

Library Advisory Board
MINUTES
April 9, 2015, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Modesto Library Conference Room
1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Present: Sheridan Beuving, Sue Henderson, Susan Lilly, Diane McDonnell, Joan Ahlstrand, Pat Portwood, Josh VanderVeen, Katie Wells

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Sheridan Beuving called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2015 Meeting – Motion: Sue Henderson, Second: Joan Ahlstrand. Unanimous Approval.
- III. Public Comment – None.
- IV. Correspondence – None.
- V. Report from County Librarian
 - a. We are in the process of making changes to the rules for behavior to include:
 - No smoking (including e-cigarettes and other tobacco products) on all library property, not just near entrances
 - Allowing covered beverages
 - Requiring all customers to wear shoes and shirts
 - b. We have added digital movies, music and TV to the Hoopla subscription
 - c. We are receiving a Veterans Connect grant to help veterans learn about and apply for benefits available. The grant will provide funding for a dedicated collection, computers and promotional materials. It will be staffed by volunteers. We will work with the Department of Aging and Veterans Services to develop the volunteer program.
 - d. A grant to provide a Pop-Up Library at the Modesto WIC (Women, Infants and Children) office has been approved by the CA State Library. Library staff will visit the WIC office twice a week to offer bilingual services, including Story Times, parent education about early literacy, and on-site library card sign-ups. A collection of children’s and parenting materials will be available for checkout at the WIC office. A new Youth Services Bilingual Outreach Librarian will lead the implementation of this program.
 - e. The Adult Literacy area is being redesigned with grant funding from the CA State Library.
- VI. Reports from Library Support Groups
 - Friends of the Library
 - Friends of the Patterson Library Used Book Sale was held: Tuesday afternoon for members only, Wednesday, Thursday and Monday open to the public. For this sale, they had to purchase bags, they received a poorer quality of book donations and experienced difficulty recruiting volunteers.
 - Friends of the Turlock Library has lost the use of a facility for used book storage and sorting. As a result, they are having to turn away book donations.

- Library Foundation
 - The Library Foundation is working on recruiting new/younger board members.
 - The Foundation continues to support the Summer Reading Program, eBooks, teen programs and the expansion of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
 - Recent fundraising includes the annual mail campaign, which raised approximately \$20,000, and the Business Partners program, which raised about \$30,000. The eventual goal is to develop an endowment for children's programs.
 - The Library Foundation will hold the Author's Garden Gala on September 26 at the home of Kent and Ginger Johnson. Author Paula Trieck DeBoard will speak and the event will feature a dessert auction. The committee is currently seeking sponsors.
 - The Shining Star Awards will be presented at the Library's Volunteer Recognition Event on Saturday, April 18.

VII. Old Business

- Ceres Library Project Update – There has been a slight delay. Asbestos and seismic testing is being conducted. The project includes new carpet, paint, electrical and furniture. There will be a centralized public service desk. When the library reopens, there will be an emphasis on children's programs.

VIII. New Business

- National Library Week Proclamations
 - April 12-18. Proclamations will be presented by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and City Councils countywide.
- Expiring Terms – 2 members (Katie Wells and Josh VanderVeen. Katie Wells will not renew her membership on the board.)
 - Potential new members: Carol Schuler (Crows Landing/Ag), Frank Clark (Oakdale)
- Exploring Friday open hours
 - Customer comments show that Friday hours are highly desired. We are looking at the feasibility of restoring Friday hours, considering additional staffing and the costs.

IX. Announcements – None.

X. Next Meeting Date –July 9, 2015 (4:30-5:30 p.m.)

XI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 by Chairman Sheridan Beuving.