

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD MEETING ROOM
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Mr. Joe Neuhardt, Ms. Linda Mackey, and Ms. Anne Sutton. Absent was Ms. Margaret Lirones. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director, Brian Martin – Library IT Specialist II, and Barbara Mejia, Library Assistant III. 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

Personnel Update – Two extra help employees and two full-time Library Assistant I’s have been hired. Currently, we are in the recruitment process for a new Youth Services Librarian. The HR department has done a fantastic job assisting the library department with the recruitment and hiring processes.

Facilities Update – Last week the Kettleman City Branch Library was closed due to flooding. The Public Works did an outstanding job responding to this emergency. The Kettleman City Branch reopened its regular hours on Tuesday, June 14th. The air conditioning at the Avenal Branch Library has been out for about two weeks and grateful for Public Works who installed four temporary air conditioning units. Repair and installation of for Avenal will be begin on Monday, June 20th.

Library Broadband – We’ve come so far! Brian shared power point presentation on the progress on the development of the library’s broadband from 2014 to 2022.

2022 Summer Reading Program – Barbara shared a power point presentation on the benefits, the importance, and specific elements of summer reading. The Summer Reading Program is open to all ages; in-person and virtual and began on June 7th and ends July 29th.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Alicia shared it was good to see Avenal and Kettleman City branch libraries as official ballot box locations and inquired as to the status of the infrastructure grant. Natalie replied, “no word as of yet, the State Library is still reviewing applications.”

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Wilma Humason reported that the Friends sold 2,058 books at the book sale on Saturday, May 21st. A 40th anniversary is being planned for October 19th. The next book sale will be in October. She attended the Reptile Ron program at Hanford and encouraged other members to attend a program if their schedule allows. Mr. Joe Neuhardt shared that he attended the program this morning as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS
Mr. Joe Neuhardt inquired if the LAB will be taking a hiatus this summer. It was moved and seconded to go on hiatus for July and August. Ms. Wilma Humason mentioned electing a new chair and vice chair. Natalie will send the members a copy of the bylaws for review and the item place on the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 15, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason.