

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

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Linda Mackey, Ms. Anne Sutton, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Member absent were Mr. James Tucker. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director and Tanya Russell, Library Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for June and September were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Infrastructure Projects Update

- The RFP for architect selection is still in progress. Once completed the Department of Public Works will be going to the Board of Supervisors for contract approval.

23-24 Library Budget Overview

- The library's budget narrative was shared, and the library's vision, mission, strategic initiatives, and service priorities reviewed and discussed how they are aligned with the library's budget allocation.

Library Hours of Operation to the Public

- The library addressed a patron's concern about the library's open hours. The hours of operations were reviewed again and the rationale discussed and supported by the LAB.

Library Materials Management

- After a lengthy discussion, the LAB re-reviewed and supported the Collection Development Policy and Procedures.

November Holiday Schedule

- On October 17th the Board of Supervisors approved the library staff requests to close all branch libraries for the Saturday, November 11, 2023, Veterans Day and Saturday, November 25, 2023, of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

- Ms. Margaret Lirones shared how the operational concerns are addressed with the inmates at the Corcoran State Prison library where she works.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

- N/A

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

- Three FOL members attended the October 17th Board of Supervisors meeting for the resolution proclaiming October 15-21, 2023, as Friends of the Kings Library Week in Kings County, during National Friends of Libraries Week. The FOL book sale is Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

- A resolution proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness month is going to the Board of Supervisors on October 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason.