



County of Yolo LIBRARY

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CHAIR: Sharon Hallberg
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MINUTES

April 21, 2010

Present: Sharon Hallberg, Chair, Holly Bishop, Andrea Jones, Margaret Crawford, Susan Martimo, Gina Daleiden (representing Supervisor Jim Provenza). Also present was County Librarian Patty Wong. Mel Russell, guest.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Sharon Hallberg introduced Susan Martimo, CSLA Past President, Santa Clara County Office of Education – responsible for school libraries, California Department of Education, responsible for State Standards. The Library Advisory Board is very fortunate to welcome Susan Martimo to the group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February minutes were approved.

100th Anniversary

The agenda was moved to allow Mel Russell to speak about the 100th Anniversary. Mel is creating the traveling display that will profile each current branch and the history of the Yolo County Library through historical and current photographs, photos of libraries and staff. There are several planned activities:

1. Exhibit space at the joint Friends/Branch celebrations

2. Displays at seasonal events like the Almond Festival, Picnic Day, Yolo County Fair, Neighbors Day
3. Local community gatherings might feature the display: Rumsay, Zamora, Dunnigan, Madison
4. Gala planned on 8/1/10
5. Display opportunities – planned for 2 events each month throughout the year – actual dates to be established

Features: traveling, portable, light, fits into 10 x 10' space, adaptable, standing displays slide out so you interchangeable. Up to seven groups of panels

Logo is Building Knowledge, Binding Community. Working with Signs by Heck (Woodland). Panels can be hung, mixed and matched, and repurposeable. Historical Society has also okayed use for fundraiser. Idea to approach Chambers and other businesses to advertise their name as a sponsor for a whole year. Another idea is to appeal to restore Yolo Branch – this Carnegie structure is in need of repair with deterioration to exterior walls.

Email Mel at imeldarussell@googlemail.com with quotes, stories, photographs

LIBRARY BUDGET UPDATE

The County deficit is estimated to be up to \$27 million. Creative use of reserves, negotiations with employee associations, austere reductions in several departments, and scrubbing of budgets has resulted in a balanced budget, but with a reduction of the workforce by an estimated 45 at the County level. A recommendation from Library staff to use non General Fund one-time reserve funds to address the General Fund shortfall was presented as part of the Library's budget. The shortfall would mean a reduction of hours for the County Librarian and the Archives positions. The 10% reduction in salaries is dependent upon staff association negotiations, but recommendations to address systemwide needs is through focused and publicized closures during the lower use winter holidays.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Winters Community Library

Rebecca Fridae reported that there are many new programs. RISE is working with the Library to provide afterschool homework help with volunteers. Family Place is gearing up with 20 families signed up as of 5/3. English Conversation practices are held from 1-2 p.m. on Saturdays. Needle Art featuring embroidery and knitting is in process. The summer Art Can Do classes are in the works. The City has cut back services in the summer. Summer Reading and the Art Can Do Friends sponsored classes will help. Spanish storytime is very successful with up to 30 participants. Afterschool traffic has settled down. The Youth Day parade featuring the Friends wearing mod 60's clothing and hula hoops.

Arthur F. Turner Community Library

Margaret Crawford reports significant circulation and customer use of the Library. The public art has been installed. There will be a dance party in October as a membership drive/fundraiser at the VFW, and the 100th Anniversary celebration will be held on 10/10.

Some work on an author series and a poetry slam for teens. This Saturday marks a large author/illustrator event at WS thanks to local school librarians.

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library

The temporary location still seems to be going strong. The remodel site is problematic after significant rains with puddling.

OLD BUSINESS

Ethics Training: Rebecca Fridae and Margaret Crawford must complete the training soon. All new members are expected to take the training within the first six months of appointment.

CALTAC Training: Sharon Hallberg, JB Oerding, Nora Brazil and Susan Martimo attended. They heard from other trustees about the economic challenges throughout the state, building programs, lessons from service on other boards, Stacey Aldrich addressed “augmented reality.” Kim Bui-Burton represented CLA.

HR: Moira Conlan selected as Archives and Records Center Coordinator. Assistant County Librarian selection still in process. Library Circulation Supervisor in process. Many thanks to Sharon Hallberg and Susan Martimo for joining the many HR selection panels for key library positions.

COUNTY LIBRARIAN’S REPORT/UPDATE

See attached County Librarian’s Report for March-April 2010

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Room process adjustments: to accommodate more customers and requests for use, meeting room users may book up the 3 months in advance, and within the 3 months, may use the room a total of six times. Each use must be separated by a period of a full seven days.
2. HR: Branch Manager: Interim Branch Manager of Turner, Crista Cannariato has decided to resume the Librarian II position at Davis. She will remain as Interim until the recruitment for Branch Manager I is complete. Children’s Librarian: With Cathy Lorda’s retirement, the position will upgrade to Librarian and recruitment will begin following Library Associate (another vacancy at Turner).
3. Strategic Plan: Funds have been set aside for an RFP and process to begin end of the year.
4. Yolo County Library mission and revenue/fees review: The County Librarian affirmed with the Library Advisory Board members that all programs and sponsorships associated with the Library be free of charge to customers whenever possible. There is an inherent and perceived role that the public library provides free access to information and services.
5. **ACTION:** A motion to support the Library staff’s proposed budget to use non General Fund monies to fund the current shortfall in funds and restore the County Librarian

and Archives and Records Center Coordinator hours to 100% was moved by Susan Martimo, and seconded by Holly Bishop. The motion passed unanimously. The LAB indicated that this information should be shared with the Board of Supervisors at the budget presentation.

6. Holly Bishop is very interested in ensuring the Library's role in the South Davis – Walnut Park land – extension of time for land use. The County Librarian has communicated this need to County Counsel who has directed work to proceed beginning with the City of Davis.

NOTE:: Next All Friends reception determined to be in **May 2011**.

Sharon Hallberg moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Susan Marimo. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 9 at Clarksburg Branch Library

Submitted by: Patty Wong