

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
Thursday, September 15, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD MEETING ROOM
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Mr. Joe Neuhardt. Members present were Mr. Joe Neuhardt, Ms. Anne Sutton, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Absent was Ms. Linda Mackey and Ms. Wilma Humason. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary. Public present Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator, Senator Melissa Hurtado’s Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved as printed.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Girl Scout Gold Award Presentation – A virtual presentation was done by Alexis Gonzalez, Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 3049 on her community service project, The CARE Box to be at the Hanford Branch Library.

Personnel Update – The new Youth Services Librarian started on August 8th. We are recruiting for one fulltime Library Assistant I position at Hanford and one part-time, Library Assistant 1 at Avenal. The HR department has done a fantastic job helping the library department with the recruitment and hiring processes.

Procedures – The Library Advisory Board reviewed and approved the following updated processes and procedures forms, Photo Release Form, Incident Report Form and Guidelines, and Collection Development.

Library Card Campaign – September’s Library Card Sign-Up Month kick off the library yearlong campaign to increase the number of library card holders. Baby Yoda is the library’s mascot for the READ This Is The Way campaign. Children 0-11 who sign up for the first library card receive a special Baby Yoda library card, a book, and Baby Yoda toy. Teens and Adults will receive a library mug, while supplies last.

2022 Summer Reading Report – This year’s program was a hybrid of in-person and virtually. Families really appreciated being back to in-person programs, in which 2,711 participated. Reading completion was tracked by Beanstack software with 324,481 minutes logged.

Outreach Activities - The staff has been busy with many outreach activities such as Thursday Night Market Place, with many more scheduled to attend later this month.

Grants Update – Lunch @ The Library at Stratford, Kettleman City, and Avenal Elementary Schools was a success. 700 books were passed to children receive free lunch. The library will apply for this California State Library Grant next year. The Mobile library, Shared Vision Grant, the vehicle will be here on Wednesday, September 28th. Rural Libraries Fellowship is focus on class visits at Stratford Elementary. The library just received news from the California State Library of its intent to award 13+ million dollars in infrastructure grants for the Hanford and Lemoore facilities.

LAB Bylaws – The LAB began to review of the bylaws and discussed the new chair assignment. It was decided to continue that the bylaws need revision and will be discussed at the next meeting as well as the new chair assignment.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Alicia shared her enthusiasm on Kings County receiving the grant funds for library infrastructure. She provided an update on additional funds the county has received.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Friends reported that its 40th anniversary is Wednesday, October 19th. The next book sale will be October 22nd. The Friends of the Library monthly meeting has been changed to the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 20, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by Mr. Joe Neuhardt.