

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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 Mr. Joe Neuhardt. Members present were Mr. Joe Neuhardt, Ms. Anne Sutton, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Absent was Ms. Linda Mackey and Ms. Wilma Humason. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved as printed.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Personnel Update – Interviews were held for one fulltime Library Assistant I position at Hanford and one part-time, Library Assistant 1 at Avenal. A job offer has been made for the Hanford position. We are still looking for interested candidates for the Avenal position.

Outreach Calendar – The library participated in 11 outreach activities during the months of September and October.

Internet Policy Update – The library’s Internet Policy has not been updated in over five years. To be eligible for the San Joaquin Valley Library System E-Rate computer discounts the policy needs to be reviewed. The revised policy was reviewed with discussion and changes. The revised Internet Policy was adopted and approved with the minor changes.

2022 Legislative Platform – This year’s legislative platform was shared. Natalie will be meeting with the CAO’s office and the lobbyist on Friday, October 28th.

eBook Circulation Trends – Overdrive user and check-out statistics for approximately a six-year period was shared.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

LAB Bylaws – The LAB began to review of the bylaws and discussed the new chair assignment. After much discussion it was decided that the bylaws need a total revision. From the comments discussed a draft will be prepared for review for the next meeting.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

N/A

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

The Friends celebrated National Friends of the Library Week and their 40th Anniversary with a reception on Wednesday, October 19th. A recognition piece which will be installed at the Hanford Branch Library was unveiled commemorating the founders of the Friends of the library. The Hanford Sentinel will have an article in the paper this coming Friday. The next book sale will be October 22nd. The Friends of the Library monthly meeting has been changed to the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Natalie R. Rencher, Library Director inquired if the LAB would be interested in Brown Act Training that would be provided by County Counsel. The LAB expressed interest in the training. Arrangements for the training will be made at future meeting in 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 17, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by Mr. Joe Neuhardt.