

# COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

## September-October

October 10, 2015

**Library Advisory Board update:** Library leadership and the Library Advisory Board would like to thank and recognize Desmond Jolly for his work on the LAB. Desmond can no longer commit to the LAB and announced his resignation effective September 2015. A call for community members in District 2 to replace the position was issued September 18 for two weeks. Supervisor Don Saylor and his team of Tara Thronson and Emily Henderson are reviewing applications that were received by the October 1 deadline.

**Library Budget Update:** The County budget for 2015-2016 was approved with some minor revisions at September 29 Board of Supervisor meeting.

1. 1.0 FTE Library Associate position was approved for the County Library's budget for FY 2015-2016. This means that we will be able to plan to add additional staffing days/hours to both Knights Landing and Yolo Branch Libraries. In the past, staffing for those branches was dependent on the schedule of a sole library lead. This additional staffing will enable us to devote two people to fill those hours.

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### **Strategic Plan (Yolo County and the Library):**

The County has embarked on a three year plan (2016-2019) 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 19 Staff Day** for insight and conversation on the County's Strategic Planning process. County Administrator Patrick Blacklock will be joining us at the all Staff Day beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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**)

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## **Facility Study and Capital Improvements Update**

1. **County Courthouse reoccupancy:** County Probation leadership is scheduled to occupy the first floor of the building while their structure is going up (6 months-1 year). The County Archives team, County General Services, TAB (compact shelving specialist), a preservation consultant, engineers and architects from the County contracted Kitchell company will tour and assess the Courthouse for Archives use sometime in October 2015. The Friends of the County Archives Annual meeting will be held on November 15 and will include this effort as a large portion of the agenda. DATE SET.
2. **Yolo Branch Library** – new facility – The Friends of the Yolo Branch Library annual meeting drew about 20 community members including at least 5 teens to meet architect Doug Davis and to learn about the community based process for determining library needs. On September 29 and 30 Penny Hummel, Library Building Consultant and Doug Davis met with about 15 community members and a host of county, library staff and county leadership in a series of meetings. A Community Advisory Group will be created composed of 10-15 community members. Doug Davis will be meeting in a separate meeting with youth boys and girls to review the process. IN PROCESS
3. **Exploration of additional library needs in Davis** – LAB members Sharon Hallberg and Holly Bishop presented the attached South Davis Library Services Ad Hoc Committee report. The Board approved the recommendations to thank the Committee for its work, accept the report and instruct Library staff to engage committee members and others in a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan based on the Jacobs report and recommendations for library service needs throughout the County. APPROVED
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** – An independent solar specialist assessed existing panels and output and determined that the asking price to purchase the library mounted solar panels was a little high. Terry Vernon and Chris Crist will negotiate a price to purchase and integrate with

existing solar program or will continue leasing with a plan to engage a possible third party for operations and maintenance. PROGRESSING

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. APPOINTMENT IN PROCESS
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## **Grants Review**

1. Staff Innovation Fund Pitch Grants: All in progress
    - a. With Woodland Public Library: Mobile Outreach Bike materials are on order – Dana Christy leads for YCL.
    - b. FUNDED BackPREP Touger Vang is organizing materials to order and will work on identifying 30 students soon. (West Sacramento, River City High School as partner)
    - c. DIY History: Jason Bell hired as PT Library Assistant to support the program. Jason is an MLIS candidate with SJSU School of Information. He is an instructional assistant with Napa Valley College Learning Services as well as a long term volunteer for Yolo County Archives, digitizing the extensive obituary newspaper clippings. Jason also worked at Sonoma League for Historic Preservation and has conducted reference and research in the County Archives. He began work in the DIY History project on September 27.
  2. The First 5 Yolo community grant of \$130,500 for intentional bilingual storytime, providing books for home libraries and strategic parent education will be delivered immediately through September 2018.
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## **HR Update –**

### East Yolo Region

FILLED AFT Library Assistant (19 hour/week) – Please join me in welcoming **June Schmiegel** as our newest Library Assistant with the East Yolo Region at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library!

Ms. Schmiegel is the new Homework Center Assistant for the Turner Community Library. June most recently served as the Library Media Technician at Bannon Creek Elementary School. During her tenure at Bannon Creek, she organized the school library, assisted staff and students with use of the library, worked with other teachers and District Library Media Specialists to select materials to support curriculum, and held classes for students on topics such as library 101,

internet searching, and use of electronic media. June's career included a position as Office Technician in the CA Department of Finance, Health and Human Services, monitoring legislation and the unit's bill library. June also worked a s page for three years for the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library during her college days.

Ms. Schmiegel received her BS from UC Davis in International Relations and German with some coursework from San Jose State University's School of Information. I have found her to be a bright, articulate, and well-spoken addition to our team and I know that she is excited to work with Touger Vang and with the children and families of the Homework Center at the Turner Community Library. June's first day was September 21st.

### West Yolo Region

FILLED – Vaile Fujikawa will join the West Yolo Region beginning October 20 as Librarian I. Vaile served as Network Technician for the Computer Lab at Nevada County Library and worked as an intern for Napa County Library. She has an extensive experience working with youth and especially manga and anime and has presented programs with noted teen librarian Jack Baur on comics. Recently, Vaile was responsible for a digital project focusing on Nisenan culture. <http://www.TheUnion.com/news/18340596-113/celebrating-heritage-nevada-county-library-collection-highlights-nisenan>

OPEN - The Youth Services Librarian II recruitment is open until filled. Recruitment took place at the Association for Small and Rural Libraries Conference in Little Rock, AR the first week of October and if still open, recruitment will take place at CLA in Pasadena in early November and again at ALA MW in Boston if needed.

FILLED – Part time library assistant Glen Uno accepted a full time position with the West Yolo Region based in Davis. Glen has worked at Yolo County Library for many years and had balanced his work between Davis and Woodland Public Library. We are fortunate he has decided to work for Yolo County.

FILLED – To support our efforts to create stronger service at Yolo and Knights Landing we have the County's approval to fill an existing Library Associate position, in line with the ongoing work to align the Yolo County Library organizational plan to meet the needs and services throughout our system. The plan calls for Library Associates to serve the Yolo and Knights Landing Branches.

Sue Billing was a finalist in a competitive open recruitment in the most recent Library Associate list that dates within the past year. All current Library Associates were consulted for their desire to change location or transfer to this position.

As many of you know, Sue has been instrumental in creating a sense of community engagement in Yolo, working in particular with a number of youth in the area, establishing a regular Teen program, communicating with current library users and inviting residents from Zamora, Dunnigan, Woodland and Yolo to participate more fully in their local library. She has been in continual contact with the local Cache Creek High School leaders and students and has been supportive to the Yolo Friends of the Library and other volunteers in their development of programs and service to enhance our library's effectiveness and reach. Sue is also assisting the Library's leadership and the Friends in advanced thinking about future needs in line with the current building. Sue's role in promoting the maker boxes in Yolo and elsewhere has received national notice and she will be representing Yolo County Library in the upcoming Public Library Association conference in Denver, CO this coming spring.

Please join me in congratulation Sue Billing in her promotion from Library Assistant II to Library Associate effective August 23, 2015.

OPEN – There is one FT vacant Library Assistant position due to the promotion of Sue Billing to Library Associate. This position will be filled in the same recruitment with the County Archives and Records Center.

#### 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 began immediately.

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#### Conferences:

Association of Small and Rural Libraries Conference, Little Rock, AR: Shuqin Jiao (AFT) and Crista Cannariato (Davis) attended and shared information about the now open Librarian II Youth Services position.

California Library Association – November 5-7, 2015, Pasadena, CA  
Sylvia Moreno and Touger Vang (AFT) will be attending CLA this year. Patty Wong will be presenting the Member of the Year Award to Elaine Franco. She will be presenting with Helen McAlary (Ontario) and Jessica Hudson (Contra Costa) on "I am the Director: Challenges for New Supervisors" and will induct Gail Schlachter (posthumously) into the California Librarians Hall of Fame.

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## **Library Projects:**

- **CENIC implementation of 1 gigabyte support at Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo Branch libraries and 10 GB redundancy at Central Services – equipment procured and delivered – install expected FALL 2015. Frontier, WAVE and Praxis interested in coming to KL and Esparto.**
- **Library staff Sue Billing and Patty Wong will attend PLA in Denver, CO in April 2016. Sue will be one of a team with San Jose Public Library and Rancho Cucamonga to coordinate a Design Thinking workshop.**

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that inform, entertain and inspire.”**

*We connect people and ideas.*