

Yolo County Library – Interim Library Administrator’s Report May-June

June 14, 2017

Yolo County Library Foundation: Board members have been elected (Camille Chan, Mary Stephens, Mark Fink, Lynnel Pollock, Sally Brown, Chris Crist) and the first meeting was held April 24th. Board members are working on by-laws and beginning in June will be meeting the 4th Monday of each month, with locations rotating throughout the County.

Facilities Master Plan Update: Jennifer Sweeney and Associates have:

- Provided a draft survey report to the Facilities Master Plan Team (FMPT) for review;
- June 13 the FMPT meet with the consultant to review a draft of the report

CalHumanities Grant Update: ‘I Am Your Neighbor – a Tale of Two Cities’

- venue in Woodland was selected – Woodland Community College (will be choosing a Thursday in September)
- venue in Davis has been selected – Veteran’s Center, with tentative date set for November
- West Sacramento may be chosen as first venue – AFT Community Library – sometime in September

California Library Association’s PReXcellence Award: the “Recruitment Brochure for Archives and Records Center Coordinator Position” as chosen in the “library promotions and public relations” competitive category, receiving the following comments

- Wonderful recruiting brochure
- Overall the brochure is working and elicits a branded feel. I like the images used.
- Overall well done and appealing to potential employees.

River Cats – Yolo County Library Game Day 5/26/17: a huge thank you to our Friends groups and others who helped support the Library for the River Cats fund raiser.

Grants:

we received \$750.00 through the Whitney Pinkerton Grant to expand and update the nonfiction collection at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library.

Facilities News and Updates:

Capital Improvement Plan: Bond sales for County constructions projects are planned to occur in June or July 2017. The renovation of the County Archives and Record Center

will be included in this bond issue. Installation of compact shelving will provide additional 30-40% growth, new HVAC (temperature and humidity control), better insulation, and new equipment and shelving in the workroom.

Yolo Library : while not included in bond sales, the County is committed to the project (EIR/Community Advisory Group meetings/new building plans/modular on site 7-11-17). Negotiations for purchase of the property next door continue.

Clarksburg Library Site Lease: current lease with the Clarksburg Friends expires 6/30/17. Staff met with Clarksburg Friends and are working on a renewal to the contract.

Human Resources:

Joining us tonight:

- Nancy Pacheco, Outreach Specialist for the YoloReads Literacy program
- Dave Tavarez, Librarian with the EY Region – Chromebooks and Virtual Reality devices

Vacancies:

- Administrative Services Analyst
- Librarian I/II for WY Region
- County Librarian

Conference Attendance:

- Yosemite Leadership Institute (impact stories)
- Key Immigration Issues in the Educational Setting
- Diversity in Graphic Novels

Friends and Library Update:

- Kudos to the Friends groups participating in Big Day of Giving!

Friends of the County Archives:

Friends of the Clarksburg Branch Library: Archival Photos:

- The Archives digitized 1,700+ negatives/photos and were provided permission to share them with the public. A PDF and Excel index file were provided that could be posted to the Friends website
- It's the last week of school for Delta Charter Elementary School, and since Clarksburg Branch Library serves as their school library, the teachers and

Library Branch Supervisors have worked diligently this week to help students pay off late fees for the Read Off Your Fines program. The library has been busy with kids reading all week! The result? Now all but a very few students will be able to start school in the fall with a clean slate.

Friends of the Davis Public Library:

Friends of the Esparto Regional Library:

Knights Landing Friends of the Library:

West Sacramento Friends of the Library: the Women of the Moose, West Sac Chapter donated \$100 to AFT to support collection development and children's programs.

Winters Friends of the Library:

Events and special news:

- **Correction:** In the last report I noted "In Yolo, Cache Creek High School will not be giving credit to teens that attend the Yolo Branch Library teen group" when I should have reported ""In Yolo, Cache Creek High School **will NOW be giving** credit to teens that attend the Yolo Branch Library teen group".
- FREE meals will be served June 6 through August 3 at the Clarksburg Branch Library and AFT Community Library. This is the third year that the Yolo County Library has been involved in a summer meal program, and last year 974 meals were served during the summer break. This program is sponsored by the California Summer Meal Coalition, USDA Summer Food Service Program, YMCA of Superior California (sponsor for Clarksburg).
- Juneteenth Celebration on Sunday, June 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Juneteenth derives its history from the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation by the Union army in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 and is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. The event is FREE, with a fun, family-friendly, and education-packed line up of live entertainment, activities, and delicious food. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share at the potluck, which will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. The main stage and potluck will be held at the Davis Veterans Memorial Center at 203 W. 14th Street and children's events will be held at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library at 315 E. 14th Street. Performers include Al Zaid and his Motown sound, violinist Kippy Marks, Darlene K. Tellis, as well as a 'Social Justice is Always in Fashion' Show. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Davis Public Library, the Culture C.O.-

O.P., City of Davis – Human Relations Commission, the Wyman Family, Travis Credit Union, Hanlees Toyota, and Davis Food CO-OP.

- Beginning May 26 through August 19, in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, Yolo County Library will offer their “Read Off Your Fines” campaign. The campaign targets children and young adult library card holders, ages 17 and under, who owe overdue fines on their library card. Participants will be able to deduct \$1.00 from their fines for every 15 minutes spent reading a book of their choice in the library and also use those minutes toward earning incentives in the Summer Reading Program. “The Read Off Your Fines program is an opportunity to encourage young people to return to the library,” said Library Administrator Chris Crist. “We hope youth of all ages take advantage of this campaign to lower their overdue fines.”
- During the River Cats game a boy was so excited about summer reading that he asked his mom “can we start right now?”, and was going to read the program for the game to count toward his first 5 minutes. Then he spun the prize wheel and won a free book, so it worked out perfectly!
- Found in a recent edition of a housing association newsletter: “Kids in Condos by Noel Bruening: The kids’ area in the Davis Public Library is a modern space with a lot to offer. The magic of borrowing books and media lessens the amount of stuff in our small spaces. However, the room itself is filled with possibilities for all ages. Currently, the library has toys, games, puzzles, a stage with a puppet theater, and activities that include songs, story reading, Legos, and movies once a month. Happily, the Davis library is not obsolete. Even in the digital age, the library keeps up and continues to provide innovative materials and programs. Their summer reading program comes with prizes for kids and teens. The website has an event calendar as well as lists of award winning books. And while you’re in the kids’ section, check out the fabulous Roy DeForest ceramic dog table!”
- During the Community Conversation at the Davis Library, a participant shared how the library has positively affected her family. “*My family and I recently moved to Davis from China and have only been here for 5 months,*” the mother revealed. “*Every day we would visit the library after school and I would read to my daughter. She is learning so quickly that now she reads to me and I am learning from her.*” “*The library is amazing,*” she said. “*Thank you for this opportunity.*”
- During a Hora de Cuentos storytime at the Davis Library, library staff quickly improvised to cover for library staff who couldn’t make it to the program, presenting a vivacious and fun storytime to 42 children and parents with quick thinking and ingenuity. Kudos to library staff for stepping up and stepping in to provide an exceptional early learning program.

- On Saturday April 1, staff assisted a young patron who was turning in his In N Out 'Cover to Cover' reading log. He finished reading 15 books! "*I had to finish reading the books quickly because there are three people in my family (mom, dad, and himself),*" said the patron. "*I wanted to have enough certificates so that we could all get a free meal together.*" The young patron was so proud that dinner was going to be on 'him.' The young patron's father was with him and took a picture of him holding the three certificates! The Library is delighted to provide such amazing reading opportunities for library card holders of all ages to engage in literacy and create family memories.
- The Community Conversations this week were full of engaging discussions, passionate residents and reflective analysis. 21 people attended the conversation in Davis, 16 in Esparto, 19 in Winters, and 16 in West Sacramento. The Library hopes to continue receiving input from the community by reaching out to library programs geared towards teens, children and their parents to obtain feedback from different demographics than those that attended the conversations. A big thank you goes out to all the library staff who helped with food, set up, supplies and support! This was a team achievement made possible through collaboration, delegation, and communication.
- Our Virtual Services Librarian led a computer class on Microsoft Office on April 4 at the Esparto Regional Library where seven residents participated in learning how to navigate the different programs using the public PCs at the branch. Feedback from the class was overwhelmingly positive and all the participants are eager to participate in the next computer class on May 23 on Microsoft Publisher. A thank you goes out to Dave for his flexibility and accessibility to help residents grow their technology skills.
- On April 6, 19 people attended the 'LEST WE FORGET' program at the Esparto Regional Library. Project Coordinator Mel Russell presented an educational and stirring program about how the community of Esparto served, both at home and abroad, in the 'War to End All Wars' and how residents were expected to be fully engaged in the support of the war.
- The first Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros celebration kicked off at the Esparto Regional Library on April 8 where 19 people enjoyed the *Cascado de Flores* performance, a musical duet showcasing traditional Mexican folk music and dance and afterwards children were encouraged to play with the guitars. Participants also enjoyed all the free STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) activities, including a book giveaway.
- This past weekend, Library Regional Supervisor Crista Cannariato read on Next Door that a neighbor was looking to borrow Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* and all of the library's copies were checked out. Crista replied that there were other options through the library to borrow this book, such as the LINK+ service, or

the Read Around Yolo book club bags, which has this title in the collection. Crista provided the websites for both of these options. Kudos to Crista for not only knowing the library's many programs and services but also being a resource for her neighbor!

- The Library Training Academy held their Sensory Conscious Storytime Training on Monday, April 10, where 13 participants from the library and partner agencies learned from library staff the principles behind Sensory Storytimes, early literacy programming designed to be more accessible for children with certain types of special needs, including those on the autism spectrum. Participants also discovered how sensory conscious programming differed from traditional programming, including simple and practical steps that they could take right away to make their programs more sensory-friendly and inclusive of different learning styles. Great job to the ladies for their work and passion in providing inclusive programming and staff development.
- Davis Library staff working on the Children's desk Monday night spoke with one of their regular families who was in so their children can meet with a tutor to learn Arabic. The boy had finished his lesson and asked for help to play a Ben10 DVD in one of our computers. While waiting for it to load, staff asked him what the show was about and he said that the main character has a special watch that he can use to transform into different aliens to defeat the bad guys. Staff asked him what he would do if he had a watch like that and he said "Well, in America, there are no problems. But in Egypt there are lots of problems, so I would go to Egypt to fix everything." The moment made the staff person's heart go ***squish*** as it shows how comfortable he felt at the library, and how the materials that we lend – even if they're fantasy cartoons – help kids make sense of the world around them.
- Yolo County Library has begun conducting story time at the Davis Migrant Center on Wednesdays from 7 pm – 8 pm. We had about 23 attendees including children and their guardians the first day. The focus of these story times is to share with children the love of literacy and to familiarize them with folks at the library. In addition, the Davis Friends of the Library have donated bookshelves and books to be placed in the Community room and to serve as a free library. We will continue doing story times until the end of November when the center closes for winter.
- Archives and Records Center Staff gave a two hour training on May 22nd to Library Staff. Library staff were able to learn about the history and background of the Yolo County Archives and Records Center, gain an overview of the physical and digital resources that are available to staff and patrons, and solidify and contextualize that information through a tour of the facility and a collection scavenger hunt.
- On May 25th Archives and Library staff members, Heather Lanctot and Joan Tuss, tabled at the Woodland Senior Resource Fair at the Woodland Senior Center. Heather and Joan were able to connect with senior community members and remind them about the services, programs, and materials that

are available to them through the Yolo County Library and Archives. The specific resources that were highlighted included Books-by-Mail and Mel Russell's World War I "Lest We Forget" project.

- May 19th the Yolo Branch Library hosted another very successful Star Party. The Astronomy Club of UC Davis provided the speakers as well as telescopes for participants to use. We also had a star gazer from Winters bring his telescope as well as his considerable knowledge about astronomy. Thanks to Leslie Cheaney, one of our patrons who homeschools her children, the flyer for the program was put on one of the homeschooling network sites. We had many families from Sacramento, Woodland and Winters. Also Susan Hanks from the California State Library was nice enough to come early and help set up. There were 65-70 attendees who had lots of question for Jacob Lambeck who presented the program *Introduction to the Universe*.
- May 20th was the first of a four-part "Lest We Forget" series presented in Yolo by Mel Russell. Comments from attendee were what a great speaker Mel was and how she really made the history come alive. Mel had a conversation afterward with George Weiss, whose father was mentioned several time in her talk about what was happening Cacheville (Yolo) and Zamora during the beginning of the war.
- A man called in to the reference desk looking for the Palms concert schedule, listed in the Davis Enterprise from late June – August 2002. Staff searched in Newsbank, but couldn't find what he was looking for, so they took down his information and let him know they would call him back after they did a little digging. Staff couldn't find the schedule online anywhere, so went to the microfilm machine and scanned through the June 2002 & July 2002 rolls. They were able to find & print the ad with the concert dates and performers, and he came in just before closing to pick them up. Turns out he is making a documentary film about the Palms that will be shown at the Veteran's Memorial Theater on Juen 4th and this was the last piece of information he needed!
- A patron stopped at the Davis Branch Information Desk on his way out of the building to share that out of all the public buildings in Davis, this one is his favorite. He then asked me if I knew any Yiddish, and went on to tell me that the word "heimish" comes to his mind when trying to describe the library. "It means homey, cozy,--not home-ly," he said. "I will always vote to pay taxes for library services." I thanked him and after he left I looked it up the word, which is defined as "familiar, homey, informal, cozy, warm, at home, comfortable." Which is exactly how we want people to feel here!

- The Stephens-Davis branch provides a monthly needle arts program called “I’m in Stitches”. At the May program, staff member Jenna Wilson put a cart of knitting/crochet/quilting books out for them, and at the end one participant came by to say thank you for the cart of books (she found things to take home that she didn’t know existed in the library!). She also wanted to pass along her gratitude for the program and the library. She said when she first moved to Davis and didn’t know anyone, she came to the library and saw the I’m in Stitches flyer. When she went to the event, she said she was able to find like-minded people who made her feel like part of the community. They helped her join a few other groups around town, and she said the program made a big difference in her new life in Davis.
- **American Library Association** – On May 10th and 11th, Touger went to the ALA office in Chicago, Illinois and participated in a working group to develop a guidelines/resources on serving our newly patron community – the refugees and asylum seekers. Once the guideline is completed, it will be shared with all public libraries throughout the United States on serving refugees and asylum seekers. Public libraries will be able to pick from the guidelines on what their local libraries do to serve the refugee and asylum seeker population within their community.

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

We connect people and ideas.