

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Anne Sutton, and Ms. Linda Mackey. Public present was Ms. Alicia Jacobo – District Coordinator, Senator Melissa Hurtado. Library staff present were Vikki Cervantes – Library Director. For the record Mr. Tucker arrived at 3:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Library Director – Vikki Cervantes reported on the busy five weeks she has had making rounds out in the community to introduce herself as the Library Director for Kings County. Vikki shared her new business card with the board members.

Building Forward Grant – Vikki Cervantes reported that work is continuous with 4 Creeks and is going well. Vikki shared the preliminary layout plans of the Hanford and Lemoore branches.

Library Survey – Vikki shared that a community survey will launch this summer. The survey will be specifically for the library user who visits the physical and virtual library amenities. The survey will be in English and Spanish at all branches.

Staff Development Day – Vikki shared that a request for all branch closure for Friday, June 14 was going on the June 4th agenda for the Board of Supervisors to approve. Vikki explained the staff development day would be focused on introductions, teambuilding, customer service, and an update on the building forward projects. In addition, staff will spend time working on surplus in the basement and other housekeeping projects to get the Hanford facility ready for the renovation schedule which has not been determined at this time.

Programs and Highlights – Vikki shared the summer calendar of events and the dates the library will be participating in the Thursday Night Market.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

N/A

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Vikki reported on the Governor’s action to initiate a “student success card” by grade 3. This initiative will be rolled out by the State Library sometime in the next few months. Vikki also shared the state budget cuts to the lunch at the library program and the funds that support our SJVLS cooperative function.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma reported that the book sale went well and that about over 400 people visited. Wilma said they made about the same amount of money as last year. Alicia Jacobo gave a shout out to Ashley Nuhfer for her hard work during the book sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 20, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library.
The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason at 4:35 p.m.