

Minutes of the
SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, September 16, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Barney at 6:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

Members Present: Diane Barney, Kathryn Clark Silveira, Stephanie Cobb, Gloria Felder, Neil Hall, Maria Hernandez, Kurt Overholt, Dotty Schenk

Members Absent: Ron Heinrich, Cassandra Patton

Others Present: Bonnie Katz, Director of Library Services, Suzanne Olawski, Assistant Director of Library Services, Tamie Tvrdik, clerical
3. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Chris Rogers, Management Analyst for the Library from the County Administrator's Office introduced herself.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS MAILED FOR MEETING OF July 15, 2019:** Mr. Hall moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting; seconded by Mr. Overholt. Motion carried. So ordered by 8-0 vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Ms. Clark Silveira moved to approve the agenda for the September 16, 2019 meeting; Mr. Overholt seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by 8-0 vote.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** In addition to Ms. Katz's written report, she mentioned the success of the summer reading challenge that resulted in 8,588 customers participating and reading a total of 2.4 years. She added The Makery opened in the JFK library at the end of August and the community has been excited about it. Ms. Katz updated the Council on the staff innovation grants whereas the musical instruments are now circulating out of the Cordelia library and has been so successful that there may be other branches circulating musical instruments in the near future. The hotspots are circulating. Charging stations should be available soon, which is another innovation grant from our staff. Blood pressure kits continue to circulate. Flu shot clinics @ your Library are being offered again this fall. Dates and times are on the website. In collaboration with the schools, the Library has launched the Student Access card which is their Student ID card that can be used as their library card. Students can check out three books and receive no fines. The pilot program started last year with three schools in Fairfield and will be rolled out to the rest of the schools in the Fairfield Suisun Unified School District and then to the rest of the school districts served by Solano County Library.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Budget Update – the Council will hear a budget update

Ms. Katz reported that the budget is status quo that was approved in June. The final figures came out in August and the Library budget is fine. She reported there will be a 3% COLA and the Library's budget will be able to cover the cost because of the vacancies there are right now.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Public Services report – Suzanne Olawski, Assistant Director of Library Services, will present a report on plans and programs happening in public service.

Ms. Olawski reported on the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program which is part of the Library's strategic plan putting a focus on school readiness and encouraging lifelong love of reading. This is in collaboration with the school districts in the cities the Library serves. The Solano Kids Read program is a fun program where kids are encouraged to read and complete some challenges to earn "meow" bucks to spend on prizes and trinkets, etc. The Teen Fall Writing Contest is happening now through October and is geared toward teens ages 12-18 and focuses on short stories, fiction writing, and poetry. Stories and poems will be published in the online literacy magazine. Ms. Olawski shared that the Library is collaborating with Health and Social Services and has applied for several grants on health-related matters. As part of the strategic plan, the Library is preparing on making 2020 the Year of Health Literacy focusing on healthy and vibrant communities including physical, mental and financial health.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBER REPORTS:

- a. Mr. Hall asked about solar panels and charging stations for vehicles. Ms. Katz informed the Council that the charging stations are in the talking stage with the County and reminded the Council this building is a County facility. The building has a copper roof which does not work with solar panels; however other staging areas are being considered.
- b. Ms. Barney inquired about the Author's Luncheon. It is November 3rd at Rancho Solano and \$90/person. Look on the Foundation website for further information: solanolibraryfoundation.org
- c. Ms. Clark Silveira shared that at JFK there will be a class for babies ages 0-2 fashioned after the Mindful Movement classes and featuring sign language.
- d. Ms. Hernandez is excited about the JFK's Makery.
- e. Ms. Schenk shared that she is involved with the Writers Toolbox program to be held on September 28th at the Town Square library.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Solano County Advisory Council meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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Director of Library Services