Winters Community Library – Rebecca Fridae – reports that the Poetry Jam in the Winters Community Library meeting room was packed and that it was fabulous! Liz Coman coordinated the event with help from teachers from Kindergarten through High School, the PTO and Yolo County Library staff – particularly Toni Mendicta, branch supervisor. The Winters Friends of the Library (WFOL) tree sale was a success. Four Winds Nursery donated citrus trees and blueberry shrubs. Sierra Gold nursery donated more trees. WFOL sponsored a dinner to celebrate volunteers who helped with this great event. The Family Reading Festival was successful despite severe rainy weather that lessened the number of participants. The Civic Dialogue reflection on Civil Rights with middle school boys was a discussion that went well. Anthony Davis from RISE will repeat this format of discussion in the weeks to come using art pieces as a focus. Coming up: Winters Community Library will host the Needle Arts one-year anniversary. WFOL will bring spectacular over-the-top hats, costumes and more to the 75th Youth Day- the Diamond Jubilee – on April 30th. A Baby Signing class is starting next week at the library. Winters Joint Use Library won an award for excellent design of school facilities – the Leroy F. Greene award. On April 20th there will be a forum on what’s wonderful in Winters’ public schools.

Arthur F. Turner Community Library – Susan Martino reported on the successful West Sacramento Friends of the Library Annual meeting with John Lescroat as guest speaker. The next annual meeting for the West Sacramento Friends of the Library will be in October due to changes in the by-laws. They would like suggestions for a keynote speaker. Four people from the Friends will attend the All-Friends meeting. A new farmer’s market will start on May 19 in the empty parking lot across from the library. Rebecca mentioned that the farmer’s market was good for Winter’s Friends of the
Library book sales. West Sacramento Friends of the Library (WSPOL) book sale/ev sells are doing well. They need books for their sale in June. Davis offered to send them some. The teen program on duct tape wallets was successful and everyone is looking forward to providing more programs for teens. The WSPOL is creating an email distribution list and database for membership. Their email is WSPOL99@yahoo.com.

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library and South Davis Montgomery Extension Site – Nora Brazil – Davis Friends of the Library book sale was this past weekend. Nora is working with Peggy Rollins, Yolo County Children's Librarian, to schedule summer programming at MME including a travel series on Saturdays. Holly and Sharon volunteered to participate and will see if they can bring their show to other branches. Currently the Read off Your Fines for ages 5 – 18 years old is providing an important opportunity for youth to stay engaged in the library.

Holly Bishop spoke with city of Davis Mayor Joe Kurova about Walnut Park property and goals to extend Yolo County possession for library purposes beyond existing 2012 contract. We'd like to ask for a ten year extension until 2022. Holly is eager to start an endowment or other fundraising effort so that the proposed South Davis branch becomes more real. Communication on this is good and progressing. Katherine Hess and Paul Navazio are the current contacts with whom Holly is working. Patty has had some conversation with Ann Brandt.

Sharon Hallberg noted that the County is still working through some issues with the renovated building. For example, painting is still being done on the outside of the building. Davis Friends of the Library has fifteen new volunteers. The building is very busy – but mostly quiet.

Esparto – Rie Surad-Miller – absent.

Woodland – Andrea Jones – Woodland Library is doing well. The hours have improved and people like the Librarian. They have permission to fill positions. The group noted that Woodland Public Library has a contract with Sacramento Public Library for catalog and delivery of materials.

Gina Daleiden—representing Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza – Gina mentioned that she has held office hours at the Stephen-Davis Library and found it worked well. She affirmed that Supervisor Provenza will be at the All-Friends meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

All Friends Meeting May 14th from 3-5pm at the Blanchard Meeting Room, Stephens-Davis Library Please arrive by early to help set up.

Food Assignments:
Davis branch will providewatericedtea & coffee
Sharon – Cheese plate
Rebecca – silverware, plates, and flowers
Andrea and Holly – finger sized fruit and baguette
Nora – cookies, baked goods
Susan – crackers
Ric – veggie tray
Margaret – cookies

Suggested Agenda for the All Friends Meeting, 3 – 5 pm:
Refreshments will be served
Sharon will introduce Patty. Patty will introduce Jim Provenza, Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the key speaker: Don Saylor, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Each LAB member will introduce a Friend’s certificate of honor and read a statement:

Sharon: LAB nominee – Terry Goddard, Yolo blacksmith, for his donation of a wifi transmitter to provide all of Yolo with internet service.
Nora: KL nominees
Holly: Davis nominees
Andrea: West Sac nominees
Rebecca: Winters nominees
Rie: Esparto nominee
Margaret: Clarksburg nominee
Nora: Archives nominee

Moirra Conlan from Archives will be included and may present on the Archives
Introduction by each FOL
Sharing: 1 success, 1 challenge or question
Ask groups to bring printed materials (flyers, newsletters, etc.) to share
Fundraising ideas
How-to increase membership; How-to get people involved

NEW BUSINESS

1. County Budget Update – the preliminary budget is completed with an estimated funding gap of approximately $157,000. The Library will continue to fund Archives position with reserves. LAB members may, as individuals, advocate for library funding.
2. YoloLink/211 has a goal of 9,000 calls in 2011-2012. This work is supported by funds from DSS and Kaiser. There will be a P.U.C. hearing in San Francisco on May 19, 2011.
3. Furloughs will continue for two more years. General Unit has 88 hours, Supervisory Unit has 80 hours. The Library is planning for a one week closure at Thanksgiving, a one week closure at the end of December, and the Sunday of Easter and the Monday after.
4. Information about current grants was distributed. Thanks to the Davis Friends of the Library for their support of the Mobile Access grant. We hope to hear about the Big Read – a collaboration with the City of Davis.
5. Review of staffing.
6. Patty meets with Mindi Nunes as her regular contact with the CAO’s office.
7. Patty Wong will join Sharon Hallberg as member of the Sacramento City College Advisory Board for Library and Information Technology program.

COUNTYLIBRARIAN’S REPORT was submitted separately.

Sharon Hallberg moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Susan Martino. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2011 at 7 p.m., at Clarksburg Branch Library, 52915 Netherlands Ave., Clarksburg, CA, 95612

2011 meeting schedule:
June 15 at Clarksburg
August 10 at Knights Landing
October 12 at Esparto
December 14 at Central Services

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