

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Linda Mackey, Ms. Anne Sutton, Mr. James Tucker, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Public present Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator, Senator Melissa Hurtado. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for October were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

2023 State Library Report – The 2023 Annual Public Library Survey was shared. This California State Library survey is required in order for the library to be able to apply for state library grant funds.

23-24 Library Legislative Platform – The state and federal legislative priorities for the library was shared. The library's priorities were submitted to be part of the County's Legislative Platform.

Library Grants Update – An update was provided on the following grants: Infrastructure, Zip Books, State & Play, Lunch @ the Library, Veterans Oral History Project – CSAC Challenge Awards.

Library Programs Update – In addition to systemwide programming like the Summer Reading Program and outreach programs and events. A sample overview was provided on the variety of library programs that happens throughout the library system. Poetry Night – October 2023 & April 2024; Storytime – Book buddies – Wednesday at Hanford, Thursdays; Family Movies currently at Kettleman City, Stratford, Avenal, and beginning in January 2024; Teen Advisory Board (Pilot) at Kettleman City; Afterschool programs at Corcoran, Maker Mondays at Hanford, Tech Tuesdays at Hanford, and Mobile Help Wednesday by appointment at Hanford, KIMBL visits to NAS Lemoore and Valley Christian Home; Saturday Classes at Hanford.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

Ms. Margaret Lirones shared information on banned book sessions she attended at this year's American Library Association Conference.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Mr. Alicia Jacobo announced the upcoming open house for the new Lemoore District Office on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

The FOL is planning to tour the Visalia Branch of the Tulare County Library in January 2024. October's Booksale raised \$2300. For the Winter Open House, the Lemoore Rotary donated \$250 to Lemoore Branch for books and the First Presbyterian Church granted \$1,000 for books to children to the Hanford Branch. The Wonderful Company awarded the FOL \$2500 in grant funds for the Avenal Branch Library's 2024 Summer Reading Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS
County Holiday Closure is scheduled for Friday, December 22, 2023, through January 1, 2024. All county offices, including the library department will open regular hours on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on January 18, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. Unless notified the December meeting is cancelled. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason.