

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Margaret Lirones, Ms. Linda Mackey, and Mr. James Tucker. Anne Sutton was absent from the meeting. Library staff present were Vikki Cervantes – Library Director and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary. For the record, Mr. James Tucker arrived at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Ms. Gisselle Coyt, Kings County Administrative Analyst, was present at the meeting.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Building Forward Grant – Vikki Cervantes reported that staff are working hard with consultants fine tuning the final pieces. The deadline is tight; however, we are moving along with possible construction starting in April – May 2025.

California Library Association Conference – Vikki attended the Directors' Forum and CLA conferences in Pasadena on October 16-19, 2024. She reported on her experience attending the classes, seeing many colleagues and Library Advisory Board member, Margaret Lirones.

Programs and Highlights – The Library's fall events were a success including Open Mic Poetry Night, Trunk or Treats, and the Thursday Night Market Place. Many of the events were attended along with the KIMBL vehicle. The members received flyers for the upcoming Winter Open House and the Winter Closure schedule.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

Library Behavior Policy (Draft) – Vikki provided the members with a copy of the draft policy for review, input, and approval. The group will report back at the next LAB meeting in January.

Scheduling for Lemoore and Corcoran – Vikki drafted a tentative 2025 schedule for LAB meetings and various branch locations within the County. Some changes were requested.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Vikki shared that we are currently working on FY 24-25 Mid-Year Review for County Admin, due on Friday, December 6th.

Vikki shared a copy of the AB-1825 California Freedom to Read Act. Governor Newsom signed the bill on September 29, 2024. All public libraries will need to have an acceptable local jurisdiction Collection Development policy reviewed by the California State Library. Vikki encouraged the advisory board members to look over the current Kings County Collection Development Policy from 2022 available on the website. As the California Freedom to Read Act takes effect Vikki will bring back and necessary information to share with the board.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma shared that the Friends' received \$2,436 from the Fall Book Sale. She also shared that there will no longer be Amazon sales.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The Library Advisory Board will take a hiatus for the month of December 2024, and reconvene on Thursday, January 16, 2025. The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason at 4:30 p.m.