



## Yolo County Library Library Advisory Board

226 Buckeye Street, Woodland CA 95695

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### MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Location:** Winters Community Library  
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER: 7 PM

#### PRESENT:

- Patty Wong: County Librarian
- Susan Martimo: LAB Chair, City of West Sacramento
- Bill Campbell: District 1
- Diane Adams: District 3
- Holly Bishop: District 4
- Rie Surad: District 5
- Sharon Hallberg: City of Davis
- Rebecca Fridae: City of Winters
- Jenny Tan: Administrative Analyst
- Marianne Estes: Deputy, Supervisor Oscar Villegas
- GUEST: Maria Sandoval (Yolo Reads)
- GUEST: Michelle Titsworth (Library Assistant – East Yolo Region)
- GUEST: Toni Mendieta (Branch Supervisor – Winters Community Library)

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call: Susan, Rebecca, Sharon, Rie, Diane, Holly, Bill, Marianne, Jenny, Patty

- GUEST: Maria Sandoval from Yolo Reads; Yolo Reads is available at all branches, offering free 1 on 1 tutoring for learners. Program is goal based and uses word of mouth and referrals. Currently there are 54 pairs, 46 tutors, age range is 30-45 years old. Program is housed in central services with liaisons at each branch. Learners also participate in English Conversation Groups. Annual Celebration on September 26 showcased achievements of learners and family. Sharon attended Celebration and it was wonderful to hear feedback and stories from families. Yolo Reads is working with DRC (Day Reporting Center) in Woodland and West Sacramento and collaborating with Department of Probation in a West Sacramento pilot program to help returning probationers model story time to their children.
- GUEST: Michelle Titsworth; She is the newest Library Assistant at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library. She has experience working in libraries and was part of One Stop at Davis Branch Library where she saw 170 people a month. She loves working at West Sacramento, where she can see and serve a variety of community needs and people.
- GUEST: Toni Mendieta; she is the Winters Community Library Branch Supervisor. She is a great liaison for Friends and works with Liz Coman (Winters High School Librarian). Toni was a key member for Juneteenth in Davis. She has been with Yolo County for 10 years in a variety of positions and is happily back at the Winters Community Library. Winters has a large population of children that visit the library and there is a combined effort from everyone to help the community. She will be visiting Winters Village Apartments as part of her monthly outreach, bringing bi-lingual story time to them.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 12, 2015**

- No corrections or discussions. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

### **4. LAB DEVELOPMENT**

- All Friends Reception: 25 people attended event; brag board presentations were given by Clarksburg, Davis, West Sacramento, Yolo, Winters and Archives. It was great to connect with other Friends groups and see everyone interested/involved. Discussion: What contributed to the great conversation at this event? Possible answers: Venue, story boards, pushing attendance, making people think in advance about their brag board, LAB members spending time with Friends group, or outreach from the library. Discussion of doing All Friends Reception every other year.
- Calendar of Events 2015: Leave as standing item.
- Calendar for 2016 and 2017 Meetings: Discussion of starting LAB meetings at 6 PM. Change June 14, 2017 meeting location to Clarksburg (safer to drive during the summer than winter). December 13, 2017 will be Susan's last meeting (the end of her 8 year term).

### **5. OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES**

- Bill installed brass plaques on Little Free Libraries and brought new books to the locations. Bill is available to anyone needing additional support with Little Free Libraries.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS (LAB committees reports: Finance, Hospitality, Legislative)**

- Hospitality: Thank you to Rebecca and Rie for putting together Friends reception and coordinating food.
- Legislative: Library of Congress Librarian (David Mao) will be appointed for a 10 year term by President Obama. Sharon, Patty, and Diane went to Elected Officials Breakfast hosted by YCOE where demographics data by district was reviewed.
- Finance: Committee will meet before December meeting.

### **7. COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

- LAB candidate for District 2: Anthony Wright. Anthony works at Health Access California in Sacramento which provides stronger healthcare information and access to communities. He worked as a Legislative Aide in Al Gore's office and also helped get E-RATE passed. Anthony will get sworn in on October 27<sup>th</sup> before the Board of Supervisors. Holly Bishop will be Anthony's buddy after he gets sworn in and Patty will plan his orientation with Susan attending.
- Board of Supervisors Meeting (9/29): Sharon and Holly presented South Davis Ad Hoc Committee update, which called for facilities planning strategy that could include additional service points in Davis. They approved 1.0 FTE Library Associate for increasing hours at Knights Landing and Yolo, in thanks to Supervisor Oscar Villegas and others for strong support. County approved refinancing of Mello-Roos in Davis. BOS approved \$35,000 in rural initiatives to support CENIC Broadband integration of 1 GB at Yolo, Esparto, and Knights Landing. Yolo Branch Library Survey: 90 responses so far from Zamora, Dunnigan, Yolo and parts of Woodland. County is considering purchasing leased solar panels on properties; their assessed value is around \$150,000. SF Chronicle highlighted Yolo County in 9/27 Sunday edition, library is procuring multiple copies for recruitment and reading purposes. County Strategic Plan: Library is most reflected in robust economy and thriving residents.

It's a 3 year plan with the Board pushing for operational excellence, advancing innovation, engaging and empowering residents, and strategically aligning goals. Back Prep: Touger Vang from AFT wrote grant to State Library that targets children with parents who haven't gone to higher education. Benefit students at River City High School, especially first generation college applicants. Career Online High School (COHS): A pilot project recently signed by Governor Brown with a \$1 million budget aimed at helping as many Californians as possible earn a high school diploma online. The California State Library is assisting with the program's implementation. This program is targeted to anyone who hasn't finished high school in 19-24 age range. This 5 month program gives participants their own coach. Yolo County Library is collaborating with Woodland Public Library, Esparto School District, YCOE, Woodland Unified, and Knights Landing. Program has a 93% success rate when it has been delivered by the library. 2014-2015 Rosters of Friends groups: Each LAB member should actively communicate with their Friends group and send Patty updated roster.

**8. LAB MEMBER REPORTS: On local community developments that are relevant to Library services. Each member has an opportunity to comment on library services in Yolo County.**

- Bill Campbell (Clarksburg): Upcoming Events: Frankenswine Puppet Show, Yolo County Archives visit to Clarksburg on 10/24, Halloween Sugar Skills 10/28, Quirky Quercus 11/10, holiday crafts 12/16, Thursday Night Theatre is ongoing. Bill joined Friends of the County Archives and encourages others to do so. The West Sacramento Friends' outdoor book drop at Arthur F. Turner was vandalized and bin cart was stolen; they are looking towards alternatives or a replacement. They are concerned about increased vandalism and security issues.
- Holly Bishop (South Davis): She and Sharon worked with Patty on Report of South Davis Ad Hoc at BOS Meeting. She met with Friends of the Davis Public Library last week; they made \$9000 at their last book sale.
- Diane Adams (Woodland): The brass railing was stolen from Woodland Public Library but was retrieved by Woodland PD. Events and programs: Very Ready Readers Story Time, afterschool programs, legos, crafts, Minecraft Club, coding classes, children's demonstration garden was created through partnering with Yolo Farm to Fork, Teen Advisory Board, and teen corner at the library. The library recently redesigned their website. The Community Learning Lab input and report is coming out soon. Greta Galinda is meeting with Community Development Director to start architecture process. Diane attended the Yolo Friends Annual Meeting.
- Rie Surad (Esparto): She is working on Thursdays with the School Librarian and advocating for Esparto and Davis kids groups.
- Sharon Hallberg (Yolo): The Yolo Branch Library and Friends of the Yolo Branch Library are still exploring the library's design plans and are putting together a wish list from survey responses. There will be an upcoming architectural process/stakeholders meeting where Sharon will represent the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library. The Friends have 2 new board members. Next week is national Friends Week, October 18-24, and suggested writing a personal thank you note to respective Friends group by LAB member. Kids came to the library one night to talk about the Guinness Book of World Records and how they can be involved in the new building's process.

(DAVIS) Sharon presented South Davis Report at Board of Supervisors meeting and she felt the supervisors listened.

- Rebecca Fridae (Winters): She appreciated going to All Friends Reception. Friends hired Ana Kormos to assist in strategic planning process and streamline how to communicate. There is a need for adult volunteers to support existing staff and community. (Example of how: Yolo Friends President Meg Sheldon goes every Tuesday to the library and participates in programs and talks with kids). The garden space outside the library is being worked on by a former student and the Friends will use some money from Big Day to go towards the garden. The Lucky Day collection is successful and people are happy with the new collection. The Winters Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on 11/2 will have guest speaker Catriona MacPherson (author). The Friends are thinking about how often they should participate in Big DOG. The Friends' book room is getting too small with donations and items.
- Susan Martimo (West Sacramento): At the last book sale, the West Sacramento Friends of the Library raised \$1500; their alcove brings in \$600-\$1000 a month. They recently updated their Friends brochure. Their annual dinner will be on 10/21 with speaker, Greg Lucas. A number of Friends/supporters passed away this year and the Friends want to honor them in some way. They raised \$800 in donations to go towards this project. For Betty Sokolich who passed away, an artist is coming to the library and doing free art classes. The West Sacramento Friends are exploring the idea of participating in next year's Big Day of Giving and looking at other avenues for fundraising.

#### **9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE (Opportunities to comment on issues)**

- Marianne Estes, Deputy for Supervisor Oscar Villegas: She is very interested in the 'Reinventing America' series and thinks it could be great for West Sacramento. Jenny Tan will send Marianne the flyer. Supervisor Oscar Villegas is aware of issues with West Sac PD and says issues will get resolved. Marianne is impressed to hear everything that is going on with the Yolo County Library, LAB, and the Friends groups. It is all very inspiring.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING**

- December 9 at Central Services (226 Buckeye Street, Woodland, CA 95695) at 7 PM
- There will be a holiday potluck starting at 6 PM.
- Diane will not be present.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT at 9:15 PM**

#### **12. ACTION ITEMS**

- **Calendar of Events 2015 and 2016**
- **Discussion of moving LAB meetings to 6 PM**
- **Each LAB member should actively communicate with their Friends group and send Patty updated roster.**
- **Jenny Tan will send Marianne Estes the flyer for 'Reinventing America' series.**