

Library Advisory Board
MINUTES
Oct. 17, 2019, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Modesto Library Auditorium
1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Present: Board Members – Sheridan Beuving, Sue Henderson, and Joshua Vander Veen; Library Staff Members – Patti Boardrow, Sarah Dentan, John Fleming, Susan Lilly, Bryan Sontag; Friends Representative – Denise Nordell, Friends of the Modesto Library President

Absent: Dorothy Finnegan, Lise Talbott

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions – Chairman Josh Vander Veen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Everyone welcomed Sarah Dentan and learned more about her background.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meetings held April 11 and July 11, 2019 – Minutes of the April and July meetings will be approved at the next meeting in January.

III. Public Comment – None

IV. Correspondence – None

V. Report from Library Operations Manager, Bryan Sontag

Chromebooks Grant – We applied for twelve more Chromebooks. These will be available for customers to check out and use inside the library.

Sunlight Giving Grant – The library received a \$75,000 grant for the Empire Library for FFE (Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment).

Turlock Library Remodel and Expansion Update – On September 10 the Board of Supervisors approved the Design Build Team of Roebbelen Contracting, Inc. and LDA Partners, Inc. for the Turlock Library project. Cost estimating phase is next and then final budget will need to go to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for approval.

Modesto Remodel Update – The second phase of the Central Desk project will be completed December 2-7. The library will be closed during remodel with approval from the Board of Supervisors. Holds pick-up will be available during the closure. Library operations will continue and phones will be answered. Two old check-out desks at the front entrance will be removed. Tile will be replaced with carpet at the entrance, and the public computers will move to a new location closer to the central service desk.

VI. Reports from Library Support Groups

Friends of the Library

Modesto FOL – Denise Nordell reported that their annual used book sale is held in May but they also had a mini book sale in September this year, due to some donated books they received. They made \$600! This Saturday, Oct. 19, buy books at Barnes & Noble and mention Friends of the Modesto Library and they will get a percentage of the proceeds.

LearningQuest's KidsQuest is a pilot program for children grades 2 through 6 with dyslexia. The youngest kids are around 7 years old. They need adult tutors who are willing to commit to 3 months minimum, but would prefer a one-year commitment. The sessions are 2 hours, 2 days per week on Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact Denise at (209) 765-6388 if you are interested.

Jane Con Events – All things Jane Austen will be happening at the library. There will be an escape room in Modesto Library conference room. Chris Moreno mentioned a Readers Theater and there will also be an “All Things Jane” book display.

Patterson FOL- Sue Henderson – Patterson Friends had a meeting Monday. They will hold their book sale Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They hope the volunteer firemen will come and help put books out for the sale.

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. New Business

Chromebooks – Bryan Sontag – We received 36 Chromebook units. We may get 12 more. We would like to have them at all branches. The goal is to brand them so they are easily identifiable as the property of the library. These are managed remotely. Customers can save to the device but once they log out, everything is gone. The devices have the equivalent of Word and Excel only it is Google software. User of the device has the capability of printing to “Printer On” and getting prints at the library. The checkout period for the Chromebooks will probably be for 3 hours. Battery life is about 20 hours. We have 6 charging cabinets. The devices charge rapidly. The target roll-out time is December 9 for Modesto. We’ll do a short pilot in Modesto so problems can be massaged out.

John Fleming – IT – Digital Signage – The library has purchased three kiosks that will be used in Modesto, Turlock and Salida libraries. Signs can display notices about upcoming construction, programs, etc. These signs are hard to miss, unlike a paper sign.

E-Rate, Category 2 – Federal program provides significant discounts of approximately 85% for Schools and Libraries. Will be replacing all network equipment including firewalls, switches, Wi-Fi access points, and cabling at each of our 13 locations.

Started last week. John is meeting with a consultant so we can provide better service for our customers.

IT has started upgrading sound, audio video in library auditorium. We will be installing new speakers, microphones, projector, and screen. It’s going to be easier to use so you don’t need an expert to operate it.

IX. Announcements – LAB Meeting Schedule – Sarah Dentan mentioned the conflict on second Thursdays with the Advisory Board and Library Foundation Board meetings and wondered if the third Thursday would be an option for the Library Advisory Board members. Patti will contact the members who aren’t here and find out if the third Thursday works and if a 4:00 time would be possible. We will schedule the next meeting in January on the third Thursday tentatively at 4:30.

X. Next meeting date: January 16, 2020, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

XI. Adjournment – Chair

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