

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

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Anne Sutton, Ms. Linda Mackey, Mr. James Tucker, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Library staff present were Tanya Russell – Library Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Infrastructure Grant – Tanya Russell reported videographers were at the Hanford and Lemoore libraries February 17 – 18, 2024 shooting video and pictures for the architects at 4Creeks to use for designs. She also reported the Kick-Off Meeting for the Infrastructure Grant with the architects, Public Works and library staff, Ashley Nuhfer and Tanya Russell, would be on Wednesday March 27th.

Personnel Updates – Extra-Help Library Assistant at the Hanford Branch was hired as fulltime Library Assistant I at the Lemoore Branch. Her first day was March 18th. The library plans to recruit another Extra-Help Library Assistant I to fill the vacancy in Hanford. Final interviews were held for the Library Director vacancy on March 11 with the anticipation of a new Library Director starting in mid-April.

Youth in Government Day – Digital Services Librarian Ashley Nuhfer had a job shadow student for Kings County Youth in Government Day on Tuesday March 19th.

National Library/Fine Forgiveness Week – Fine Forgiveness week will be held in conjunction with National Library week April 7th thru 13th. Tanya Russell passed around a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions that is available to the public.

Summer Reading Program – Performers have been engaged, internal programming is being finalized and most prizes have been purchased.

Meeting Room Policy – The decision was made to review and discuss the policy at a later date.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

N/A

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Tanya Russell reported that round two funding for California's Infrastructure Program has been pulled by Governor Newsom. This does not affect our grant awards.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma reported that the Friends will be visiting all branch libraries during National Library Week, leaving balloons and signage at each branch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Wilma encouraged everyone to visit the new Asian display at the Carnegie Museum. Margaret passed out an informational booklet for Africa and briefly discussed the program and non-profit rating.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on April 18, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason at 4:05 p.m.