

## YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

226 Buckeye Street, Woodland, CA 95695

Meeting Location: Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

7:00 P.M.

Present: Nora Brazil, Chair; Holly Bishop, Vice Chair; Rebecca Fridae; Sharon Hallberg; Susan Martimo; Rie Surad-Miller; Also present: Patty Wong, County Librarian; Absent: Elizabeth Gray, Assistant County Librarian; Andrea Jones; Gina Daleiden

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from December 14, 2011 reviewed. Motion to approve minutes passed.

### REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:

**Winters Community Library – Rebecca Fridae** – The Library continues to be active with programs focusing on the middle school and high school age ranges. The Friends continue to search for additional means to support the Library and will seek ideas for fundraising from the Yolo Community Foundation.

**Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library – Sharon Hallberg** – Friends book sale showed good financial results. The Awesome People (Tweens) program is getting a lot of favorable participation and press. The Big Read featuring **Here is a Human Being** and the human genome project will be featured in several branches thanks to a partnership with UC Davis. The additional installation of the children's mural featuring the Farmer's Market, UC Davis Water Tower, the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch, and Mondavi Center brought much acclaim from the LAB members. A dedication ceremony will be held in mid May if all things go well.

**South Davis Montgomery – Nora Brazil** The series of programming continues to attract more and more participation from MME families. Tales for Tails is working very well; Tuesday evenings on ELAC nights is exceedingly busy.

**South Davis – Holly Bishop** – continuing book club for people with mental illness as a volunteer activity.

**Esparto- Rie Surad Miller** There is new leadership at the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library with renewed interest in membership and library support. Helen Voss, one of the key individuals responsible for raising funds for the current building is now President. Esparto plans a reunion/anniversary celebration of the building with all of the key State leadership as well as Mary L. Stephens DeWall. Esparto Friends are seeking donations – and have received some from Davis Friends – for a reinvigorated booksale. Receipts have grown to \$400 in the last sale.

**West Sacramento – Arthur F. Turner Community Library – Susan Martimo** The Friends continue their ongoing support for Library efforts; the booksales and the alcove efforts continue to go strong and represent the diversity of needs in the community.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Library Budget update:** See County Librarian's Report 2/8/12

**County Librarian Update:** The state budget trigger has been implemented so the State Library will not be able to provide the required matching maintenance of effort, resulting in an overall loss of LSTA funding which would equal \$30.2 million for CA library services. Yolo County Library (YCL) has not budgeted for State Library funds for the past two years. Yolo County Library will request additional staffing positions in the next budget cycle. This will be specifically to increase service to Yolo and Knights Landing communities and support the County Archives.

**ALA MW Meeting** – the County Librarian presented at conference wide conversations on community engagement leading to advocacy. The first conversation focused on engaging community – who is your community and what messages resonate with them? How do you reach them and sustain their interest? The second conversation focused on transforming libraries to make the shift – going from a passive organization to an engaging library – What do we need to do to transform libraries and librarianship? In a community of the future, what will be different about library service? What tools will libraries need for this “trip” to the future? What will you put in your backpack? What will need to change about our assumptions about libraries and librarianship? More than 400 people attended from all types of libraries. Interim Archives Coordinator Analu Josephides presented at the ALISE Conference preceding ALA, on strategies to include indigenous storytelling as a method of learning curricula in teaching environments.

### **Strategic Plan**

Thanks to all for contributing names of key stakeholders from all communities. The March 19 meeting in Woodland at the Community Center from 2-5 p.m. should bring more than 100 people.

The timing of YCL Strategic Plan seems to be dovetailing well with the Yolo County Strategic Plan. The initial results will help the Library better inform the County budget process as well as provide indicators for service priorities and workplan goals.

### **HR UPDATE**

Appointments to Cataloging and Archives are eminent and Library Associate positions will be advertised soon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Need to select another date in April to avoid Spring break. Some plans for Davis repaving of parking lot to coincide during Spring Break if possible.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 pm.

**Next meeting:** April 11, 2012 – Turner Community Library (1212 Merkley, West Sacramento