

YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

226 Buckeye Street, Woodland, CA 95695

Meeting Location: Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Present: Sharon Hallberg, Chair; Holly Bishop; Susan Martimo; Rebecca Fridae; Margaret Crawford; Rie Surad; Andrea Jones; and Nora Brazil. Also present was County Librarian Patty Wong, Jim Rosaschi, Project Manager; Elizabeth Gray, Assistant County Librarian; and Branch Manager Jay Johnstone.

Excused: Gina Daleiden (representing Jim Provenza).

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Presentation of gifts to Jim Rosaschi in thanks for his work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October, 2010 minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Winters Community Library and Winters Friends of the Library – Rebecca Fridae

The 100th anniversary celebration went well. There was great food from the culinary class at the Winters High School. Winters Friends of the Library has made some changes to the Board to coincide with the November Annual meeting. Winters Friends made wreaths for their annual holiday festival. RISE continues to be very successful in providing the Homework Help program in the community room. The Family Place space and story time continues to be very successful. In January, there will be a meeting of the Library Advisory and Coordination Committee to address Winters Library operational issues.

Arthur F. Turner Community Library – Susan Martimo reported on the upcoming annual dinner to be held on February 22, 2011. The minor changes in the by-laws will be in effect by then. There will be a Book Sale in January. The Rock, Roll and Read event was successful in attracting new members.

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library – Nora Brazil reported on the upcoming Davis Friends book sale. **Sharon Hallberg** complimented the public art in the renovated building. The dedication on December 7 drew about 300 and a standing room only crowd. People appreciated the heartfelt comments from many and especially the recognition of key staff. Staff did a great job creating notes for tours. Statistics show that on Opening Day (December 7, 2010) about 1,500 people visited the library. The Grand Opening Celebration on Sunday, December 12, was incredible! The events planned by staff were excellent and the renovated building and new collections were well

received by the public. Kudos to staff member Joan Tuss and the Davis staff for coordinating all events and to the Friends of the Davis Public Library for their generous support. The new Helen M. Thomson Children's Annex was well received.

Marguerite Montgomery Elementary – Nora Brazil – the newest branch service is open Tuesdays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10-2 p.m. Please help spread the message of this continuing service. MME will be open Dec. 21 and 28 and closed the Saturdays – December 25 and January 1. The huge number of holds during the Stephens-Davis branch closure has been mostly worked through thanks to staff Brian Oglesby (District), Nina Lorenzi (YCL) and Jill Saito (YCL). A small browsing collection is available and is pretty heavily used. Grand opening celebration was a success. Holly Bishop mentioned ideas for additional advertising of MME service.

Esparto – Rie Surad– The 100th anniversary celebration was very successful. There was a dinner and tour of the library. The live music was a big hit. The Sunday shopping day (from 9am to 1pm) at the elementary school is anticipated to be a success. FERL is planning for the Almond Festival.

Woodland – Andrea Jones – Woodland tax payers passed a one-quarter cent sales tax of which 40% is designated to fund the Woodland Public Library. The public library hours have stabilized and provide regular service.

OLD BUSINESS

1. All have completed the required ethics training.
2. Installation of solar panels was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their Dec. 7th meeting. Yolo, Knights Landing and Esparto will be installed soon. Clarksburg will not participate at this time. The Davis bike rack installation will take place before December 31.
3. The CLA/CLSA conference was a great event. Look for Sharon in the YouTube video of the book cart drill. Search YouTube for "CLA/CLSA book cart drill".

NEW BUSINESS

1. County Budget – no good prospects are apparent at this time. The long term vision is being reviewed and the Budget retreat will take place on February 14/15. Sharon had questions about how the state budget being further in debt affected Yolo County Library. Patty clarified that although our funds from the State Library have been reduced about 25% (Literacy) the impact is minimal and the library can maintain its current level of service. PLF is also reduced; we will not know the final projections until the State budget is approved.
2. The Library has developed a Management/Leadership resource collection for the library – specifically for county leadership but available to the public. The CAO is using "Good to Great for Social Sectors" by Jim Collins as a basis for the County's budget review and strategic planning. Assistant County Librarian

- Elizabeth Gray is taking the lead on the collection organization and development – contact Elizabeth should you wish to suggest titles.
3. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors has expressed interest in more hours at Yolo and Knights Landing branches.
 4. The implementation of 211 service will be in the first part of 2011, should all go well with the PUC application and hearing.
 5. Jay Johnstone reported that Davis staff had placed an easel board at the library entrance to capture the comments from the customers upon the opening of the branch. The comments were overwhelmingly positive – many from young children and teens. “Money well spent!” was echoed over again.
 6. Davis branch has combined the information and circulation desks into one Information Desk. There is a separate children’s desk in the Children’s Area. This will engage staff and management in experimenting with some different service models.

COUNTY LIBRARIAN’S REPORT was submitted separately.

NOTE: Next All Friends reception determined to be **APRIL 30 @ Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library.**

Sharon Hallberg moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Susan Martimo. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 9, 2011 in West Sacramento at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library: 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento

2011 meeting schedule:

April 13 at MME

June 15 at Clarksburg

August 10 at Knights Landing

October 12 at Esparto

December 14 at Central Services

Submitted by: Elizabeth Gray