los Ninos.
- Lunch @ the Library – The library applied to the California State Library for Lunch @ the Library at the Avenal, Kettleman City, and Stratford branch libraries. The library has partnered with local school who provide lunch to youth during the summer and the pop-up libraries will promote the Summer Reading Program and provide books to children to take home.

In-Person Programming – In-person programming is back. The library has held a few programs, Mindfulness Classes, Local Authors Event, and Storytime for the children. KCAO has provided Coffee Pop-Ups. The Summer Reading Programs will be a hybrid of both virtual and in-person programs.

Presentation/Demonstration – Digital Services Librarian, Ashley Nuhfer provided a demonstration of three new digital resources available to the public from the California State Library, Coursera, LinkedIn Learning, and Learning Express.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Alicia Jacobo is now the District Director for the Hanford Office for Senator Hurtado.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Wilma Humason reported that several members were at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on March 15th to show support for the library. At the last Friends of the Library meeting new members were taken to the

Lemoore Branch Library for a tour. The Friends winter direct mailing brought in a little over \$6,000. The spring book sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. The next Friends meeting will include a tour of Avenal, Kettleman City, and Stratford Branch Libraries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Wilma Humason shared correspondence from Mr. Jim Marvin, congratulating the Library Advisory Board for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 21, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m. by Mr. Joe Neuhardt.