

Library Advisory Board  
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January 9, 2014, 4:30 p.m.  
Modesto Library Conference Room  
1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Present: Joan Ahlstrand, Sheridan Beuving, Sue Henderson, Hannah Neeley, Joshua Vander Veen, Katie Wells, Susan Lilly – library staff, Amy Taylor – library staff, Karen Williams – Learning Quest Stanislaus Literacy Centers

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Sheridan Beuving
- II. Approval of Minutes for October 10, 2013 meeting – Sue Henderson moved, Katie Wells seconded. Unanimous Approval.
- III. Public Comment – none.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Stanislaus Reads and Writes: Community Novel – Susan Lilly reported that the authors’ organizational meeting would take place on January 25 and writing of the novel will begin. There are 15 authors who will each contribute a chapter, building on the work of the previous author. The book will be professionally edited by Clare Noonan. Beginning in April, one chapter per week will be published online in pdf and audio formats. Upon completion of the novel, the book will be printed and available for purchase beginning November 16, 2014, to coincide with the Library Foundation’s event featuring Lemony Snicket (A.K.A. Daniel Handler). Each author will receive a complimentary ticket to the event.
- V. New Business
  - a. County Librarian’s Report – Amy Taylor reported that
    - i. Anne Marie Montgomery has been named Branch Operations Manager, the position which became available upon Charles Teval’s departure.
    - ii. The library recently received two grants:
      1. Día Family Book Club grant from the Association for Library Service to Children and funded by Dollar General. This monthly program will be held February through August at the Patterson Library and it will feature stories highlighting the cultures and traditions of a different country each month.
      2. Early Learning with Families grant through the State Library and funded by federal Library Services and Technology Act funds. These funds will be used to purchase furniture and equipment for the *Early Learning Zone* at the Ceres Library. The Early Learning Zone will be a highly interactive area where children can learn through play. With guidance from their parents/caregivers, children will be able to learn concepts such as colors, numbers, letters and shapes through puzzles, games and toys. With building pipes and slotted foam shapes, they will learn how pieces fit together to build a larger structure. A village store cart will be equipped with learning toys/props in various themes, such as fruits and

vegetables to play farmers market or a veterinary kit to learn about animals.

- b. Quarterly statistics were distributed and reviewed briefly.
- c. LearningQuest Literacy Program & Tour – Executive Director Karen Williams gave an overview of services provided by LearningQuest including adult literacy tutoring, GED preparation and family literacy/English as a Second Language instruction. The literacy center has been a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization since 1995 and it has partnered with the library since 2000. This partnership enables the literacy center to apply for \$125,000 in matching funds through the State Library.

The one-on-one tutoring program averages 100-125 volunteers and typically there are about 50 students on the waiting list. Tutors and students meet twice a week for 1.5 hours. Volunteers are asked to make a minimum commitment of 6 months.

The Library Advisory Board also visited the LearningQuest office in the Modesto Library near the Administration office. Program staff described the training, resources and support for volunteers.

VI. Correspondence – none.

VII. Announcements – Joan Ahlstrand announced that the Friends of the Turlock Library Used Book Sale would take place January 31 and February 1.

VIII. Next Meeting is April 10, 2014 (4:30-5:30 p.m.)

IX. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.