

COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

July- August

August 12, 2015

Library Budget Update: The County budget for 2015-2016 will be reviewed and approved at the September 29 Board of Supervisor meeting. During that time a few changes have been determined.

1. The permanent half-time (.50 FTE) Library Assistant position for the County Archives and Records Center has been authorized to fill immediately. .
2. With Assistant County Administrator Mindi Nunes' encouragement, the Library will request the addition of one FTE Library Associate position for the purpose of adding more hours of service to Knights Landing and Yolo Branch Libraries. If approved the Library will develop a stronger level of service this fall.
3. CA Funding: The increases in the California Library Literacy Program generated increased funding of \$18,000 per year as a base with more to come depending upon the amount requested from new and returning adult literacy programs. Staff will use the additional funds to hire part-time assistance to support the ongoing recruitment of tutors to reduce the wait time of Yolo county learners interested in learning to read and write better.

Strategic Plan (Yolo County and the Library):

The County has embarked on a three year plan (2016-1019) focused on: Robust Economy, Thriving Residents, Safe Communities, Flourishing Agriculture and Sustainable Environment.

Library staff members Crista Cannariato will be engaging colleagues at the October 20 Staff Day for insight and conversation on the County's Strategic Planning process.

The Library is most closely involved in those two key goals:

Robust Economy: A balanced, thriving economy that offers job opportunities for every resident who wants to work, ample services and up-to-date infrastructure and technology for long term sustainability
(workforce development, support for broadband and other technology access)

Thriving Residents: Social, economic and physical environments are

created and supported which promote good health and protect vulnerable populations so that community members and future generations have the opportunity to learn and grow to their full potential (**learning and personal development, collaboration**)

Facility Study and Capital Improvements Update

1. **County Courthouse reoccupancy:** County Archives and Records Center relocation – the old Courthouse will be vacant effective September 1. General Services lead Dave Sammut along with Meredith Sarmento, Patty Wong, preservationist Barclay Ogden, engineers and project manager from County-contracted lead agency, Kitchell and Katherine Bates Turner from the County Law Library will be involved in reviewing and assessing compatibility and needs to relocate County Archives and Records Center and County Law Library content and services sometime in September.
2. **Yolo Branch Library** – new facility – Doug Davis from contracted WMB Architects will be meeting actively with the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library at their monthly Board meeting to plan and implement the analysis and community-based process of evaluating construction sites and integrating service needs to develop a new branch library. The timeline has been projected to conclude in February 2016. The Friends Annual meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 7 p.m. and will kickoff the community engagement piece. A follow up community wide assessment meeting is scheduled for September 29 at 7 p.m. with a staff component to take place on September 29/30.
3. **Exploration of additional library needs in Davis** – the central Davis library is burgeoning with activity – a second more permanent location is needed. South Davis is one of many options. The South Davis Ad Hoc Task Force, will provide an update on activities and recommendations at the Board at their September 29 meeting. LAB members Holly Bishop and Sharon Davis will be sharing the findings.
4. **Knights Landing roof** – the recent duct work exposed critical framing and structural needs – no date established for work yet. The Knights Landing Friends have offered to support painting of the facility as well. PENDING
5. **Davis HVAC and roof** - during the remodel, the HVAC and roof were deemed intact; recent inspections during pest control prevention activities indicated some work may be necessary. No date established for work yet. PENDING
6. **Solar panel lease/purchase** – solar panels are installed in a lease program on the Davis (bike parking structure), Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo facilities. County Special Projects lead Terry Vernon is working on an appraisal to evaluate the panels to determine if lease or purchase is a better deal. PENDING

7. **Winters CIP planning** – a projected Capital Improvements Program was never actualized with the Winters Joint Unified School District and joint planning is needed as the District moves into facility planning priorities with the facilities bond. Library leadership will bring this up with Interim Superintendent Todd Cutler. PENDING
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Grants Review

1. Staff Innovation Fund Pitch Grants: Three grants were approved.
 - a. With Woodland Public Library: Mobile outreach focused on using bike transportation for outreach activities (Woodland and Davis) – FUNDED at . Congratulations to co-lead Dana Christy.
 - b. BackPREP: A backpack for long term loan full of materials to support parents and students seeking higher educational opportunities, accompanied by strategic coaching and workshops (West Sacramento, River City High School as partner) – FUNDED at \$6700. Congratulations to lead Touger Vang.
 - c. DIY History: Prioritized County Archives documents will be digitized and uploaded to a cloud based database for community indexing and transcription. Long term loan program was not funded at this time, and equipment was restored to grant – FUNDED at \$10,000 Congratulations to lead Meredith Sarmento.
 2. A third Kaiser Permanente Northern CA Foundation grant has been submitted for \$50,000 in June 2015 for 211 service and integration processes with HHSA. PENDING
 3. First 5 Yolo: kudos to staff members Margaret Kaplan and Shuqin Jiao who completed a \$130,000 three-year grant application to First 5 Yolo. The Library requested funding for an enhanced early literacy program, leveraging our bilingual storytimes and with intentional parent and adult caregiver engagement as the child's first teacher through education and instruction, and the building of home libraries. The grant was submitted on August 7 and will be reviewed for consideration at the First 5 Yolo Commission meeting on September 11.
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HR Update –

East Yolo Region

FILLED AFT Library Assistant (.50 FTE) – Please join me in welcoming **Michelle Titsworth** as our newest Library Assistant with the East Yolo Region at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library!

Michelle is a California native, and comes to us via North Carolina where she worked in both county and city libraries.

Most recently, Michelle launched the Davis Branch Library One Stop Career Center, where she helped build services to job and eligibility seekers. This work is instrumental in improving the lives of many community members seeking employment support and advancement and providing critical information on benefits to support county families.

Michelle lives in West Sacramento and has school aged children attending the West Sacramento school district. She is excited to be working and living in her community. Michelle is bilingual in English and Spanish and has extensive experience in working with Latino community organizations in both the United States and Mexico. She enjoys learning about her community and providing outreach on community interest issues. She is a strong advocate for the homeless community. With extensive customer service experience and training, Michelle will be a vital employee contributing to youth services, bilingual programming and Circulation Desk customer service.

As Michelle will be working in a permanent half time position, she will be available for additional hours as soon as her training is complete. Michelle begins work during the week of August 24.

OPEN This action leaves a placement need in the West Yolo Region at the One Stop in Davis. Library staff is working with HHSA staff to recruit a replacement.

OPEN Knights Landing/Yolo Branch Supervisor non MLS –Carly Brotherton is Knights Landing lead. Sue Billing is the Yolo Branch lead. If an additional Library Associate is authorized with the Board of Supervisor review of the budget in September, plans will include formalizing these positions **and adding additional hours and services.**

West Yolo Region

OPEN Two Youth Services Librarians – the informal recruitment at ALA Annual Conference in SF generated a few candidates. A total of 11 individuals will be interviewed for Librarian I and Librarian II positions on August 18 and 19 with final interviews scheduled for September 1.

211 Yolo

OPEN 211 Office Support –A single vacancy remains in the 211 Yolo service. 211 Coordinator Victoria Lewis is seeking internal candidates for placement.

Central Services

OPEN – With approval to fill the .50 FTE Library Assistant at County Archives and Records Center, recruitment will begin imminently.

Staff member Victoria Lewis will be introduced at the August 12 Library Advisory Board meeting.

Library Projects:

- **CENIC implementation of 1 gigabyte support at Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo Branch libraries – equipment procured and delivered – install expected FALL 2015. Frontier and WAVE interested in coming to KL and Esparto. (Note new date).**
- **Yolo County Library was selected as one of a group of eight libraries to participate in the State’s Touchpoints training, a two day intensive program based on Dr. Terry B. Brazelton’s seminal work focused on the family as central to a baby and young child’s early development. Five staff members will be selected to participate in the institute to be held at the Davis Branch Library in Spring 2015.**
- **Library staff Jenny Tan is developing a usability group to test social media and website design that will include staff, youth and community reviewers.**
- **To create more access and visibility with staff, County Librarian will schedule visits to each branch in a “Pause with Patty” session once a quarter. The time offers an opportunity for staff to visit, chat, and share a snack and to ask any questions about the County Library system in an informal way.**
- **Library staff Dana Christy is working with Michael Villalobos, UCD Associate Chief Diversity Officer on a campus wide Community Book Project focused on the title – The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap by Matt Taibbi.**
- **CAO Pat Blacklock has tapped the Library to assist UCD professor Dr. Suad Joseph, chair of the University’s Diversity Strategic Plan in their pursuit of chronicling efforts involving UCD students, faculty and staff and the County revolving around inclusion and diversity.**
- **Library staff Touger Vang, Sylvia Moreno and Patty Wong will attend the CLA Annual Conference from November 5-8 in Pasadena, CA.**
- **County Librarian Patty Wong has been tapped to run for ALA Treasurer with the election to take place in Spring 2016.**

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that inform, entertain and inspire.”**

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