

YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

226 Buckeye Street, Woodland CA 95695

Meeting Location: 17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, 95627

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

7:00 pm

Call to order: 7:02 pm

Present: Holly Bishop, Chair; Andrea Jones, Vice-Chair; Nora Brazil; Bill Campbell; Sharon Hallberg; Patty Wong, County Librarian; Elizabeth Gray, Assistant County Librarian

Introductions/Welcome: Sharing summer stories

Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2013: Approved

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS and INTRODUCTIONS

LAB DEVELOPMENT (Standing Item)

1. Calendar: Send Bill the Clarksburg FOL meeting dates; change next LAB date to October 16; assign LAB members to significant events such as Literacy resolution to BoS, Yolo Reads celebration, volunteer appreciation events, FOL meetings, and staff retirements.
2. Position responsibilities/descriptions – For the next meeting, each person who currently has a position can bring a written paragraph of what they think that position includes. Nora: Hospitality; Bill: Liaison; Sharon: Legislative responsibility; Holly: Chair; Andrea: New member orientation

LAB members agreed that each should go to their respective City Councils in April and get on the agenda. In February, all should talk about the dates and how LAB members are going to contact people and what they are going to say.

3. Board Buddy system – working well. Can be incorporated into the New Member orientation. Andrea will be Rebecca's buddy this month.

OLD BUSINESS

1. All Friends' Reception – Elizabeth will book the DESS Community room for Nov. 19. The event will be at 5:30 pm, after the FOL Leaders meeting from 4:30– 5:30pm on Nov. 19. Elizabeth will send out a note changing the location of the meeting to the FOL Leaders. Nora will lead the arrangements for the Reception. Elizabeth will send Nora a confirmation of the room reservation and updated address list of all FOL presidents.

COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

1. Budget – Adjusted PG&E bill restored \$51,000 to the library budget. Yolo Reads received \$10,000 from the CA State Library. The CA State library also awarded \$10,000 to YCL for

collection development. YCL will close all library branches except Stephens-Davis over the winter holiday for a savings of \$19,000. Davis will be open from December 27-30 from 12-5 pm. The reduction to Collection Development budget continues.

2. ALA Declaration – Included in each LAB member’s packet.
3. HR - The new Archives/Record Center Librarian, Meredith Sarmiento, is onboard and we are very happy to have her. Her husband works with the Yocha Dehe cultural department. Amanda Mason, assistant, attended an archives conference. Alicia Zuniga is the new Yolo Reads program assistant and she is off to a great start organizing the 5th Yolo Reads Celebration on Sept. 21 in Winters. Two positions are open at Turner Community Library. Clarksburg has a temporary employee, Margaret Pelrine, who is doing a wonderful job. This position will be open recruitment, hopefully by October. Because of the number of open positions, though, we are working with HR to review system needs.
4. Yolo branch Friends is moving ahead well. A new slate of the Board has been provided because there was a change of officers. They have a very nice website. Please note the Yolo Friends membership form was handed out. Elizabeth will send out the Yolo Friends Board emails to Bill and Nora
5. South Davis update – October 9 is the date selected to start the committee. The charge has been included in each LAB member’s packet. Supervisor Don Saylor asked Sharon to represent his office. Holly has been asked by Supervisor Provenza. The scope is very generic so that the committee can determine how to move forward.
LAB president Holly, suggested that LAB member facilitate communication with Montgomery staff to discuss the committee and get feedback from this important part of the community. Perhaps the School Principal, Sally Plicka, Nora Brazil, School Librarian and LAB member, Ximena Diaz Jackson, Library staff person, Dana Christy, YRL representative. A good time would be after school. Yolo Family Resource Center is there until 5 pm. Nora will provide Elizabeth and Patty a list of people to invite.
6. YDI (Youth Development Institute) - three “mixers” , or informational informal meetings, will be held throughout Yolo county. These mixers will talk about the YDI and hopefully 10 groups from Yolo county will apply to attend a YDI and spread the learning about Youth Development throughout the county.
7. Design Innovation Thinking – YCL is working with a Stanford professor to learn about this process and have it be a springboard for continued work with Youth Development. YCL is one of three chosen libraries. This is a pilot project model that is relatively risk free for building innovation. All YCL library assistants, library associates, and librarians will be invited. Elizabeth will send LAB members the links to these materials. LAB will determine who can attend as a LAB representative.
8. DESS – YCL is working together with the Yolo County DESS to provide job centers at more locations throughout Yolo County.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Outside the box thinking – Sharing of photos of different libraries throughout the world. Everybody can bring a photo to next meeting to share a different idea about library services. These are ideas that we can use in the future. Examples include gardens, different countries' libraries, different ideas about library facilities, etc.
2. Planning ahead for the next 10 years – our usual LAB meetings are so packed with information that it is hard to relax and think or bond as a team. Therefore, a yearly retreat might be a good idea.
3. LAB retreat – Holly has offered her house. Fall or Spring, day or evening are all on the table for discussion. This would be an opportunity to develop as a team, develop goals for the team, etc. Since fall is very busy, we will plan for the Spring. At the next meeting we will determine a date.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Susan Martimo – West Sacramento, Arthur F. Turner Community Library - not present but feeling well.

Holly Bishop – District 4, Stephens Davis Branch, Davis – end of summer Volunteer appreciation event at Davis. A big project that kids did over the summer was clean up the shelves. This is very important and will be continued as it really improves the building and brings kids to different parts of the library. Holly mentioned the kids felt like the library was their home. Holly was very impressed with how Sue Billing worked with the youth.

Rebecca Fridae – City of Winters, Winters Community Library – not present

Bill Campbell – District 1, Clarksburg Library and Turner Community Library -- In the next few weeks, the Friends insurance will all be resolved. The Clarksburg *Wines of Clarksburg* fundraiser will be Sept. 15. Tickets are available on-line. A senior advisory meeting at AFT was held last month to find out what the older adults' needs were and what the library can do for older adults. Example: Large Print books by the front of the library, reading areas for seniors, flyers for seniors. A Master Gardener program was a success. A computer class for seniors has started. Play & Learn workshops will be held in September, sponsored in part by First 5 Yolo. An interactive science program will be held in September as well as many other programs – including a Harry Potter movie marathon. Discussion of safety ensued. Starting up a greeter program was discussed. Security guard was discussed.

Andrea Jones – District 3, Woodland– no report this month. Patty will have lunch with Greta Galinda, Woodland Public Library Director, soon.

Rie Surad-Miller – District 5, Esparto Regional Library – not present

Nora Brazil – District 2, Stephens Davis Branch, Montgomery Elementary, Davis –Mary L. Stephens Davis branch Youth Development Institute (YDI) events include after school activities for Tweens with help from the City of Davis “Teen Scene” staff. This will be offered Monday – Thursday. The public access computers will be slightly adjusted to allow more children’s computer use in the Children’s Area. A YCL and MME meeting was held yesterday. It was a good meeting. They brainstormed ideas for the YDI for MME. After some ideas from Nora, they hope to start a book review project. They know they

have children who will be excited to do this. October is MME's 3rd anniversary having YCL partnership. There will be a small celebration on October 12, from 10 -2. There will be a raffle and snacks. MME will have a Dia de los Muertos celebration on Nov. 2nd. Peggy Rollins, Children's Librarian, is working with Jill on that. The new WiFi works well on district devices. MME collection has seen an increase in students requesting non-fiction. Nora notes that this is an important development. YCL staff are following developments related to the Common Core.

Sharon Hallberg – City of Davis, Stephens Davis Branch – Outreach is working well as evidenced by lots of library related articles in the Davis Enterprise. Sharon brought information regarding Yolo Friends and their membership.

CALENDAR – already discussed

LAB meeting schedule – 2014 -15 handed out to all members

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 16 at 7 pm at Winters

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.