

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, April 21, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD MEETING ROOM
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Mr. Joe Neuhardt, Ms. Linda Mackey, Ms. Margaret Lirones, and Ms. Anne Sutton. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director, Share Mayes – Youth Services Librarian, and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Correction to the minutes dated March 17, 2022: Ms. Margaret Lirones was present at the Library Advisory Board meeting.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Library Budget Update – Library staff completed the 22-23 budget and submitted it to Administration. CAP charges increased significantly so Natalie will be asking for a cost breakdown of the charges to report back to the LAB members.

Grants Update –

- Infrastructure Grant – The State received 270 applications and putting them \$1 million over budget. Kern and Fresno submitted for multiple locations. The State will give notice in late spring, early summer.
- 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. The library will provide books and literacy kits.
- Día de los Ninos – The library received \$500 per branch/\$3,000 total for books and kits, from the California State Library to celebrate Día de los Ninos.
- Mobile Library – A handout was provided showing the final wrap. The vehicle is on schedule to arrive in June 2022.

Key Issuance Policy Revision – The policy has been updated to include staffs' relinquishment of keys if they will be on leave for more than 2 weeks.

ALA Federal Funding Campaign – Natalie provided a handout to the members.

California State Library Report on Laptop and Hotspot Lending – The library is now providing Chromebook and hotspot check outs to the public. We are currently preparing to add IPADS to the checkout selection.

Youth Services Librarian Update – Share' Mayes presented a slide show to the group representing the programs she worked on; Día de los Ninos, Rural Library Fellowship, Mindfulness Classes, and Out-of-School Time-Shared Vision.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

N/A

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Wilma Humason reported that a few members including new members, took a trip with Natalie out to Avenal, Kettleman City and Stratford to tour the branches and see the murals on April 14th. The United Way gave the Friends' \$3,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS
N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 19, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason.