

YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

226 Buckeye Street, Woodland CA 95695

Meeting Location:

February 11, 2015

Call to order: 7:37 pm

Present: Holly Bishop; Sharon Hallberg; Rie Surad-Miller; Desmond Jolly; Diane Adams; Patty Wong, County Librarian; Elizabeth Gray, Assistant County Librarian

Absent: Susan Martimo, Chair; Bill Campbell, Vice-Chair; Rebecca Fridae;

Introductions/Welcome: Brittney Toccoli, YS Programming/Outreach Librarian West Yolo Region; Touger Vang, Programming/Outreach Librarian East Yolo Region

Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes for December 10, 2014 Approved.

LAB DEVELOPMENT (Standing Item)

a. Discussion of Proposed Library Advisory Board Goals for 2015. Distributed draft and discussion ensued. Suggestion to enact the last two items immediately.

Board voted to incorporate goals 4 & 5 as of tonight. **ACTION ITEM. Patty will send Goals to LAB for ongoing review until next meeting**

Other goals are to be discussed at the next meeting. Members are to invited to bring their thoughts and ideas.

b. All Friends Reception Committee: Rie and Rebecca are the committee.

ACTION ITEM Rie will call Rebecca to follow up

c. Calendar action items

February 14 – Guinda Black History Multicultural celebration

February 17 – Spanish Language Book Fair 9 – 4 in the Blanchard Room

February 22 – Almond Festival

March 5 – Women’s History Month lunch 11 – 1 at Woodland Senior & Community Center – YCL will receive funding as proceeds from this event.

March 12 – Community Forum on Community Policing and Safety (Davis)

March 27 – Day in the District for Libraries - TBD

April - National Library Month

April 8 – LAB meeting – 7 p.m. AFT in West Sacramento

April 9 – Dia de los Ninos - countywide

April 29 – Early Literacy Symposium 2-5 p.m. YCOE

ACTION ITEM: Send LAB Champions of Literacy Invitation and encourage participation

OLD BUSINESS

1. Little Free Libraries: discussion of variety of locations. Concern to bring one to Esparto.

Continued refinement of process to have signage on the LFL. **ACTION ITEM: Holly will work with Patty to get Davis acknowledgement on each donated LFL.**

2. South Davis Ad Hoc Committee: Letter from LAB, drafted by Sharon Hallberg, was sent to BoS in conjunction with the presentation of the Jacobs report. Holly would like to update the South Davis Ad Hoc Committee. Patty has mentioned to Jim Provenza that the request for the report to be on the Board agenda should come from the Supervisor rather than the County Librarian. Jim and Don have the report. Holly will speak to Jim about the best time to present the report. **ACTION ITEM: Elizabeth will draft an email to the committee for the Chair to share with the South Davis Ad Hoc Committee. Holly will contact Jim Provenza to determine next steps for addressing BOS**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Forum on Safety – will the presentation be recorded? Patty is working on finding Davis Access Media people to do this. Suggestion to have LAB endorse idea of the Library as a community forum for discussions of concern and interest to the community. Library role is as a facilitator. Options: Write letter to media, write letter to County, attend the event. Motion: LAB supports the Library System becoming a facilitator of information and discussion about issues that pertain to the larger welfare of the community. Discussion – can the LAB be a sponsor? Motion moved, seconded and passed.
2. LAB committee reports - Hospitality Committee - no report.
Finance Committee: will report next time. **ACTION ITEM Holly will send email to set up next meeting**
Legislation Committee: Sharon and Dianne met with Patty and will aim for Day in the District – bringing 10 or so people including Woodland Public library, tutor/learner pairs, others to have talking points for Bill Dodd, Lois Wolk, Kevin McCarty. Goal is to have some training of the people who attend. Leave a takeaway with staffer or Representative.
ACTION ITEM: Patty will identify best dates for meeting with electeds, focusing on March 27 as an initial potential date.

COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Four new staff are starting. We will be fully staffed by the end of the year.

Budget: The County Records Center budget is stable for the 15/16 budget. A business plan is being created to ensure revenue for the Records Center in this digital age. (Records Center lost about \$30,000 due to a department going all digital. The County is providing \$30,000 in FY 14-15 and FY 15-16 to make up the deficit. **ACTION ITEM: Meredith Sarmiento is drafting a business plan to address diversification of revenue generation.**

Davis Branch will open a One-Stop Job center in collaboration with Yolo County DESS. The Job Center will be staffed by DESS workers and 2 assistants on site Tuesday 10-2, Wednesday 2-6, Thursday 10 -2. Eligibility for CalFresh and other programs will also be available.

Spanish Language Book Fair Tuesday February 17, 9 – 4 in the Blanchard Room.

211 Sacramento is closing. 211 Yolo and other groups are trying to find ways to keep it going.

Kim Sheppard, Electronic/Technical Librarian retired from the County after 26 years of service. The Library will refill this position but after re-configuring the job description and duties. Discussion ensued on the value of knowledge and service to the community.

Broadband: Looking at option to bring 1 gigs of service to KL, YO, and ESPARTO through CENIC.

REPORTS from MEMBERS:

Diane Adams – District 3, Woodland area – New Teen Librarian invited High School Band to play at the library before they go to play at Carnegie Hall. Hired consultant to work on build out of 2,000 square feet. Hired Family Literacy person

Holly Bishop – District 4, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch, Davis – Attended the Friends of the Davis Public Library Annual meeting with Sharon Hallberg. Attended the regular meeting as LAB representative. Attended the BookSale - it was so crowded even with the rain.

Desmond Jolly – District 2 – Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch, Marguerite Montgomery Elementary, Davis – teaching for OLLI and is on curriculum committee. This might be a good collaborative group with the library. Desmond taught a class for OLLI on the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights act. Desmond is discussing with Toni Mendieta some options for discussions on this in Winters and looking at this from a multi-cultural perspective. **ACTION ITEM Desmond will discuss further with Toni Mendieta to expedite.**

Susan Martimo – West Sacramento, Arthur F. Turner Community Library – not present.

Rebecca Fridae – City of Winters, Winters Community Library – Vandalism of Little Free Libraries is a concern. Looking for suggestions from other Friends group. The Quiz Show is 7 pm Friday Feb. 20th at the Community Center. It is an annual fund raiser for WFoL and a popular community event – report submitted through staff.

Sharon Hallberg – City of Davis, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch – Davis Library is a well used space! (echoing the Davis Enterprise article – Jeff Hudson).

Bill Campbell – District 1, Clarksburg Branch Library and Arthur F. Turner Community Library – not present.

Rie Surad-Miller – District 5, Esparto Regional Library – February 14 is the Guinda Black History and Multi-Cultural Festival up at Grange Community Hall. February 22 (Sunday) is the 100th anniversary of the Capay Valley Almond Festival. Friends of Esparto Regional Library (FERL) will give away 100 free books to the first 100 books who come to the FERL book sale. Esparto schools have been discussing the Civil Rights movement and the books on this topic, many by African Americans, have been flying out of the school library. Another anecdote from the school library – a 3rd grader said to school librarian Julie that Ms Rie “can take over because she can work the library just like you.”

Board of Supervisor Comments – not present.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2015 at the Turner Community Library, West Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.