

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Mr. James Tucker, Ms. Anne Sutton, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Ms. Linda Mackey was absent. Library staff present were Ashley Nuhfer – Digital Services Librarian and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Due to lack of a quorum, the minutes will be approved at the next meeting. Corrections were made.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Ms. Alicia Jacobo was present to represent Senator Hurtado's Office.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Personnel Update

- The 9/80 Summer Schedule for staff was approved effective September 5th and will continue through December.
- Cynthia Hagerty was hired for the Library Assistant I position, starting September 18th.

Program Update

- Summer Reading Report was passed out to the members. The program was a success including performers Reptile Ron and George the Giant.
- Lunch @ the Library visited 5 sites, 3 times each. 790 books were given out to students.
- The Local Author Event on August 19th was a success with 10 local authors and 90 people in attendance.
- The Mobile Library has visited Valley Christian Home, the Lemoore Rotary, KCAO in Kettleman City, including upcoming events for the Lemoore Naval Base, Cotton Festival in Corcoran, and the KCAO Harvest Festival.

Budget Updates

- Final approval on County Budget was on August 22nd. Librarians were approved to make purchases for new library materials.
- The Infrastructure Grant Projects is in the RFP process, receiving bids from Architects/Construction Companies.

Libby eBook App

- Ashley Nuhfer provided the members with a Libby demonstration.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

- Margaret Lirones spoke to the members about her trip to Chicago for ALA in June and passed around literature from the conference.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

- Alicia Jacobo reported that the Senator's office has moved to Lemoore in August. The Senator is currently on break and has a deadline for signing on October 14th.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

- Ms. Wilma Humason reported that the FOL are looking for a new treasurer. The next regularly scheduled Friends' meeting is on October 12th at the Hanford Branch Library. The Book Sale is on October 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

- Alicia announced that she attended the SRP Performer, Reptile Ron in Corcoran and it was good. She visited the Lemoore Branch and staff were very nice.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason.Farc46*