

Minutes of the
SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, May 18, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Teena Miller, at 6:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

Members Present: Diane Barney, Ron Heinrich, Teena Miller, Kurt Overholt, Dotty Schenk, Mary Shilts, Lynne Vaughan

Members Absent: Bruce DuClair, KT Graham, Margie Russell

Others Present: Bonnie Katz, Director of Library Services, Tamie Tvrdik, Clerical Supervisor

3. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Ms. Katz introduced the Library's new Assistant Director, Suzanne Olawski. Ms. Olawski gave a brief background of herself. Ms. Olawski worked for Solano County Library in various positions several years ago. In recent years, she has worked in management and executive positions for the libraries in Berkeley and San Mateo. The Commission introduced themselves as did Beth Molyneux, Library Associate at the Vacaville Cultural Center Library.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS MAILED FOR MEETING OF March, 2015:** The minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Overholt, seconded by Mr. Heinrich. So ordered by 7-0 vote.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Ms. Barney moved to approve the May 18, 2015 agenda; Mr. Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by 7-0 vote.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Katz informed the Council that the Library is in recruitment mode after 6 retirements and several vacancies. We are recruiting for Deputy Director, Branch Manager, Librarian, Library Associate, and Library Assistants. There will be only one Deputy Director filled at this time even though there are two openings. Ms. Katz is hoping to have positions filled by the end of August. She reported that the Library is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve three positions: .5 Children's Librarian at Rio Vista, .5 Children's Librarian at Cordelia and 1.0 Library Associate position at the Vacaville Town Square Library.

Ms. Katz informed the Council that the SNAP Directors have decided to move from CARL to POLARIS and will be entering negotiations. The move to POLARIS will happen around July of 2016.

The Women's History Luncheon was very successful, earning the most revenue since its inception.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

California Research and Education Network Project - the Council will receive an update on the California Research and Education Network (CALREN) project

Ms. Olawski explained that the nonprofit organization, CENIC, operates the CalREN project. This is an initiative to provide a high-capacity network for schools and libraries. This has been approved by the Board and the Governor has put money in this budget to support it statewide. Solano County Libraries are planning to have the equipment in and programmed by the end of August. This should increase our speed and access to wifi. This increase will be at all libraries except Rio Vista because Rio Vista is on a different telephone system.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Reading Program – the Council will receive a presentation on the Summer Reading Program for children and teens

Beth Molyneux, Library Associate at the Vacaville Cultural Center Library, gave an overview of this year's Summer Reading Program. The theme is Read to the Rhythm for all three programs, pre-school, children's and young adult. Ms. Molyneux stated that the summer reading program prevents the "summer slide" and provides the opportunity to have fun while reading. For the Young adults, this also provides volunteer opportunities. The Summer Reading Program is from June 8th – August 8th. The schedule of all programs at all of the branches is in the summer newsletter, Check It Out, and can be found online at solanolibrary.com. All of these programs are supported by the Friends of the Libraries groups.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBER REPORTS:

- a. Ms. Miller shared that she spoke at the CA Democratic Convention last weekend.
- b. Ms. Miller also shared that she is having a tree dedicated in her honor on May 30th at the first city park that was established in Vallejo.
- c. Ms. Schenk participated in a book fair at Barnes and Noble that was successful.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: July 20, 2015

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



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Director of Library Services