

Library Advisory Board

Minutes of January 12, 2006 Meeting

- I. Call to Order – Chairman David Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of October meeting – Peggy Bowen made the motion to approve; Sandy McDowell seconded the motion; unanimous approval.
- III. Old Business – none
- IV. Public Comment Period – none
- V. New Business
 - a. County Librarian Report – Vanessa Czopek reported:
 - i. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently awarded a \$72,000 grant to the Stanislaus County Library for hardware and software upgrades.
 - ii. The library will be transitioning from Dynix to Horizon in the next few months. This web-based catalog program offers enhanced features such as viewing book covers.
 - iii. LAB members are invited to attend the February 2 general staff meeting to meet library staff.
 - iv. The Modesto Library is in the final phase of replacing the antiquated telephone system. The new system will have more phone numbers, but public phone numbers will not change.
 - v. Some carpet has been replaced in the non-fiction area of the Modesto Library.
 - vi. The management position of Branch Operations Manager has not been filled.
 - vii. Susan Lilly reported that the Strategic Planning process is well underway and she reviewed the major areas of focus. A draft of the progress to date has been e-mailed to LAB members for input. Library staff at all levels and locations are currently reviewing and will provide feedback about how to achieve the established goals by end of January. A draft plan will be sent to LAB members when completed with additional feedback welcomed. The finalized Strategic Plan will be presented at a future meeting.
 - b. Foundation Center – Sandy McDowell reported that there is an opportunity to partner with the Foundation Center to provide specialized resources for grant seekers. Currently

the nearest Foundation Resource Centers are in Sonora and Sacramento . Vanessa and Susan will get more information and look into the feasibility of providing this service at the library.

c. 2-1-1 Stanislaus Helpline – Liz Gimble of United Way made a presentation about the 2-1-1 Stanislaus Helpline project, an integrated 3-digit information and referral system (works much like 9-1-1 or 4-1-1). Already operating in several other states and six Southern California counties, 2-1-1 is a single call for help for non-emergency health and human service needs. Existing programs have proven effective in reducing non-emergency calls to 9-1-1 , enabling emergency responders to focus on true emergencies.

Several counties in the Bay Area, Napa Valley and Sacramento area are planning to launch 2-1-1 systems this year. Fresno , Madera and Stanislaus counties are anticipate launching in 2007. Other counties are in early planning stages. There is a goal of having a statewide 2-1-1 system by 2011.

United Way requests a letter of support from the LAB, to be included in its application to the California Public Utilities Commission, which is the first major step toward establishing the 2-1-1 system in Stanislaus County . United Way is actively seeking grants and other funding sources to implement this system.

VI. Next meeting – scheduled for April 27, 4:30 p.m. , Modesto Library Conference Room

VII. Adjournment – motion made by Sandy McDowell; seconded by Marilynne Allen; unanimous approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Lilly