

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting started at 3:50 p.m. Members present were Ms. Anne Sutton. Members absent were Ms. Wilma Humason, Ms. Linda Mackey, Mr. James Tucker, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Public present was Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator, Senator Melissa Hurtado. Library staff present were Tanya Russell – Library Manager, and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Ms. Megan Vega, Deputy County Administrative Officer

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Makerspace Presentation – Youth Services Librarian, Gentky Vang, gave the group a presentation on the functions of Makerspace which included a demonstration of how crafts can be made with the use of a cricut machine and a 3D printer and pen.

Library Programs Update – The Local Author Program is on Saturday, January 19th at 11:00 a.m., at the Hanford Branch. Additional programming including the dates and times, will be discussed at an upcoming program planning meeting.

2024-2025 Budget – Budget has kicked off for the next fiscal year. Tanya Russell and Farrah Canseco attended Budget Training on January 10th. All forms are due on or before February 16th and a budget meeting with County Admin will follow on February 22nd.

Infrastructure Grant – Tanya Russell reported that she is working on the grant process Director’s retirement. She stated budget and narrative reporting for period October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, was submitted. The step is BOS approval for the consultant on January 30, 2024.

Personnel Updates – At the Hanford Branch, Library Director, Natalie R. Rencher has retired effective December 30, 2023. The position will be discussed in closed session at the BOS meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd. At the Lemoore Branch, Library Assistant II, Rose Mary Torres has retired; however, will remain on vacation until February 16th. Hanford employees are currently covering the position until we have hired and trained her replacement. We will interview candidates from an active list from 2023.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

N/A

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Ms. Megan Vega told the group that the library has its own fund, and we are currently working on the budget.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

N/A

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on February 15, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.