

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

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**ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Anne Sutton, Mr. James Tucker, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Ms. Linda Mackey was absent. Public present was Ms. Alicia Jacobo – District Coordinator, Senator Melissa Hurtado. Library staff present were Vikki Cervantes – Library Director, Tanya Russell – Library Manager, and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes were approved.

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

N/A

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

**Personnel Updates** – Introductions took place between the new Library Director, Vikki Cervantes, and the Library Advisory Members.

**Infrastructure Grant** – Tanya Russell reported that the kick-off meeting took place on March 27<sup>th</sup> with 4Creeks and other county officials. The next scheduled meeting is with the Sheriff's Department and their space at the Lemoore Branch. The next quarterly report will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Poetry Event** – The event was on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 9 poets signed up for the event; however, five additional people attended including teens. In total there were fourteen poets and seventy-eight attendees.

**Friends' Book Sale** – Ashley Nuhfer, Digital Services Librarian will be leading the book sale on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Flyers were provided to the members.

**National Library/Fine Forgiveness Week** – For fine forgiveness week 4/8/24 to 4/13/24, a total of \$958.67 in fines were waived for patrons.

**Thursday Night Marketplace** – Dates of attendance have been chosen; May 16, June 6, and September 5.

**Summer Reading Program** – Sign-ups start in June. There will be three performers and in-house activities through August. The calendar will be provided at the May meeting.

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS**

N/A

**REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES**

Alicia Jacobo reported that the state budget is not doing well for this year and no budget requests are being accepted.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT**

In honor of National Library Week, the Friends delivered balloons, letters, and gift cards to staff at all the branches.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Margaret Lirones reported on book bans. It was stated that Kings County does not have an issue with bans as we are very inclusive. Margaret also reported that she will not be attending the May meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on May 16, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason at 4:15 p.m.