

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
LEMOORE BRANCH LIBRARY
LEMOORE, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:32p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Margaret Lirones. Mr. James Tucker attended on speaker phone. Ms. Linda Mackey was excused. Library staff present were Tanya Russell, Library Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator for State Senator Melissa Hurtado was also present.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Update on the Hanford and Lemoore Renovation Projects

Tanya Russell reported the difficult decision was made to not have a temporary location for the Lemoore library. She explained this decision was because of a change of plans from original facility became unavailable. The plan for the Hanford temporary library is now to lease a retail building, thus increasing the costs. Tanya informed the members that as soon as the BOS approved the retail space contract, the Library Director will send out a press release updating the Hanford community.

Staff presentation of new digital resources Hoopla and Comics Plus

Barbara Mejia, Library Assistant III for the Lemoore branch passed out flyers and information on two new digital resources. She answered questions and assisted Ms. Lirones with finding the resources on our web page. Ms. Lirones did not want to download the app but was pleased to have this new resource through the web page.

Programs and Highlights

Tanya Russell shared the attendance so far for March of Movie Times, Chapter Chat and Saturday classes.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

Library Advisory Board Vacancy

Tanya asked the board members their preference regarding interviewing and voting on a new member, which had been done previously or have the Board of Supervisors make the appointment. Wilma stated that since 2019, pre-Covid the BOS appointed members and that is the preference. Ms. Lirones stated BOS appointment was her preference as well.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Tanya stated she had nothing to report. Ms. Jacobo said she has been watching the national news regarding cuts to funding to Institute of Museums and Libraries (IMLS)

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma reported that one of the FOL had been ill and the other taking care of an ill husband. She stated if the president of the FOL cannot chair the meeting for April, she would. Wilma also stated that as treasurer she mailed physical copies of the treasurer's report to members this month since there was no meeting, and she did not think all members checked their email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Lirones shared she had just returned from visiting her daughter in Georgia. While there she visited the Gwinnett County library system and spoke about how modern and nice the libraries are in that county and how big the county is with many library branches.

ADJOURNEMENT

The Board decided the next meeting will be on April 17th, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library instead of the Corcoran Library since Ms. Lirones will be unable to attend the April meeting. The May meeting will be held at the Corcoran Library instead.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ms. Wilam Humason at 4:26 pm.