



LIBRARY

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Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2023, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Modesto Library Auditorium

Present: Board Members –, District 2 Rep Lise Talbott, District 4 Rep Joshua Vander Veen, District 5 Rep Gay Girard; At-Large Rep Michael Lingg. Library Staff Members – Patti Boardrow, Sarah Dentan, Curtis Lee, Andrea Rush-McNeel, Bryan Sontag; Friends of the Library Representative(s) – Friends of the Modesto Library VP Beverly Schlegel; Foundation President Susan Thomas

Absent: District 3 Rep/Chair Stella Beratlis, District 1 Rep Renée Ousley-Swank, At-Large Representative Shany Avila (*all excused absences*)

- I. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Lise Talbott at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Gay Girard was welcomed to the Board representing District 5. Gay told us she has been a resident of Patterson for 12 years. She became interested in the Ballot Measure S for the Library 1/8 cent dedicated sales tax. She also serves on the Friends of the Patterson Library.
- III. Consent Calendar
 1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held April 27, 2023
Motion was made by Josh Vander Veen to accept the minutes as written, and it was seconded by Michael Lingg. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
- IV. Public Comment - none
- V. Report from County Librarian – Sarah Dentan

New expanded hours will go into effect August 5, 2023. Library hours will increase by 91 hours per week county wide. We came out of COVID with reduced hours.

Keyes Library Move –A new location for the Keyes library will be in the Keyes Community Center at 5506 Jennie Avenue. It will open Aug. 7 and provide limited services, at least initially.

Modesto Refurbishment – There is an ambitious \$18 million plan which includes asbestos abatement, ceiling tile replacement, and lighting upgrades. The full project relies on a \$10 million grant we applied for from the California State Library. We expect to hear by September whether we will be awarded the grant. Other improvements to Modesto Library include security cameras, ADA corrections, elevator retrofit, and improvements to staff work areas and public areas. Additional projects with leftover money include Salida Tenant space improvements, Newman and Riverbank interior upgrades and patio covers, and Patterson window coverings.

Programming

Día (Cultural Appreciation) – Celebrates reading. We give away books during the event.



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Escape Room – VENOMventure is an educational traveling escape style game that was on loan to Modesto Library in June.

Maker Spaces – Some recent activities include: Plants for mom with succulents provided by Master Gardeners; Tinker Tuesdays – Monthly program offers use of 3D pens, LEGO® blocks, snap circuits, etc.; Sewing – Learn about machine parts, basic sewing terminology, skills; Coloring – relax and use our supplies for creative time.

Outreach

Job Fair – Library staff shares information about the library, opportunities, upcoming recruitments, and careers with the library.

Music and Stories at Gallo Center

Stanislaus County Office of Education – Maker Hoopla family friendly event with Technology Tinkering and display of STEAM kits

Pride Picnic Day

Summer Reading Programs – Salida Library did Summer Reading Kickoff. Magician Brian Scott went to all 12 branches, plus Grayson. Drum Love performed at all 12 libraries. Python Ron visited some Stanislaus libraries.

Summer Feeding “Lunch at the Library” was Monday through Thursday with free food for children at Salida Library. Library supplies and activities were provided to children and a total of 3365 have been served lunch so far this season. Youth Services Outreach goes out to sites where free lunches are given out to promote reading and offer activities. 1,126 books were given out this summer.

Partnerships with County Departments

Agriculture Commissioner - New rules on pesticides. Books will be available at libraries for checkout.

Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners provide classes at the library.

Kids Connect (Child Support)

Statistics

Circulation is moving in the right direction. We expect the increase in open hours to help.

Cloud Library & Hoopla graph was shared and numbers are climbing.

Door counts are slowly inching up.

Wiggle Worms returns! Modesto will be doing primarily Wiggle Worms story times for the next three months. We are paying attention to developmental needs.

VI. Staff Reports

1. IT Update – Andrea Rush-McNeel

In the past three months:

All new printers were deployed.

Moving all internal Sharepoint to Connect.

Updated the internal supply store (for staff supply orders)

Applied for a second year of funding for eBooks for All.

Projects in Progress:

Broadband for All – for cities/towns without high-speed Internet.

Aging & Veterans Services get computers.

Working with Modesto City Schools.

Homework help with HelpNow – online help is offered 24/7. (Andrea can email out pdf HelpNow materials for people to print if we give her contacts).

Network Update – Phase 2 – Board Agenda item scheduled to go Aug. 15, 2023.

BLUEcloud Analytics

- Meet with Sirsi Dynix Project coordinator July 25
- IT staff attending trainings in August – Over 120 hours of training needed
- Will start move over late fall.

IT Facilities Update

- Modesto pushes out network to all branches
- Server room needs to stay very cool temperature – Cooling unit needs to be moved closer to server room. It will be on the portico with a cage.

Keyes – will start moving equipment out of Keyes July 28, 2023. Tested network for new site. Need to make some adjustments. Limited services will be offered for now and will expand based on need.

What's Next?

Cross-training IT staff on reporting.

Dropping to one coin and bill acceptor per branch. Replace all.

Recommissioning old 2012 servers at end of August.

New PA systems for Salida and Modesto.

Get support from Sirsi Dynix to update public catalog pages.

eBooks – State Library gave us more money for Palace App.

Frustrations are being heard with Palace App glitches: saving a page and catalog searches.

Andrea is working on getting issues fixed/corrected. Small newer company with only 20 people or so.

Sirsi Dynix – We need a certain level of support with first couple of years writing reports that were previously done manually. Some reports will already be available if anyone has done them before.

2. Budget Report – Curtis Lee

Review of the budget as of June 30, 2023. The Library met or exceeded budgeted revenue. Part of June is just an estimate.

VII. Reports from Library Support Groups

1. Friends of the Library:

a. Modesto FOML – Bev Schlegel reported on the Used Book Sale held the first Saturday in May. They raised close to \$4,000. They still have books left over and will start accepting books in 2024 for the next sale. The Scholastic Book Sale sold over \$5,000. Some attended *Libraries for All* webinar. Friends can get emails for free to get ideas. Looking for ideas for National Library Week? A \$500 grant was received and a Hogwarts Winter Break Activity will be held. It's a fun activity for children, teens and adults.

2. Library Foundation – Susan Thomas mentioned the Shining Star Event was held April 29 in appreciation of volunteers. There was an All Friends Conference focused on advocacy. Farmers Market was used as an opportunity to talk to people and promote the Palace App. The Foundation had a float in the 4th of July Parade and won best Kids Group entry. They will hold their Party at the Library in August in appreciation of donors supporting the Foundation. The Gala in September is their big fundraiser of the year.

VIII. Action - None

- IX. Discussion – Use of Libraries as Emergency Cooling Zones – Lise Talbott wondered if the libraries could be listed as cooling centers. She represents District 2 which includes Waterford. Tragically, there was a death of a homeless person recently. The Office of Emergency Services (OES) informed Lise of the requirements for a cooling zone. The Waterford Library air conditioner isn't reliable and we would have to supply cool water. The OES is not supplying water any longer.
- X. Announcements – Susan Lilly has retired from the library. You may talk to Sarah Dentan or Andrea Rush-McNeel about anything you would normally ask Susan.
- XI. Agenda Building – Next meeting: Oct. 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
- XII. Correspondence – None
- XIII. Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Library Advisory Board after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the Modesto Library Reference Desk during normal business hours. Such documents are also available on the Library website at www.stanislauslibrary.org/about_advisory_board.shtml subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.