

MINUTES  
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)  
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023, 3:30 p.m.  
HANFORD MEETING ROOM  
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY  
HANFORD, CA

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#### ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Margaret Lirones, and Ms. Anne Sutton. Ms. Linda Mackey was absent. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved with corrections.

#### UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Public present were Mr. James Tucker and Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator, Senator Melissa Hurtado's Office.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

**Personnel Update** – The new Youth Services Librarian, Gentky Vang, started April 17, 2023.

**American Library Association Advocacy Efforts** – Natalie R. Rencher passed out a Federal Funding for Libraries and California Library Funding Facts sheet for the members to review. The sheets provide information and stats on funding for Public Libraries.

#### **National Library Week – April 23<sup>rd</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Library Card Campaign – Baby Yoda and Military Cards will be provided to patrons requesting a new or replacement card. Baby Yoda will be available for kids and adults.
- Fine Forgiveness Week is back for the first time since 2019.
- We received a \$5,000 award for Lunch at the Library. Gentky Vang and Ashley Nuhfer will be visiting the Stratford, Kettleman, and Avenal schools.
- The Mobile Library will be at the Kids Day event at the Hanford Mall on April 22, 2023.
- The Mobile Library was at the Avenal Easter Egg event on April 1, 2023. It was a success with 279 patron visits, three new cards were made, and five patrons checked out materials.

#### LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

**LAB Member Vacancy/Recruitment** – Ann, Linda, and Natalie will hold interviews for the two candidates on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Infrastructure grant checks have been received.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Ms. Wilma Humason updated the group on the book sale on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Hanford Branch.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Wilma Humason shared that the new Hanford Branch landscaping looks nice.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at the Lemoore Branch Library on May 18, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason.