

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD,CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:35p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Margaret Lirones and Mrs. Linda Mackey. Mr. James Tucker. Linda Tucker, wife of Mr. James Tucker was also in attendance. Library staff present were Tanya Russell, Library Manager. Gisselle Coyt , Administrative Analyst from Kings County Administration was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator for State Senator Melissa Hurtado was also present.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Update on the Hanford temporary location– Tanya Russell reported that the Hanford Library was still set to move to temporary quarters at 110 S. 11th Ave sometime in August 2025. She also reported both Building Forward projects should be going out to bid in June.

Staff presentation-2025 Summer Reading Schedule – Gentky Vang, Youth Service Librarian went through the June and July Summer Reading Program calendar and gave an overview of events. He also thanked the Library Advisory Board and the Friends of the Library for their continued support of the Summer Reading Program.

Programs and Highlights – Tanya Russell spoke of ongoing library programs such as Cup of Joe, Chapter Chat and movie times.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

Library Advisory Board Vacancy: Gisselle Coyt reported that the Board of Supervisors would like the Library Advisory Board to vote on their new member, as opposed to having the Board of Supervisors appoint someone. Alicia Jacobo excused herself and the board discussed and voted. The board voted for Alicia Jacobo to take the vacant seat. She was called back in the room, informed and thanked everyone.

Review of Library Public Internet Policy, Library Computer Guidelines and Rules and the Internet and Minor Safety Policy: Tanya explained a review and revision of these policies

were necessary since they were done in 2008, before social media. She hopes to have revised policies for the BOS to review in August .

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

The Institute of Museum and Library Services was listed to discuss. Tanya reported that funding had been restored to the agency for the time being through a temporary injunction. She also stated Kings County Library does not receive direct funding from the agency. Tanya also stated was not up to date on AB1125 California Library Services, Equity and Opportunity Act that was listed on the agenda.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma reported that on the lunch that had taken place at Fugazzi's, where Summer Reading was discussed but also Gisselle's announcement during that lunch that Vikki had been placed on administrative leave. Wilma also briefly discussed the FOL as to whether they would be contributing to payment of the Lemoore Civic Auditorium and the Hanford Civic Auditorium.,

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMNETS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMEBERS

Ms. Lirones shared a flyer of an event to be held at the Hanford Civic park supporting teachers and education.

ADJOURNEMENT

The LAB decided the next meeting will be at 3:30 on June 19th at the Corcoran Library. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 by Wilma Humason.