

# COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

March-April

April 9, 2014

We welcome prospective Library Advisory Board member, Diane Adams, from District 3 representing Matt Rexroad. Diane is also a member of the Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees.

## Library Budget Update:

- Library leadership will meet with CAO budget staff later in April to discuss the Library's 2014-2015 budget. **Funding looks very stable.** Recommendations for filling all vacant positions, increasing position allocations to improve structure, impacts of reductions in collection and part-time allocations, as well as some provisions for OPEB and obligations for retiree benefits will be some of the highlights of the conversation.
- Following the Board of Supervisors hearing on the outcome of Pomona Funds for 2014, library staff is working with DESS leadership to focus on the successful funding for One-Stop services using a number of potential funds. Staff are hard at work verifying proposal costs to utilize WEX or CalWorks clients to become "employment specialists," learning skills to assist at One-Stops proposed for Davis and Esparto branch libraries. The proposal calls for the purchase of computer equipment and technology to support one-stop services which would include a combination of employment and eligibility education and enrollment in a fusion of DESS and Library services.
- Pomona Funds were not awarded to the Library's circulating laptop and computer equipment requests, nor the employment database application, but the technology requests have been referred to the Innovation fund. Pomona Funds were authorized for the Collaboration to Maximize Success Tactical Plan to complete the Yolaborate software application to showcase County programs and services focused on collaboration.
- Each of the Friends organizations are working on comprehensive plans for their respective budgets which provide close to \$75,000 collectively in annual support for programs, materials and staff training.
- Superintendent Brent Cushenbery (Winters) and City Manager John Donlevy met with library leadership to discuss the 2014 school year MOU and support. Funding for a 15 hour/week library clerk is recommended in the WJUSD budget to be heard on April 10. Mr. Cushenbery met with the Winters Friends of the Library on April 7 to inform them of the position and to advise of the upcoming facilities bond measure on the ballot – Measure r – this June. WJUSD and the Library are now actively comparing costs to measure and capture actual totals allocated to funding joint Winters Community Library services. Winters Mayor Cecilia Aguiar Curry and library leadership are still pursuing means to support purchase of

refurbished computers for non networked support for the RISE/Library homework help program and laptops for WJUSD/Library use. A Library Advisory Coordinating Committee meeting will be held following this negotiation to ratify any changes in hours and services.

- The Library received two funding opportunities: \$7000 for ZipBooks where customers can receive staff vetted interlibrary loan requests directly sent to their home; and \$5000 in funding for collection enhancement for Common Core materials. ZipBooks funding in an additional \$7000 will be provided for FY 2014-2015.
- Security concerns and a stronger community presence is needed at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library. Funds have been earmarked for dedicated security support. Staff are interviewing prospective candidates from Universal Protection Services for implementation this fiscal year on an annual contract basis beginning March 2014.

### **CA State Librarian**

Greg Lucas is our new State Librarian, appointed by Governor Brown earlier in April to begin May 1. Although he is not yet confirmed – confirmation may take several months – Mr. Lucas is already hard at work, meeting and greeting key leadership within the California Library Association. Mr. Lucas recently attended the CLA Legislative Committee meeting and is meeting elected and appointed library stakeholders and supporters to gain knowledge and insight. He is very interested in rural library broadband needs and the County Librarian will be informing him of some issues related to needs that go beyond CENIC funding allocated in the Governor's Budget.

### **Broadband**

Magellan continues to work with Yolo County LAFCo to visit a number of businesses, larger organizations throughout the County and other key stakeholders to determine broadband needs.

Plans to support increased bandwidth access at Marguerite Montgomery Elementary continue. The Library is working closely with the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library to identify higher speed internet options for planned classes and community support.

### **Friends Update**

Library leadership is meeting with the various Friends organizations as they elect new board members and new organizational leaders and host their respective annual meetings.

Patty Wong provided a Yolo County Library 101 training to Friends of the County Archives President Tom Crisp and Winters Friends of the Library leaders – co-Presidents Linda Glick, Linda Springer and Treasurer Elliot Landes.

The Friends of the Clarksburg Library are in the midst of renovating the building's bathroom for ADA compliance and are changing their bylaws. The renovation will impact access to the computer area and meeting room and will take approximately four months, with a projected completion by Summer 2014. The Friends are also planning virtual promotion of the digitized photos for reproduction on demand and sale. The renovation and good weather has meant a relocation of many class visits from Delta Elementary taking place on the patio or on the lawn, and staffer Margaret Kaplan has also been working at West Sacramento during the short closed time or visiting the classrooms at the School.

The Friends of the Davis Public Library recently reviewed the Library's annual budget requests and received the first quarterly update. The Friends provided a generous gift to the Library – a toy refrigerator to match the play kitchen equipment - in honor of retiring children's librarian Peggy Rollins.

The Friends of the Esparto Regional Library are working with staff to provide support for a focused community computer class experience replete with new furnishings and enhanced internet access. New tables have been received – older equipment has been donated to RISE, within County guidelines, to support local operations.

The Friends of the Knights Landing Library is supporting the exterior painting of the Knights Landing Branch to coincide with recent efforts to pest-proof the building.

The Winters Friends of the Library is actively engaged in the Day of Giving scheduled for May 6, and are actively working on their new website: <http://www1.wfol.org/> The Winters first Job and Career Fair will be held on April 9 in the evening as part of the School District's Open House.

The Friends of the West Sacramento Library have been active in membership recruitment and assisting the Library with security guard interviews.

The Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo are hard at work. Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State and require a secondary revision. The Friends will then file bylaws and complete the 501 (c) (3) application. Mary Stephens De Wall has offered to champion the nonprofit status process. A fundraiser is being planned in collaboration with the Cache Creek High School annual egg hunt on April 18 from 1:30-4 p.m. Little Free Library sponsor sites have been identified in Zamora with Dunnigan and Yolo to come. The several Friends subcommittees are meeting monthly. Minutes and information on each activity can be found on the Friends website:

<http://www.friendsofyololibrary.org/>

## **Design Thinking**

A joint meeting of the three library systems involved – San Jose Public Library, Rancho Cucamonga, and Yolo County Library - in late January has resulted in the potential idea for additional funding and support to pilot three more systems. Yolo County would receive up to \$5000 to facilitate design thinking in our own system while mentoring one of three additional libraries in the same process. Funding is made possible through Califa. We have not yet heard about funding from the CA State Library on this effort.

## **HR**

We welcome Alicia Dominguez as our new Library Assistant (.50 FTE) for the County Archives and Records Center. Alicia brings more than 30 years of experience working with public records, most recently working as a supervisor in the Crime Analysis Unit and a provisional supervisor in the Records Unit at the San Jose Police Department. Her work in customer service with individuals and with municipal agencies, city and County departments, and elected officials is extensive. Alicia's strong work ethic in managing projects, working with diverse communities and partners, and supervising staff and volunteers generated praise and strong recommendations from colleagues and supervisors alike. Ms. Dominguez brings a fresh and eager approach to learning more about Archives and the strong ties to Records Center collections, and comes prepared to work effectively in both arenas while bringing creative and experienced methods of improving operations to our Information systems. Alicia will be working 20 hours a week, initially on a M-Th schedule.

The following individuals have been added to the Yolo County Library staff as temporary part-time employees:

Nathan Milos (sub Lib) –a long term support/volunteer working with youth at Davis with local teaching experience

Millie Torrance (sub Lib) – a retired branch manager from Sacramento Public Library with significant experience

Amy Loseth (sub Lib) – a current Library Services Assistant at Sacramento Public Library

Maninder Ghuman (sub Lib) – conversant in three languages – Hindi, Urdu and English!

Alicia Patrice (sub Lib) - some community college work with American River College

Dolly Antayhua-Heller (sub LAI for First 5 in our bilingual storytime program working with the Family Resource Centers) – Spanish speaking, Montessori experience, with an arts specialization

Nancy Hernandez (sub LAI for First 5 in our bilingual storytime program working with the Family Resource Centers) – Spanish speaking, UC Davis student

Silvia DeSoto (sub LAI for branches and First 5 backup) – Spanish speaking, one of our key part time staff

Abigail Craig (sub LAI for AFT Homework Center and sub for branches) – Montessori experience and pursuing her MLIS

Kathryn O'Neill & Teresa Hester (both UC Davis students) will be Interns for 211-Yolo

### **211 Yolo Services**

Victoria Lewis is working on a grant for Kaiser Permanente for \$50,000 in operations and sustainability. Through a comprehensive recruitment in collaboration with Yolo County HR and Dr. Frank Hirtz of the UC Davis Human and Community Development Department, Community and Regional Development major, 211 Yolo will be working with two interns - - beginning this spring. The interns will be assist with maintenance of the 211 database and outreach to County and community agencies. Ms. Lewis is also working on a business plan for 211 Yolo. Electronic Resources Librarian Kim Sheppard is the powerhouse behind the database effectiveness and operations and continues to work with Ms. Lewis and the contracted call center, 211 Sacramento, for stronger quality control. The 211 service recently experienced halted service due to a number of down times from Five9, the software system that routes 211 calls through the cloud to the call center. New Executive Director of Community Link (211 Sacramento) Steve Heath met with 211 Yolo staff and library leadership to discuss ongoing customer service needs and quality assurance. It is most likely that the contract costs with Community Link will increase dramatically following this fiscal year. The County Librarian was asked to consult with Placer County about their prospective 211 efforts.

### **Little Free Libraries**

The Northern California Construction Training team based out of West Sacramento will be crafting ten little free libraries to be distributed through the Friends. NCCT will most likely be donating the construction and installation – we hope to recognize their efforts with a small plaque and a photo opportunity and recognition at the Board of Supervisors. Donations from the Woodland Senior Center and each of the Friends of the Library will help seed the first libraries with

materials and each will have a host/sponsor to maintain and report needs including restocking. Woodland Public Library has also initiated a Little Free Library and has eight independent stations throughout the city. Bill Campbell will be working with Julie Goldman from West Sacramento to coordinate a promotion to identify independent as well as those Little Free Libraries hosted by the various Friends organizations for integration on the library's website, through social media and more.

**South Davis Update:** The South Davis Library Services Ad Hoc Committee continues to meet bimonthly and has added Common Grounds owner Son Chong to the committee. The group seeks City participation and will request officially from City leadership as planned 2 x 2 meetings have not been attended by City of Davis elected. The Committee has tested and will implement a virtual survey in English and Spanish about library services and solicit participation from the community, the schools, individuals and families in May. Survey development was led capably by committee member Melissa Bain.

**“ Yolo County Library provides access for all to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire.”**

Tagline: We connect people and ideas.