

## YOLOCOUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

**226 Buckeye Street, Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Meeting Location: Knights Landing branch**  
**Wednesday, August 31, 2011**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Present: Sharon Hallberg, Chair; Holly Bishop; Susan Martimo; Rebecca Fridae; Rie Surad-Miller; Andrea Jones; and Nora Brazil. Also present: Patty Wong, County Librarian; Elizabeth Gray, Assistant County Librarian  
Absent: Margaret Crawford, Gina Daleiden

### **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:**

Welcome to Yumiko Kitahara, guest of Rei Surad- Miller.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from June 29, 2011 were corrected as follows: “sumer” was changed to “summer”. Events on June 27 and July 17 were at the Stephens-Davis branch not at the South Montgomery satellite location. The name for the program is “Tales for Tails”. Motion to accept corrected minutes by Sharon Hallberg, seconded by Holly Bishop. Motion passed.

### **ELECTION of OFFICERS**

Nomination for Chair: Nora Brazil

Nomination for Vice-Chair: Holly Bishop

Vote was unanimous in favor of nominated parties.

Approval of new officers was acknowledged by Sharon Hallberg and meeting facilitation was passed to Nora Brazil, Chair.

### **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

**Esparto Regional Library – Rie Surad-Miller** – Report on statistics of branch usage. Thanks to Friends of Esparto Regional Library, Esparto library has a one year subscription to Movie Licensing USA. The Friends are changing banks from River City Bank to Umpqua Bank.

**Winters Community Library– Rebecca Fridae**– Rebecca attended the Yolo 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Yolo branch of Yolo County Library. Discussion of how to save in part or whole of original design as it is the anchor of that community. Winters Friends of the Library had a successful summer concert series. Although urged to extend the series by the City of Winters, the Friends will stay with the current model during the month of July. The annual Quiz Show will be in October and the first planning meeting is coming up. Contact Rebecca for more information. The Winters Community Library participated in the welcome back to school events for the High School. Story time will be on Wednesdays, Mommy & Me for 2 hours every Friday. The Tween program led by Toni Mendieta, Branch Supervisor, is going well. There were three times more Summer

Reading Program participants this year. Since the beginning of the school year three weeks ago, there have been 31 class visits from the High School, one visit from 5<sup>th</sup> grade and one visit from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Liz Coman, High School Librarian presented an in-service to YCL staff on “Ideas for Excellent Class Visits”. Toni and Liz will present on their experience working at a joint use library for the California Library Association/California School Library Association conference in November in Pasadena, CA. Winters Community Library building improvements are coming along.

**Arthur F. Turner Community Library – Susan Martimo** – West Sacramento Friends of the Library will have a book sale September 10 and 11. There are 107 members renewed for 2011. YCL staff are presenting a story time at the Farmer’s Market just across the parking lot from the library. This will be evaluated to determine how effective this is and if there are more cost effective ways to support the Farmer’s Market. The Friends Facebook page is up and the email to contact the Friends is [wsfol99@yahoo.com](mailto:wsfol99@yahoo.com)

Susan also reported on Clarksburg branch. She volunteered at the Kindergarten class at the Clarksburg school when the Kindergarten class visited the Clarksburg library. Each child got a library card and enjoyed a story time. They will continue to visit the Clarksburg library one time a week.

**Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library and South Davis Montgomery Extension Site – Nora Brazil** – Summer Reading Program statistics report for South Davis Montgomery. Thank you to Sharon and Holly for participating by presenting programs at South Davis Montgomery. South Davis Montgomery has a new library tech named Aleah Kropholler. Fall programs for South Davis Montgomery includes a Tales for Tails program that is supported by the school principal as a great way to encourage children to enjoy and improve reading skills by reading to a certified and trained dog. Nora acknowledged the good work of Children’s Coordinator Peggy Rollins, in coordinating the first Tales for Tails program. The one year anniversary of the Extension site will be October 15, 2012. There will be a low-key celebration on Saturday, October 15 during open hours, 10am to 2pm.

There was a successful Adult Community Fair at the Stephens-Davis branch. Approximately 40 to 50 local groups that provide services to older adults were present and distributed information to more than 1000 individuals. This event was organized by Joan Tuss, Librarian. The Summer Reading Program broke previous participation records. The work on the punch list of building improvements continues including work on the cork floor. Other building issues include removing unsightly bird poop from the front of the building.

**Holly Bishop**– Holly reported on her visit to Santa Cruz City-County Public Library, the Scott’s Valley branch library. She had a display of pictures to share. Holly will hold a meeting with Joe Krovoza and hopes Ann Brunette will connect with the County soon regarding extension of the agreement to use the Walnut Park property for library related activities. Goal is to extend MOA from 2012 to 2022, otherwise the land reverts back to the City of Davis. The group noted that former Manteca City Manager, Steve Carrigan,

is the new Davis City Manager and has worked with County Librarian when both were employees of the City of Stockton.

**Sharon Hallberg** – Sharon attended the Yolo 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Yolo branch of Yolo County Library. Sharon was featured on the televised broadcast Good Morning Sacramento – sections of the story were broadcast later that evening on the local news. There was no report on Davis news as Sharon has been out of town. Thank you to Peggy Rollins for a wonderful Summer Reading Program.

**Woodland – Andrea Jones** – no report. Discussion ensued of how best to include Woodland Public Library in the Library Advisory reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **All Friends Meeting Review.**

Report from sub-committee on Event Invitations was tabled. The sub-committee (Nora Brazil, Chair and Holly Bishop, Vice-Chair) will gather information for the next meeting. Feedback on the All-Friends event from Friends groups is sought.

Rie Surad-Miller provided feedback from Esparto Friends: 2 people attended (Nadine DeSmet and Julio Cota). They liked the recognition of the nominees from each Friends group. They would have appreciated a more welcoming environment. They felt the small groups of people did not interact or welcome each other. They would have appreciated more relevant, useful information. Nonetheless, they would return for another event.

## **LIBRARY BUDGET UPDATE**

1. County Budget Update – Building a 3% reserve is a priority.
2. California statute maintains that County Library systems require a County Librarian, with support from County resources, hence use of General Fund \$ to fund the County Librarian's position. Continual use of Library reserve funds for County Librarian salary rather than the General Fund will deplete Library reserves. The County Librarian's salary may be apportioned amongst the various branch and unit allocations as a potential resource.
3. County and Library are moving to a two year budgeting process.
4. Yolo County Library needs additional funds which results in additional staffing allocations to provide more hours for Yolo and Knights Landing branches.
5. Yolo County Library will continue to analyze the situation and cost of Yolo branch Carnegie building.
6. Review of Capital Improvement Plan.

## **COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

1. Review of redistricting maps and discussion of possible effects on Library Advisory Board make up.
2. County Strategic Plan overview.
3. Yolo County Library will use performance measures based on County guidelines.

4. County Librarian is co-chair of the ALA Presidential Initiative, “Empowering Voices”. This effort encourages communities to speak out for libraries.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Grant Update – the mobile site is up and working. The app “libanywhere” is available on both mac and android app marketplaces.
2. 211 services are hopefully going to begin in November 2011.
3. HR – Yolo County Library is filling positions.
4. Strategic Plan goal setting is scheduled for November. This will be a short and sweet process and will include input from the community. Joan Frye Williams and George Needham, consultants, will facilitate the process.
5. Website – as improvements are made to the YCL website, resources for public input are available from students and others. Other public library websites will be reviewed.

## **LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS**

Davis Enterprise, August 4, page A6 Forum article reprinted from Providence Journal, Rhode Island “We need libraries most during recessions”. (YCL is not mentioned)

Davis Enterprise, August 19, page A3 Article on new YCL service: BookFlix

Sacramento Business Journal, August 19, Article on Public Library resources for Small Businesses featured Yolo County and Sacramento Public libraries.

## **AGENDA BUILDING**

Friends of the Library feedback on All Friends event

Carpool to the meeting

Meeting adjourned, 9 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: October 12, 2011 at 7 p.m., at Esparto Regional Library, 17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, CA 95627 530.787.3426**

## **2011 meeting schedule:**

October 12 at Esparto

December 14 at Central Services

Submitted by: Elizabeth Gray