

VACAVILLE LIBRARY COMMISSION

March 10, 2025

LOCATION: Vacaville Town Square Library – 1 Town Square Place, Vacaville, CA 95688

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
3. INTRODUCTIONS
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting (Attachments 1) - ACTION
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION
6. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (3-minute time limit per individual)

Items on the Agenda – Persons wishing to speak to items on the agenda should so indicate to the President of the Commission at this time. You will be given an opportunity to speak on the subject at the time the item is discussed by the Commission.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. LIBRARIANS' REPORTS (Attachment 2)
9. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Vacaville Cultural Center Library Project Update – The Commission will receive a project update.
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION
12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2025
13. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the
Vacaville Library Commission
January 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Rollins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUMMembers Present

Ms. Peggy Rollins

Ms. Cathy Valdez

Mr. Steve Vidmar

Mr. Tom Baxley

Ms. Allison Henry

Others Present

Ms. Suzanne Olawski, Director of Library Services, Solano County Library

Ms. Nancy Redfield, Library Branch Manager, Solano County Library

Mr. John Parker, Supervising Librarian, Solano County

Mr. Mike Perkins, Supervising Librarian, Solano County

Ms. Cathy Sheldon, Office Assistant III, Solano County Library

INTRODUCTIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vidmar moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 4, 2024; Ms. Valdez seconded. Motion carried. So ordered 5-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Vidmar moved to approve the January 13, 2025 agenda; Mr. Baxley seconded. Motion carried. So ordered 5-0 vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Valdez stated the Friends of the Library received an invitation to the Solano County Library Adult Literacy Program's 30th Anniversary Celebration on May 3, 2025. Ms. Olawski stated the Literacy program started in 1994, and staff host an annual recognition event for their tutors and students. This year celebrates 30 years for the Adult Literacy program.

LIBRARIANS’ REPORTS

Mr. Parker and Mr. Perkins provided branch reports. Mr. Perkins gave a brief update on outreach at the schools and the student access card. Ms. Henry inquired about the librarian coming out to the classes. Mr. Perkins stated staff will be doing class visits at the Shelly Dally Early Learning Center and he would like to expand to other schools. Mr. Perkins shared news about the new library outreach van. Mr. Parker reported on some new programs. Mr. Vidmar inquired about the seed library. Mr. Parker also reported on donations to the Friends, and there is a person at Town Square helping with sales and online. Ms. Valdez inquired about the technology help program; this is a specialized program, and the program will return in March at Town Square.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Vacaville Cultural Center Library Project Update

Ms. Olawski gave a verbal update on the Vacaville Cultural Center Library expansion project. The foundation was laid for the new addition and plumbing for new restrooms was taking place. Mr. Tim Reynolds will attend in March to provide a project update.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

Ms. Valdez mentioned the Vacaville Reporter features a lot of articles on library programs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Vacaville Library Commission meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Vacaville Town Square Library, 1 Town Square.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Suzanne Olawski, Director of Library Services

Librarian's Report to the Vacaville Library Commission
 Vacaville Public Library-Cultural Center
 March 2025

Greetings, Commissioners:

The delivery of books to schools has steadily grown in usage. In December, we brought 642 to students at two schools; in January that increased to 1,297 and even further to 1,551 in February! This was partly due to an increase in demand at Cooper and Callison Elementary Schools but it is also due to adding Fairmont and Sierra Vista. That brings us to four weekly visits with deliveries to Bethany Lutheran School occurring once or twice each month. We are very happy with how this service has gone and we are making plans to turn it into a permanent resource to VUSD schools even after the library has reopened.

The relationship we have been building with the schools and teachers through the weekly deliveries also gave way to other ways of collaborating. In February, we were able to bring class sets of a book to three teachers who wanted to get enough copies to read the book as a class. They were not going to be able to get 10-15 copies of the same book from their school library, and we were very happy that we were able to accommodate them—including purchasing a few more copies to add to our collection so that we could meet their needs.



Storytimes at Ulatis Community Center were a bit of a mixed bag at the end of 2024—Tuesdays were popular but the one offered on Thursdays saw consistently low attendance. However, I am happy to report that the new year has seen a big change to that. In January, we had 257 kids and parents attend Community Center Storytimes and 284 in February.

The events at Ulatis seemed to have found an audience! We also had 34 kids make Slime (pictured) at Afternoon Adventures and 22 people attended the LEGO and Eggo Breakfast Club on a Saturday morning. This should help us build momentum and awareness of events we have planned at Ulatis during the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge.

I am grateful for how adaptable the staff have been during this closure period. They have been happy to help wherever they have been needed.

Mike Perkins
 Supervising Librarian
 Vacaville Public Library-Cultural Center

Librarian's Report to the Vacaville Library Commission
Vacaville Town Square Library (VTS)
March 3, 2025

Greetings, Commissioners:

From January to February, VTS welcomed 32,271 visitors and circulated 86,238 items.

During the reporting period, staff presented 49 storytimes with 1,549 in attendance. 2,496 children and teens participated in library programs including Storytimes (Baby Bounce, Family, Toddler, and Preschool), LEGO Club, Read To-A-Dog, Anime Club, Build It Club, Teen Advisory Board, Teen Lit Workshop, and the Teen Truffle event.

Total attendance for outreach programs was 250. These included the local school visits, Mobile Library, Boy Scouts, and Reading at the Barbershop.

Upcoming events highlights include:

- Teen Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 12th, 4:30 – 6:00 PM. Come make your voice heard in the library! Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is dedicated to giving Vacaville teens a place to express opinions and have agency in the library. TAB is dedicated to planning library events for and by teens, creating safe and welcoming spaces in the library, and being a place to foster teamwork and resume building skills. Must be 13+ to apply and have parent/guardian consent.
- After Hours Movie Night: Friday, March 21st, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Come join us for a scary good time as we watch Five Nights at Freddy's at the Vacaville Town School Library. Guaranteed to make you jump for joy....or fear! Feel free to bring a friend along. Snacks will be provided! Teens and Tweens Only, no registration required.
- Master Gardeners: Wednesday, April 2nd, 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Master Gardener volunteers extend horticultural information and offer educational programs and garden-related demonstrations in their communities.
- Learn Qigong: Monday, April 14th, 10:00 – 11:30 PM. Did you know that as the seasons change our bodies need different exercises and foods to feel its best? Sue is here to guide you through the powerful movements of Dayan Qigong and to talk about the different holistic approaches Qigong can offer to your life. Dayan Qigong is a health care practice of gentle yet powerful exercises and movements that treat pain and illness, enhance your overall health, longevity and sense of well-being. Join us the second Monday of every month at 10:00am. Each session will include a series of Qigong warmups and movements followed by a seasonal self-care discussion.

There were no suspensions for inappropriate use of the Internet during the reporting period.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Parker
Supervising Librarian
Solano County Library