



Yolo County Library Library Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
315 E. 14th Street, Davis CA 95616
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 PM

PRESENT:

- Patty Wong, County Librarian
- Chris Crist, Interim Library Administrator
- Carol Strunk, District 1 Assistant Deputy
- Mark Fink, District 1
- Anthony Wright, LAB Chair, District 2
- Rebecca Fridae, Vice Chair, City of Winters
- Holly Bishop, District 4
- Rie Surad-Miller, District 5
- Sharon Hallberg, City of Davis
- Jenny Tan, Administrative Services Analyst
- GUEST: Patty Valdovinos, Adult Services Librarian
- GUEST: Scott Love, West Yolo Library Regional Manager

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM December 14, 2016

- Holly approved. Sharon seconded. Motion passed.

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

- Chris Crist: Interim Library Administrator
 - Chris has worked closely with Patty and has immensely enjoyed her time with Patty and the Library. She will be working as the Interim Library Administrator until a County Librarian is hired. Before being the Interim Library Administrator, Chris has most recently worked as the Library's Fiscal Administrative Officer, leading operations.
- Patty Valdovinos: Adult Services Librarian at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
 - Patty is our newest hire and comes from Los Angeles with a wealth of experience working with underserved communities. She is looking forward to working with the migrant community in Yolo County. Patty is already hard at work working with the Dia de los Ninos committee, Summer Reading Program, and spearheading the River Cats project. Patty has experience working with the Library Foundation of Los Angeles and progressing STEAM programming. Most recently, Patty attended the ALA Conference as a Spectrum Scholar and also presented a training and workshop. Patty believes that library is community work and should be a safe haven for all residents.

5. COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Patty wrote a report to honor Bill Petty, who recently passed away and was a strong leader in equity in Yolo County. Bill served at McClellan Air Force Base where he developed their first affirmative action plan, which he brought to Yolo County. He was a long time Guinda resident and started the legendary African American festival in Guinda that happens every February. Bill

was known for his humor, stories, and collection of African American history in Yolo County. He was also a part of the Masonic community and helped establish the first African American masonic group in California. The stone in front of the Central Services Administration building was the first collaboration between the white and African American masonic groups and is a part of the legacy that he helped guide. He will be sorely missed.

- Budget Update, including Grants:
 - 211 Yolo is now under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHSA) and is the last free referral system that Yolo County has left. Unfortunately, 211 Yolo missed the deadline to apply for the Kaiser grant for 2017-2018 and the team is now trying to find creative ways to fund the 2017-2018 fiscal year. There are concerns about maintaining staff levels and the database moving forward though a contract was just signed with 211 Ventura for database updates and maintenance. Outreach and database reporting has slowed dramatically. The 211 Yolo database usually receives 25,000 hits and more than 5,000 calls a year.
- Facilities:
 - Capital Improvement Plan: As of this meeting, the bond sale has not yet been prepared and may need additional information, which may delay the Yolo renovation project.
 - Environmental Impact Report (EIR): After putting out a Request for Proposal, the County received and met with all 3 applicants. Chris is checking references and will be in negotiations for the EIR fairly soon.
 - Dignity Health is no longer interested in the Central Services Administration building, they are now looking at the old Gottschalks property which has been vacant in Woodland for a few years.
 - The City of Davis and the Board of Supervisors are planning a 2x2x2 meeting to look into alternative location options for a possible South Davis branch. The Library Advisory Board will be notified when a meeting is scheduled.
- HR and Operations:
 - After an internal recruitment process, Maria Sandoval was promoted to a full time Library Assistant position working out of the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, supporting the Library's two youth services leads.
 - The Library recently changed the title and emphasis for two positions that had been called Adult Services Librarians to Public Services Librarians, with an emphasis on system wide service. Touger Vang will be representing the East Yolo region and Dana Christy will represent the West Yolo region. Patty Valdovinos will act as support.
 - The Library Regional Manager position is still in the interview stages. Susan Martimo and Jenny Tan recently performed best qualified screening. Four names were moved forward for first interviews.
 - Since Patty is leaving her position to work as the City Librarian for Santa Monica, a recruitment will begin soon for the next County Librarian. The County recently hired Consultant Ruth Metz to meet with key stakeholders and do a needs assessment to discuss key characteristics and develop a recruitment plan for the County. During this process, the LAB, Friends groups and library staff will be able to provide feedback that she will share with HR. The Board of Supervisors will be the final decision maker. To help support this process and engage in the recruitment process, Sharon will draft a letter on behalf of the LAB to the Board of Supervisors.

- With a card, gift, and comments from around the table, the LAB thanked Patty for her service and all the great work she's done for the Library and the thought and care she personally brings to the position and the organization. The LAB expressed their deep appreciation and amazement at all the work she did behind the scenes, including advocacy and fostering collaborations. The LAB presented her with a card and small gift.
- Yolo County Library in the News:
 - The Board of Supervisors adopted an official County flag on February 7.
 - The Knights Landing Branch Library will be adding a fourth day of service on Saturdays from 1-5 pm beginning in early March. There will be a community celebration on March 25 with a special magic show and light refreshments.
 - The Library had great media coverage by Good Day Sacramento in January, where they visited the Winters Branch Library twice for the 'Upcycle Your Calendar' program and the start of the 'Walk 'N Talk' Book Club.

6. **YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION (Update)**

- The LAB voted on the Friends candidates who applied to be a part of the Committee. There were two positions open, a Friends representative from one of the larger branches, and one from the smaller branches. Both Patty and LAB board members were impressed that all of the candidates were good choices and could bring various strengths to the table and were well connected to their relative constituents. The discussion reviewed the candidates' qualifications and focused on how to ensure a good geographic mix in the context of the other members on a relatively small board. After tallying the anonymous votes from the members present, the results were:
 - Larger branches: Sally Brown: 5; Rory Osborne: 1; Peg Durkin: 1;
 - Smaller branches: Lynell Pollock: 7
 Sally Brown and Lynell Pollock were voted in and will join other Foundation committee members: Chris Crist, Camille Chan, Mary Stephens DeWall and Mark Fink. Chris will contact all the members to set a first meeting in March.

7. **LAB DEVELOPMENT**

- 2017 Important Dates Calendar – New dates to add
 - 3/25 at 10:00 a.m.: Community meeting at the Yolo Branch Library to discuss the temporary facility
 - 4/18: Day in the District at the State Capital
 - 5/26: River Cats baseball game: Patty Valdovinos will create a sample email for LAB to share and help promote. Great to spread the word and have Friends groups share on Facebook or other social media.

8. **TIMED DISCUSSION TOPIC:** On hold, given the substantive discussion items of the County Librarian Search and the Facilities Master Plan process.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Meeting room policy ratification: There was a need to update the meeting room policy and so a paragraph was added about political groups or meetings that wanted to use a Library facility. Political groups wanting to reserve the meeting room for a political topic would need to show both sides of an issue without catering to one side over the other. The Library already received approval from the Board of Supervisors and County Council to revise the policy to showcase a more balanced view/use of the meeting room space. To help discern whether a group is only giving one side, library staff will do research and ask questions of the group or person who would

like to reserve the room. Education, information and equity are the main supports for updating the policy.

- A LAB member suggested providing a narrower definition of what 'political' means, to focus on elections and campaigns, so as not to restrict broader discussions on issues like healthcare, climate change, etc. Another suggestion was to add in additional verbiage that negotiation or ability to revise the group's meeting are possible and is a way to empower the community and showcase flexibility on the library's part.
- The Library will consider the feedback from the LAB and discuss possible changes with the Board of Supervisors and County Counsel as needed.
- LAB committees reports:
 - Finance: None
 - Hospitality: None
 - Legislative: Bill Dodd has put forward legislation that would amend the State Constitution to allow cities, counties, and special districts to issue bonded indebtedness for library related capital outlay with 55% voter approval, lowering the threshold from the current 2/3 voter approval. Scott Love will represent Yolo on the Legislative committee that Patty Wong was previously a member of to work with Dodd's office to provide support as needed. The bill would be applied statewide.
- Facilities Master Plan:
 - The LAB is engaged in this process and is looking forward to more communication with the consultants. Jenny Tan and Chris Crist will be liaisons between the LAB and consultants. A survey and community forums are next on the plate for the Facilities Master Plan process.

11. LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Sharon Hallberg (City of Davis):** On February 7 there was a community meeting in Yolo regarding the temporary portable for the Yolo branch reconstruction and possibly negotiating for a closer footprint to the fire station. UC Davis' Shields Library is 100 years old and we hope to continue the connection and kinship between Yolo County Library and UC Davis library staff. The most recent Davis Book Sale was a success and the Logos Bookstore, now under ownership of the Friends of the Davis Branch Library, framed its first \$1.
- **Rie Surad-Miller (District 5):** The Almond Festival is happening on February 26 and the community is excited for this yearly celebration. On February 12 Betty Kevin hosted a fundraising event.
- **Mark Fink (District 1):** The Friends of the Clarksburg Branch Library had their annual Friends meeting recently with guest speaker Jonathan London, who is the director of UC Davis' Center for Regional Change. The Clarksburg Friends have two new board members and at their next meeting, the Friends will elect new officers. The West Sacramento Friends have a new President, Alex Hirsch, who recently transitioned into this position. The West Sacramento Friends recently submitted a grant to the Sacramento River Cats. If funded, this grant would provide chromebooks that could be checked out for use in the Arthur F. Turner Community Library. Mark also wanted to thank Patty for her service, noted she is well regarded nationally and received Librarian of the Year in 2013. The expertise and compassion Patty brings inspires librarians and staff around the country and she will leave a legacy in Yolo County.
- **Holly Bishop (District 4):** The Logos Bookstore is now open and invites everyone to visit the store. The Friends of the Davis Public Library made \$8,192 at their last book sale and added

\$1,030 in membership dues. Holly attended the Davis Friends' annual meeting that honored Lois Wolk and Cass Sylvia.

- **Anthony Wright (District 2):** Anthony echoed the report of his Davis colleagues and shared that District Supervisor Don Saylor was sad to see Patty leave but also wanted to thank her for her dedication and work for Yolo County.
- **Rebecca Fridae (City of Winters):** The Winters Community Library is excited and happy to use the laptops that the Winters Friends recently purchased. The Friends are excited about the new program 'Walk n Talk', which gives teens and youth the opportunity to share what books they are reading and also connect with each other as they walk around the town. In May, award winning author Reyna Grande is visiting the library. The special family story times with the Winters Police and Fire Departments were a great success and a hit with families and children. Liz Comen was recently on Good Day Sacramento for her Reusable Calendar program. The Winters Friends held a retreat in late January and shared concerns around maintenance and safety at the branch. February 10 is the Poetry Jam, which showcases children and students in poetry. The Winters Friends created coupons to the Winters Friends' book store as a way to advertise and build sales. The Quiz show will be on February 23 and it is a great fundraiser, the Friends usually raise \$1000 with 150 participants. The Fruit tree sale is happening the first Saturday in March. The town is also preparing for the end of year parade and have decided on the theme of book fairies with the song "Love Potion Number 9." The Winters Friends are continuing their membership coupon cards where renewed members can receive discounts at local businesses. The Little Free Libraries are well used but may need some maintenance; a local Winters resident has agreed to renew the doors of every single Little Free Library in Yolo County.

12. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE:

- **Carol Strunk (Assistant Deputy to Oscar Villegas):** Carol thanked Patty from the Board and Oscar Villegas for the legacy she built for Yolo County and her many years of service.

13. ACTION ITEMS

14. NEXT MEETING

- April 12 at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library (1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento CA 95691) at 6:30 PM

15. ADJOURNMENT

- At 8:55 p.m.