

MINUTES  
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)  
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023, 3:30 p.m.  
LEMOORE BRANCH LIBRARY  
LEMOORE, CA

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#### ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Ms. Anne Sutton. Members present were an Ms. Margaret Lirones, Ms. Wilma Humason, and Ms. Anne Sutton. Absent was Ms. Linda Mackey. Library staff present were Ashley Nuhfer – Digital Services Librarian, and Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director.

#### 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

##### **Facilities Update**

- Infrastructure Grant funds acceptance is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on June 6, 2023.
- The library's broadband infrastructure chart of the bandwidth, carriers, and WIFI access for all branches was shared.

##### **Program Updates**

- 2023 Summer Reading Program - Ashley Nuhfer, Digital Services Librarian provided an update. The Find Your Voice reading theme begins Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>. All programs and activities are scheduled. Flyers have been distributed to all schools. Special thanks go to the Friends of the Kings County Library for its annual sponsorship.
- Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Fellowship Program - Ashley Nuhfer, Digital Services Librarian provided this two-year program is in partnership with Stratford Elementary School. The purpose was to assist the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher with improving reading skills and scores. Ashley is in the process of finishing the final report. Once she receives the results from the school, she'll share with the LAB at a future meeting. Initial feedback has been highly favorable from the teacher and is looking forward to collaborating with the library in the future.

#### LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

- LAB Member Vacancy Update – Today interviews were held for two interested candidates, a first in 13 years. The selected candidate's name has been passed on to the Clerk of the Board who will go to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval at a (BOS) future meeting.

#### REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

- It was reported that the Governor's May revise budget came in less than anticipated. Ms. Wilma Humason had a question as to the difference between federal library LSTA funding (LSTA-Library Services Technology Act) and state library funding. Library Director, Natalie Rencher provided the clarification. There was a question as to why the 2020 LSTA funding for California was so low? Library Director, Natalie Rencher will provide an answer at the next meeting.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

- Ms. Wilma Humason provided an update on the successful Spring Book Sale on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The current President has resigned due to personal reasons, new officers will be installed at the June meeting. The next FOL meeting is Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, time, and place to be determined.

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

N/A

## ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by Ms. Anne Sutton.
- The group toured the Lemoore Branch Library and the future expansion space.