

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2024

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Laney.

2) Roll Call

Present: Commissioners: Allaman, Laney, Pacheco and Xu.

Absent: Commissioners: Jonnalagadda, Moore, and Shannon.

3) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Allaman moved to approve the March 19, 2024 Minutes as written. Commissioner Pacheco seconded. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Allaman, Laney, Pacheco, and Xu.

NOES: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Jonnalagadda, Moore, and Shannon

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

4) Business from the Floor

The following speakers addressed the Library Commission:

- Vice Chair Shannon had been cc'd on an email that the Folsom Premium Outlet would like to start hosting a Story Time at a small library space they have onsite. They are looking for ways to connect with the community.
- Chair Laney mentioned that Commissioner Alayna Wagner of Parks and Recreation was approached about having an Outreach for Kindle users in the Toll Brothers Active Adult Community.

5) Reports and Presentations

- a. Library Director Thomas Gruneisen commented that the Monthly Statistics **1.** Circulation and in-branch services remain steady when compared to the previous year. **2.** The use of eBooks/audiobooks is showing strong growth. **3.** The Library is continuing the trend of offering fewer programs while experiencing an overall increase in attendance. This is due to the library retiring some programs that are no longer relevant to our community and opening new programs that are of greater interest to our residents. He anticipates that these trends will continue.

Library Director Thomas Gruneisen responded to comments and questions from the Library Commission.

6) Library Director's Report

Library Director Thomas Gruneisen reported on the following:

- The Library's first Plant & Seed Exchange is on Saturday April 27th at 1:00 p.m.
- American River History Then and Now on Saturday, May 11th at 1:00 p.m. State Parks Interpretive Aide Zachary Adams will present side by side photos of Folsom.
- This past weekend we had UC Master Gardeners teaching a class on composting. There were 18 attendees. We also had YA Author Talk. Two local teen authors Margie Fuston who was a Finalist for the YALSA Morris award and Angela Montoya spoke and had a Q&A with the audience.
- For outreach we had the Festival of Eggs, rain or shine. Fun Factory came for a visit Thursday and Friday. This week we have Mangini Ranch coming in for a visit with four of their classes. On Thursday our Librarian is presenting to FCUSD school librarians along with a librarian from Sacramento Public Library to discuss Summer Reading and our programs. Next major events will be Earth Day, 4/20, Love Your Mom 5K, 5/6 and City Works Day, 5/15.
- Super Series continues. For Spring Break we brought in the very popular Pokemon and that brought in over 50 kids.
- We received our Movie License. This came from the Jeff Kinney donation we received. We had 24 kids and 14 adults attend the showing of the new Trolls movie.
- Summer Teen Library Volunteer Applications portal opened up on the 1st of April and by that Saturday had only one spot left. By Tuesday we were all full.
- We have a New Public Printer that prints/scans in color and black and white. We retired the two older printers. Our cost will be significantly lower, and the printer will bring in some revenue.

- We launched our first Telugu Program on April 6th which was a Radio Show held offsite. There were 123 live listeners and 581 repeat listeners who have listened to the show 930 times. Next offsite event is on Saturday, May 11th. It will be a consolidation of several small programs like poetry, spelling bee, cultural show, singing, essay competition, etc.
- Last week was National Library Week. We did social media posts and the first one we featured was the Friends of The Library. We wanted to celebrate them and everything they do for us. We had a Staff Day. We also talked about the different programs, like Story Time, the different types of Collections we have, as well as non-book things you can check out at the library that the community can enjoy, like State Park Passes, Pickleball and Disc Golf Kits, and board games.

7) Commission Request for Future Agenda Items

Outreach Education.

8) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Allaman commented that she is always impressed by how much the Folsom Public Library does within the community. She thanked the library staff for all they do and Elizabeth for the reminders for the upcoming meetings. She thanked Library Director Thomas Gruneisen for everything he is doing for the library, that is so rich, and for sharing it with the Commissioners during this meeting.

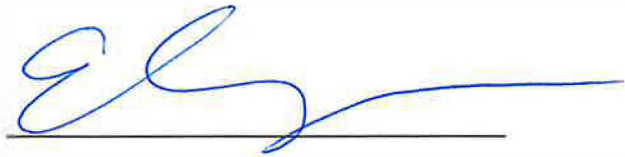
Commissioner Pacheco had no comment.

Commissioner Xu commented that she likes the events and the new ideas we are doing to connect with the community.

Chair Laney commented that the Folsom Public Library is a serious gem to the community, the amount of programming and the things that are available. She has fresh information to post on the community boards especially for those who live on the southside of Highway 50. She thanks the staff and the work they do. It has become more like a community center than just a library. It is a cooling center, besides all the other things the library does.

9) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



Elizabeth Maximo
Secretary to the Library Commission