

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2026
5:30-7:00 p.m. Salida Library
Community Room

Present: Board Members – District 1 Rep Renee Ousley-Swank, District 2 Rep Lise Talbott, District 4 Jen Pereira, District 5 Rep Gay Girard; At-Large Rep Monica Bown (Business), At-Large Rep Michael Lingg (Education), At-Large Rep Shanyyn Vitti-Avila (Education)
Library Staff Members – Sarah Dentan, Laura Ferrell, Curtis Lee, Wayne Philbrook, Angelique Prendez, Andrea Rush-McNeel, Marco Sepulveda, Bryan Sontag

- I. Meeting was called to order by Lise Talbott at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Consent Calendar
 1. Approved the Minutes for October 30, 2025
Gay Girard made a motion, and Shanyyn Vitti-Avila seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
- III. Public Comment – No public comments were received.
- IV. Report from County Librarian – Sarah Dentan
 1. County Librarian Report – Sarah discussed various programs and the fun things happening at the library which included Turlock Library – Print Art Cards, Empire Library – Escape from Candy Castle, Paws to Read held at several library branches, and the Halloween Spooktacular. The Halloween Spooktacular was a collaboration with the City of Modesto. It had a great turnout with 1,400 in attendance, which was up from 800 the previous year. Thank you to Modesto Friends for their support.

The reopening of the Riverbank Library was successful with 400 in attendance. There were several dignitaries, including the Mayor of Riverbank and City Council Members.

Sarah provided statistical information on physical circulation and door count, which included the Modesto Express Library. The Modesto Express Library had the third highest foot count and sixth highest check out in the library system with a door count of about 5,000 each month.
- V. Staff Reports
 1. Facility Report – Marco Sepulveda, Facilities Manager discussed the change in Guard Companies.

The reopening of the book drop at the Modesto Library is pending. Communication will be on social media once it is open. Due to this closure, there has been an increase in book returns to the Modesto Express Library.

The Keyes Library contract and construction agreement will go to the Board of Supervisors on February 24, 2026 for approval. Keyes demolition is scheduled for March, reopening is planned for October 2026.

The Waterford Library has been approved for conceptual design work.

2. Budget Report – Curtis Lee, Business Manager reviewed the library budget report for Fiscal Year 2026, as of December 2025 and the sales tax breakdown.
3. Information Technology – Andrea Rush-McNeal, IT Manager provided an update on the digital ADA compliance mandate by the DOJ, overview, mandates, timelines, and status update.

VI. Reports from Library Support Groups

1. Friends of the Library

Theresa Hubert – Friends of the Salida Library provided an update on their discussion regarding what information can be posted or shared with the county due to ADA guidelines.

The annual book sale will be held on March 6 and 7. Currently accepting book donations.

Membership drive increased by six members.

2. Library Foundation

Susan Thomas – The Library Foundation held their annual mail campaign in November and raised \$23,000. They are planning to make changes for outreach.

VII. Action

1. Appointment of At Large Member – Appoint Michael Lingg to the Stanislaus County Free Library Advisory Board to a three-year term ending January 31, 2029

Renee Ousley-Swank made a motion, and Shanyyn Vitti-Avila seconded the motion to accept the action. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

VIII. Announcements – Board Members

No announcements received.

IX. Agenda Building – Next meeting: April 23, 2026, at Salida Library – Community Room

X. Correspondence – Chair

No correspondence received.

XI. Adjournment – Chair

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Motion to adjourn Lise Talbott and Monica Brown seconded the motion.

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 Salida 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.