

Yolo County Library – County Librarian’s Report
July-August
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Welcome

We welcome Mark Fink as the new Library Advisory Board member for District 1, representing Supervisor Oscar Villegas. Mark has worked in school, academic and public libraries in Northern California for almost 20 years. He is currently serving as the Deputy Director of Public Services for the Solano County Library, where he oversees management at all the branches as well as its Adult Literacy programs. He recently moved to West Sacramento and is excited to be involved in his community and local library system. His immediate plans are to support library service in West Sacramento and Clarksburg, become familiar with community needs, and contribute to the ongoing community process to review expansion of service in the southern portion of the city. Welcome Mark

Congratulations

We congratulate Dr. Carla Hayden as the new Librarian of Congress. She is the first woman, first African American to hold this position. She is a true leader for our time and embodies equity, inclusion and a commitment to access and intellectual freedom.

http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/07/14/485992207/senate-approves-carla-hayden-as-new-librarian-of-congress?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_content=20160714

Library Budget Update:

- 211 Yolo successfully applied for another year of funding from Kaiser Permanente Northern CA Community Grants in the amount of \$50,000. This funding will support 211 Yolo services and will be distributed to County HHSA. 211 Yolo services have transitioned to County HHSA fiscally beginning July 1. The physical move will take place towards the end of August.
- Yolo County Library will receive an additional \$6000 in ZipBooks support through March 3, 2017 (six months), thanks to the CA State Library.
- The YoloReads Adult Literacy Program will receive the baseline amount of \$18,000 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, also funded by the CA State Library.

- The Soroptomists International West Sacramento Chapter donated its fund of \$3000 to the Arthur F. Turner Community Library after unfortunately dissolving. The funding will be used for programming for youth. Soroptomists are dedicated to supporting women and girls – library staff are interested in maintaining a spot for the \$3000 where programs can be allocated for that target female audience.
- The Library will purchase the solar panels installed at Davis, Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo branch libraries as part of a sales/leaseback program in 2016-2017.
- OPEB and support for retiree benefits continue to contribute to our overall budget needs every year through 2027 in a progressive way to catch up to our projected targets.

On the horizon:

- Automated Handling Sorter options for Davis (replacement) and Turner (new) libraries.
- Salary survey will be conducted in 2017 with HR as the lead; implementation to follow to advance salaries for staff in entry and progressive levels to be more on par.
- Annual allocation for travel and training budget to be reviewed for optimal levels with HR.
- Construction needs: Yolo Branch, potential for Central Services/County Archives and Records Center, Facilities Master Plan

County Archives and Records Center Update: The Archives shared 47 audiovisual recordings (recordings of Board of Supervisor meetings) for digital preservation. The finalists for the Archives and Records Center Coordinator position will be interviewed in mid-August. Jennifer Springfield and Amy Ponce are working on a number of projects: a commemorative program to receive the original Yolo County flag and to share a facsimile with the donor; DIY History uploading of photos and documents for digital transcription; WWI history in Yolo County led by Mel Russell; volunteer recruitment; procurement of digital equipment for public and project use.

Building update:

A need for an expanded Archives and Records Center may result in one of three scenarios.

- a. Renovation and expansion of existing property at Central Services, installing compact shelving and roof repair and museum temperature controls – approximately \$2 million
- b. Improvements to an older facility of about 10,000 square feet - must be located in Woodland – estimated \$3-4 million
- c. Use of 5th and Oak property, design to build – combined with Central Services- new construction – museum temperature controls, compact shelving – approximately 12,000 square feet – projected to be \$5 million

Branch Update:

Arthur F. Turner Community Library: Library staff has encouraged one of the largest outreach opportunities for summer reading. This year marks a first for the initiation of year-round Lunch at the Library at the West Sacramento, beginning this summer. In collaboration with the United Way, Davis Joint Unified School District provides a healthy meal for children participating in the program five days per week.

Clarksburg Branch Library: The second summer, Lunch at the Library program continues to be a popular service with local community youth during the summer reading program.

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library: Plans are developing with Sandy Holman from Culture Co-op and United in Unity for a Juneteenth celebration to be held in July 2017. The Mobile Outreach Bike has made stops at schools, parks, retirement centers, and at the Winters Concert series.

Esparto Regional Library: 21 people attended Mini Maker Camp at the Esparto Regional Library on July 12 where participants focused and learned about rocketry and mandala art! Children's Art Class with Julie was a hit with Esparto residents where 24 participants attended the hands on class featuring no-sew molas at the Esparto Regional Library on July 21.

Knights Landing Branch: Staff are working to coordinate efforts to establish a new Friends advocacy and support organization for the Knights Landing Branch.

South Davis Montgomery Library: Summer service draws to a close at Harper Middle School with successful participation and outreach at Harper and Birch Schools. The last day of Harper service will be Saturday, August 13. Service will resume at South Davis Montgomery Library on Tuesday, August 15.

Winters Community Library: Olivia Rodriguez is the new teacher-librarian for Winters High School. Nicole Reyherme is the new Winters High School Principal. Recent conversations with Superintendent Cutler affirms stronger communication and relationship building. The school Library Technician will retain 15 hours of week of service and the student interns will support library

services during the mornings and on Fridays. With support from Principal Reyherme, Ms. Rodriguez is receiving critical training in library operations.

Yolo Branch Library: Staff are exploring viable options for interim service including: bookmobile service, occupation of a portable, potential renovation of an existing property. Community Advisory Group meetings have been postponed until more definitive plans are underway and the initial study leading to the focused EIR is in place.

Human Resources:

Joining us at tonight's Library Advisory Board meeting:

Meredith Beales, Business Services Manager. Meredith brings exceptional experience most recently as Senior Manager for Gilbert Associates in Sacramento for the past 11 years where she coordinated audits of many public sector agencies and employee benefit plans. Meredith is familiar with finances from top to bottom as a CPA. She has supervisor and recruiting and mentoring expertise and has a great depth in technology as it pertains to business use and accounting. She has a great sense of humor and a can do attitude. As a volunteer, Meredith lends her expertise to the Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center where she serves as Board Treasurer and member of the Special Events (read fundraiser!) Committee near the community where she lives.

Meredith received her Bachelor's in Accounting from Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Meredith began work on May 29 for Yolo County Library and her first day of work was Tuesday, May 31. Her office is at Central Services and Chris Crist is her direct supervisor.

EAST YOLO:

Due to the anticipated absence of Rachel Hudson for a longer leave through December 2016, a number of staff will assume different roles. Ms. Shuqin Jiao will take on the position of Acting Library Regional Manager following the beginning of Rachel's leave (anticipated end of August). Dana Christy will be working four days a week at Turner as Acting Library Regional Supervisor, filling in behind Shu. Dave Tavarez will be working half time at Davis Branch Library and engaging the team there in his activities and planning as Virtual Resources Librarian.

Vacancies

All Librarian positions include an invitation to those MLIS candidates who will receive their degree prior to acceptance of the position (candidates who are one

semester short of graduation are eligible to apply provided they successfully complete all MLIS requirements prior to the job offer).

Librarian I/II –County Archives and Records Center Coordinator – final interviews on August 16.

Librarian I/II – Youth Services, West Yolo Region, Davis Branch Library – open 6/27 and extended to 8/12

Librarian I/II – Adult Services, West Yolo Region, Davis Branch Library – open 8/1-8/26

The Library is in the process of selecting additional RFK specialists to assist with the First 5 Yolo program providing bilingual story times in Spanish and Russian.

Jenny Tan is seeking part-time assistance from a library assistant to support HR and public relations.

Collaborations:

- The Library is working with Jesse Salinas and in particular the Elections Office to encourage young voters, especially those still in high school, to participate in the upcoming election.
- The Library will be working with the County Office of Education on a number of early literacy programs and services.
- The Yolo Youth Development Coalition is regrouping with a renewed purpose.
- The Library continues to work with County Probation to offer Families Together. The Families Together program began a third series of family literacy programs with parents and their children and extended children in the justice system. In collaboration with County Probation, up to ten adults build stronger connections with their children through development of literacy enrichment skills. The program is sponsored with the financial support of the King-White Family Foundation.
- The HHSA One Stop at the Davis Branch Library continues to see dozens of clients in a drop in and by appointment program four days a week for a total of 16 hours. Some of the success stories are shared in the Board Update and here in the County Librarian's Report.
- The Library worked with the City of West Sacramento to produce dozens of early literacy learning kits for caregivers and parents to provide stronger evidence based and easy to use story times for home and group use. Race for the Top provided \$84,000 to support this effort. The program also

calls for Assessment Survey Questionnaires to support parent and caregiver assessment and analysis of individual youth literacy attainment.

Upcoming events and special news:

California Library Association Conference: November 3-5, 2016: Ms. Hualing Wan will have a poster session on the Library's collaboration with SFPL to bring in more multilingual materials to add to our collection. Ms. Gail Stovall and a team of staff will share makerboxes (maker programs in a box) as put into place through our Design Thinking implementation. Patty Wong will host the CA County Librarians meeting and will attend the Public Library Directors Forum. A number of staff will attend the Early Learning for Families and TouchPoints and Summer Reading preconferences. A number of exhibits only badges will be obtained for staff and library leaders and Friends to use as available.

ARSL – Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference – October 27-29, 2016: Four staff – Victoria Klein (Circulation Supervisor); Meredith Beales (Business Services Manager); Sue Billing (Yolo Branch Library Associate) and Patty Wong (County Librarian) have applied for full scholarships to attend the conference from in Fargo, ND. The scholarship is part of the CA State Libraries commitment to rural and small libraries and ongoing staff development.

County Librarian Patty Wong has been tapped to serve on ALA President-elect James Neal's Advisory Committee. Patty has been working in a smaller capacity for ALA President Julie Todaro's initiative on the expertise of library staff, focusing on public libraries.

Visitors from our federal agency, **Institute of Museum and Libraries Services**, will be touring Woodland Public Library and will visit with the County Librarian at a location in YCL (TBA) on August 25.

Pokemon Go has made a splash in Yolo County with a number of communities as PokeStops and PokeGyms at every branch. Coordinated publicity has resulted in increased stops in the library by customers of all ages.

The Library will conduct an **EDGE** assessment, the nationally recognized management and leadership tool that empowers libraries to assess and improve public access technologies, by September 30 and a **Customer Satisfaction** Survey in April 2017.

STORIES

- The Book Bike made a visit to the Concert in the Park program in Winters where 14 signed up for Summer Reading Program, 12 checked out items and 1 signed up for a Yolo County Library card. The Book Bike was a hit with 48

people coming to talk with library staff about the bike, programs or services. Staff contact: Dana Christy

- The Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library was visited by ABC10 News on July 22 for a mini-piece on Toad Hollow. Nancy Hernandez was on site to provide some story time footage of *The Toads of Davis* by local author Ted Puntillo as reporter John Bartell covered the story. To see the clip, visit: <http://www.abc10.com/news/local/davis/davis-has-a-tunnle-for-toads/280013068>.
- The YoloArts 'I See You' project is in week 6 of its 10 week venture at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library. The project strives to increase the engagement of adults who are experiencing homelessness (or are low income) in the arts by offering free art classes at three libraries in Yolo County. Weekly workshops led by professional artists will provide lessons on topics such as photography, drawing, painting, printmaking, collage and creative writing. Partners, such as Elica Healthcare, Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency and others have provided invaluable support and services to participants in and outside of the library. The project has so far had six participants, with at least one repeat individual, who has started coming early and staying to help clean up afterwards.
- The One Stop Career Center at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library received great feedback on July 28. An individual came in to the One Stop and found out about a local job opening. The person called and received a job interview the next day but needed to work on their resume which One Stop staff immediately started helping this individual with. Soon after, staff received the great news that the individual got the job. Congratulations to this individual and a big thanks to One Stop staff for their continued work in preparing and assisting our residents for employment.
- Twelve kids came to the Clarksburg Branch Library on August 2 and created some awesome Summer Games crafts such as Olympic medals made from old CDs and Yolo County Library lanyards and Olympic torches from tubes and yellow tissue paper. All the children had a blast, including one who proudly sported her Olympic medals.
- A library user recently shared her delight on seeing the reading history option available on her library account. By checking the reading history option, card holders are able to see when and what items they previously checked out. "I'm a huge fan of libraries (and) the library is one of my favorite places on earth" said the user. "Many times I have read a book and returned it without taking note of the author or title. Thank you for providing this wonderful service (and) for the outstanding job you and your staff do

everyday.” The Yolo County Library continues to work towards providing efficient and relevant services to card holders and the community.

- The Library’s Book Bike made its inaugural visit to the Eleanor Roosevelt Circle in Davis on August 3 where staff met with over 20 residents who were 62 or older. Staff signed up three new library card users and updated information on two others while 15 items were checked out. One person commented that they stopped reading because it took a long time to travel to the library by bus but now that the Library has a Book Bike, they will start reading again. The Book Bike continues to impact residents and community members throughout its travels.
- A staff member at the Mary L Stephens Davis Branch Library previously helped a teen in June who needed assistance on a computer with a job application for a local grocery store and found out recently that the teen got the job. Congratulations to that teen!
- During an outreach event at the Birch Lane Elementary School with the Book Bike, a kid from the Bridge program told library staff that he recently met his goal of reading 30 books for the summer. Kudos to that young person who was driven to meet his goal!

Organizational Culture:

TOUCHPOINTS:

The library is undergoing formative opportunities to become a stronger community and family focused organization with outcomes as part of our framework and of course with values of strengthening families and youth development.

Library staff has led many fellow employees through Touchpoints exploration and practice.

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

We connect people and ideas.