

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD MEETING ROOM
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

Ms. Wilma Humason called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. Members present were Ms. Margaret Lirones, Mr. Joe Neuhardt, and Ms. Anne Sutton. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher-Library Director, Farrah Canseco-Executive Secretary. New Library Advisory Board Member, Linda Mackey was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved as written.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- The library's soft reopening plan with hours of operation was shared. The library is open at 50% capacity. The public is pleased to have some access to inside the library branches. All library branches are now excepting donations.
- Library staff have been very busy with outreach programs for Out-of-School Time, Dia De Los Ninos, and other community outreach events. Each event has been successfully attended by the public. Especially, the Dia De Los Ninos program which was in partnership with First 5 Kings County. Over 650 children and parents received book bags with free books from the library and literacy kits from First 5. The library received a grant from the California State Library for Dia De Los Ninos programming.
- The library has completed its RFB process with the Purchasing Department and County Counsel. Farber Specialty Vehicles was awarded the contract. The vehicle is being manufactured as we speak. We are now in a waiting mode as it will take four months for the vehicle to be complete. Library staff will be monitoring the process during this time.
- The library is in the process of recruiting for the Digital Services Librarian, Library Assistant III, and two Extra-Help positions. Applications are now open for all four positions.
- A website demonstration was provided showing the statewide library infrastructure needs across the state by Senatorial and Assembly districts. Kings County Library has \$13 million of needed renovations and remodels and has some of the oldest library buildings in both districts.
- The Governor's May revise included proposals for public libraries under the State Library Budget. One important item of interest is: **Library infrastructure** – An increase of \$50 million in one-time General Fund for an equity-focused matching grant program to support local library infrastructure.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

N/A

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Wilma Humason shared that the Friends met at the Irwin Street Inn and had a productive meeting. Three new members have joined the group. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 1:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be June 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason.