

MINUTES  
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023, 3:30 p.m.  
HANFORD MEETING ROOM  
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY  
HANFORD, CA

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**ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were an Ms. Margaret Lirones and Ms. Linda Mackey. Absent was Mr. Joe Neuhardt, and Ms. Anne Sutton, Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director and Tanya Russell - Library Manager. Public present Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator, Senator Melissa Hurtado’s Office.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes were approved as printed.

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

N/A

**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

**Mobile Library Update** –Tanya Russell, Library Manager provided the project update. Books are in the vehicle and staff are becoming acclimated to driving the vehicle through-out the county. Staff is in the process of completing the library operational procedures. The Ribbon Cutting event is scheduled for Wednesday February 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

**Program Updates** – The Local Authors Event is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., featuring local author, Bob Peden. The statistics for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Open House was shared, 824 attended the event held at all branches in December 2022.

**2023-2024 Budget** – The county’s budget process has begun. Library Director and Executive Secretary have attended the required budget trainings. As staff proceeds, future updates will be shared.

**Personnel Update** – We’re excited to announce that Bertha is our new Library Assistant at the Avenal Branch Library, she started with us in December. We are in the process of recruiting for a new Youth Services Librarian.

**Infrastructure Grants** – With the mobile library underway the library is ready to move into focusing on the infrastructure projects for Lemoore and Hanford.

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS**

**Bylaws** – The LAB continued the review and discussed on a second draft of the revised bylaws. Additional options on the two areas: membership and regular meetings was provided for discussion. How to increase representation in regard to membership was discussed and it was decided to leave the membership as is. The second draft will be sent over to County Counsel for review and approval before taking it to the Board of Supervisors.

**REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Alicia Jacobo, provided an update on senatorial activities in the district.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Ms. Wilma Humason report the FOL help their first meeting of the year last week. They have two new officers, President, and Vice President. The FOL is looking forward to a busy year ahead.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Wilma Humason shared the article about the new mobile library from the Hanford Sentinel.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason.