

**STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES - JANUARY 20, 2005**

I. Call to Order – The meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by David Lopez, Board Chair. Members present were: Randee Stidham, Margaret Bowen, David Lopez, Chair, Marilynne Allen, Sandy McDowell, Sheridan Beuving. Also present: Vanessa Czopek, County Librarian, Susan Lilly, Public Information Officer, Hank Barrett of the Stanislaus County Library Foundation Board and Tim Fedorchak from the Capital Projects division of the county CEO office.

II. Approval of Minutes – Sheridan Beuving moved the approval of the October 28, 2004 meeting. Marilynne Allen seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. Meet your District Supervisor – Vanessa encouraged board members to visit their respective supervisors to discuss library services and needs.

B. Collection of Fines – Vanessa reported that a staff committee has been formed to make recommendations about addressing the issue of outstanding fines. This could result in a policy change (i.e. fine threshold at which a card could no longer be used).

C. Renovation/Closure of Modesto Library – work is expected to begin next month on the remodel of public restrooms to meet ADA standards and replacement of the ailing lighting system. The Board of Supervisors has approved a three to four week closure of the Modesto Library for the most disruptive aspects of the project. The public will be notified a month in advance of any closure and temporary additional hours will be scheduled at nearby branches during the closure. Telephone and online reference will still be available.

D. Young Adult Member – the board reviewed five applications from young adults seeking a single position on the board. The board voted and elected Sloane Ardis was to fill the position. The board directed to staff to notify all applicants of the decision, and to encourage those who are still in the area to apply again next time.

IV. Public Comment – None

V. New Business

A. County Librarian 's Report (Vanessa Czopek)

- February 3 Library Staff Meeting – Library Advisory Board Members are invited to attend the meeting, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Please meet at the back dock as the public entrance is closed at this time.
- Staff Survey – tabled until April meeting.

B. Capital Improvement Plan (Tim Fedorchak)

Tim Fedorchak discussed the Library portion of the county's Capital Improvement Plan, which addresses facility needs over the next 20 years. Improvements in the library infrastructure follow two main tracks: 1) establishment of a regional system through the expansion/maintenance of facilities in Salida, Modesto, Turlock and Oakdale; and, 2) replacement or expansion of other branch facilities to meet growing population needs. All projects are subject to available funding and the plan's timelines are flexible to allow the county to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

C. Library Foundation Fundraiser (Hank Barrett)

Hank Barrett announced that the Library Foundation will hold an Adult Spelling Bee on April 21, 6-9 p.m. at the Modesto Center Plaza. Up to 24 teams of four will compete in the single elimination tournament-style competition. Each team will pay an entry fee of \$400. Individual tickets to attend the event may be purchased for \$10 each. The fundraising goal for this fun-filled event is \$15,000-20,000. Members of the Library Advisory Board are asked to support the event with their time, as volunteers will be needed to assist with various aspects of the event.

VI. Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2005, 4:30 p.m., location to be announced.

VII. Adjournment – Margaret Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy McDowell seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Lilly