

COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

May-June 2012

June 6, 2012

Library Budget Update: The County as a whole is anticipating a deficit exceeding \$15 million. The creep is due mostly to unanticipated reductions at the State level as the May revise has meant additional deficits in all arenas. This has meant a preliminary County adjustment of the once anticipated annual \$314,000 in VLF in-lieu funding. The Library Update for the Budget was presented on May 29. The Board is adopting the budget on June 19. We do not anticipate a change.

The Library has a couple of options that we will explore with the County Administrator and later with the Board of Supervisors, which may involve a reduction of hours but no reduction in overall staffing levels. Operations may shift in terms of PC replacement and a reduction in part time allocation. This adjustment may also mean a delay in our plans to establish a restricted account for unfunded liabilities, and strategic plan implementation efforts but will most certainly reduce our fund balance to dangerously low levels. The greatest continued stressor at this time is the considerable depletion of General Fund support impacting both the County Librarian position and support of County Archives.

Strategic Plan:

Chamber of Services: Yolo County Nonprofit Service Leadership Thanks to support from Supervisor Don Saylor's office, the Library is moving ahead with an initial meeting of nonprofits on May 30, 2012 to identify key organizations and determine next steps in this convening role, based on needs identified by the group. This might include shared services, cross training, collaboration and becoming a clearinghouse of services to dovetail with the 211 functions the Library currently provides. More than twenty agencies participated ranging from support organizations such as the Yolo Community Foundation to the Yolo SPCA and Yolo County Housing. The Library sponsored two library individuals: Dana Christy and Rachel Wolf to the California State Library's Eureka Leadership Institute as individuals, but with this specific project in mind as a possible focus.

The Strategic Planning process is part of the Library's monthly leadership team focus. Next steps will be to coordinate the staff involvement and engagement in the next efforts.

A two-part training focusing on inclusion and diversity is scheduled for all staff on June 18 and August 6 to provide the foundation for staff and community engagement as the strategic planning model is created.

LSTA Funding – Officially, the Maintenance of Effort cannot be met by the State of California, but we believe that alternatives are in place to alleviate some of the federal funding pressures. We are not counting on any LSTA funding to support Library efforts in the near future.

211 Services: Outreach efforts:

- 60,000 homes – Consumer Guide free publication to Woodland and Davis residents, Rural and valley residents will receive 2 times/annually.
- YoloBus and UniTrans ads in public transportation - negotiation underway
- Public Service Announcements featuring youth and other targeted audiences in development
- Direct training to housing agencies and other public communities and fairs and festivals continue

HR Update –

Librarian – AFT – position offered and is under consideration.

Library Associate – two positions (AFT – circulation and Technical Services-acquisition) still open.

Program Analyst – one position for 211 Yolo – is under consideration and will be filed as soon as possible following the other processes.

New Grant: Thanks to First 5 Yolo, Yolo County Library will receive approximately \$57,000 annually for the next three years to implement the Family Place models with the establishment of Family Resource Centers in communities where county libraries have physical locations. Partners include: RISE, Inc. working in Winters and Esparto; Yolo County Children’s Alliance, working in Clarksburg and West Sacramento; and Yolo Family Resource Center, working in South Davis, Knights Landing and Yolo. This will enable the Library to continue the focus of early literacy from a whole family focus with an emphasis on a comprehensive multicultural, inclusive framework. The grant will also accelerate the Library’s focus on evaluative data to inform and monitor the impacts of our work, and falls in line with the Strategic Plan focus on Individualized Learning and support for the family’s learning process.

LAB Board Development – the County Librarian encourages the Library Advisory Board to establish a small task force to engage in a board development process that will dovetail with the Strategic Planning process.

Yolo County Library in the News

- You are invited to join the Yolo County Library’s Facebook page. Learn more about your favorite authors and find out about free, family-friendly events. Go

to Facebook and search for “yolocountylibrary.org”. Staff contact: Elizabeth Gray

- The Library hosted Dia programs in all library locations – these eight were among 400 celebrated across the country.
- Analu Josephides continues to be a requested speaker at national and international conferences focusing on the use of story telling as a natural teaching methodology in Library and Information Studies programs.
- County Librarian Patty Wong was named 2012 Outstanding Lecturer for SJSU SLIS and provided a presentation to faculty on inclusion in LIS teaching to encourage diversity in the classroom. Patty will be teaching a course on trendspotting and professional socialization at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim this summer learning about the association, how it is organized, networking with key ALA leadership, and attending the trade show.