

Library Advisory Board
MINUTES
July 11, 2019, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Modesto Library Auditorium
1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Present: Board Members - Lise Talbott and Joshua Vander Veen; Library Staff Members – Patti Boardrow, John Fleming, Diane McDonnell; CEO Representative – Kelly Covello; Friends Representative – Pat Glattke, Friends of the Modesto Library Vice President

Absent: Sheridan Beuving, Sue Henderson, Dorothy Finnegan

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions – Chairman Josh Vander Veen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of April 11, 2019 – Minutes of the April meeting will be approved at the next meeting in October.

III. Public Comment – None

IV. Correspondence – None

V. Report from County Librarian

Expanded eBook Offerings – We can now offer an expanded eBook program, like ILL for eBooks, through the library website. Our collection just grew from 5,000 to 100,000!

Chromebooks Grant – We were awarded the Chromebooks grant; we will receive thirty-six Chromebooks that can be checked out for use in the library. They will be available in six libraries: Waterford, Patterson, Newman, Modesto, Salida and Turlock. Chromebooks are similar to laptops or iPads.

Grant – Another grant for \$14,000 was awarded to the library for Summer Lunch programs being held at Sylvan, Waterford and Modesto school districts.

Summer Reading – May 21 to August 6. *It's Showtime at your Library!*

Zip Books – \$45,000 is available for this program for the current fiscal year.

Rules for Behavior – A new format was created for the library's Rules for Behavior. It is a cardstock version printed in color.

Opera Modesto (previously known as Townsend Opera Players) – There is a new literacy initiative revolving around Jane Austen. It's intended to get young people excited about reading. Chamber Opera – Annual community-wide event. They've been invited to participate in the Halloween parade.

Turlock Library project is moving along. – The project team and architects want to make sure plans are meeting the goal. They are creating a master plan for expanding in the future. A community meeting will be held.

Empire Library community meeting was held with Supervisor Kristin Olsen. Construction is expected to begin December of this year and July 2020 is the target date for finishing. June 25 a presentation was made to the Board of Supervisors. The company selected for the job, Roebbelen, is out of El Dorado Hills. There is an opportunity to supply Empire Library with furnishings, fixtures and equipment from a

grant available through Sunlight Giving Foundation. We are requesting \$75,000. This will free up funds that would have been used on those things.

Library Mobile Escape Room with science theme. SEPA science education partnership award.

National Institute of Health - Solving Biomedical... (English and Spanish) - Multi-year grant for over a 5-year period.

Diane McDonnell announced that she plans to retire in September!

VI. Reports from Library Support Groups

Friends of the Library

Modesto FOL – Pat Glatke reported that she is working on the opera project related to the “Story into Song” literacy initiative. The Friends will be planning an event in support of the initiative.

September 7 the Friends of the Modesto Library will be having a “mini” used book sale with children’s books for sale at Modesto Library.

Friends are partnering with Olga Castaneda for the Magic Carpet Read at the Crows Landing flea market in Modesto. There are families, children, music, all in a friendly atmosphere, which is a great place to reach people who may not come into the library. They read to children while their parents get information on the importance of reading to children and having books in the home. They also give away gently used books.

Patterson FOL- Sue Henderson – Patterson Friends have a “dark” July and August but they will be back in operation after that time. Their book sale in April wasn’t great. They had more paperbacks and not a lot of hard back books.

Waterford FOL- Lise Talbott – Waterford FOL is having a Back-to-School backpack giveaway.

Library Foundation – Friday, August 16, the Foundation will hold an event at the library after hours to show appreciation to donors who support the library by giving to the Foundation.

The Foundation is having their annual Garden Gala fundraiser September 14, hosted by Ginger and Kent Johnson again this year. Tickets are \$140.

VII. Old Business

We are in the process of finalizing the 19/20 budget adjustments. The library is requesting an SUV for Youth Services Outreach and a new van for delivery services. Salary and benefits increased by 3.5%.

Dorothy Finnegan has been reappointed as the District 2 board member on the Library Advisory Board. There is still a vacancy in District 3, Salida area, where we could use a representative.

VIII. New Business

JoAnn Henley – Library Recruitments:

- The continuous Library Assistant recruitment has been keeping us busy, screening applications, interviewing, etc. We have had 1228 applicants and 213 passed the initial screening. 104 showed up for the oral examinations and 87 have passed. We have hired nine people and there are 66 still on the list. The recruitment was taken down so the qualifications could be updated.
- The Library Page recruitment opened Monday, July 8, and we are receiving applications.

John Fleming – IT - We are finally on Cenic Internet service! We started this process in 2008 and it's taken 11 years to get fully moved over. The library will receive three years of free Internet. We expect to get an additional three years at a discounted rate. This allows us to provide better Internet services for our customers and staff. All library services that use computers at all branches will benefit from this by the increased bandwidth to all branches, provided by Cenic. This also affects customers who bring in their own devices. We are expecting more demand as time goes on.

IT will be replacing all of the network infrastructure to all libraries, replacing all of wiring, all of the network devices. The project is expected to cost approximately \$500,000 with 85% discount, provided by eRate (because we're a library), so it will cost the library approximately \$75,000. The goal is to have the infrastructure updated by the fourth quarter of 2020.

Recently, in Newman and Waterford we removed old computer tables and installed new ones. This opened up access to main desk at Newman.

Digital signage has been installed at the Modesto Reference Desk area. The content is being programmed by Outreach. We hope to pick up two more "stand-up" kiosks. We want them inside each of our libraries to announce upcoming events.

Chromebooks – We are working on the technical part for Grayson set-up.

Staff Transaction Stations (STS) have been installed and are now operational at all libraries. These replace old cash registers and are integrated into the computers already at each library. We have also added Apple Pay and Android. Branch supervisors are being trained and then they go back to their libraries and teach their own staff. Many of the cash registers are very old.

IX. Announcements – Modesto FOL – Pat Glattke announced that the used book sale held by Friends on May 4 showed up on YouTube. Good Morning Sacramento came at the perfect time!

X. Next meeting date: October 10, 2019, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

XI. Adjournment – Chair

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Library Advisory Board after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the Modesto Library Reference Desk during normal business hours. Such documents are also available on the Library website at www.stanislauslibrary.org/about_advisory_board.shtml subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.