

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 21, 2019**

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commission Vice Chair Lopez.

2) **Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners: Batt, Gagliardi, Lopez, Moore, Sessarego, Shannon.  
**Absent:** Commissioners: Hutto.

3) **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the March 19, 2019 Minutes as written.  
Commissioner Batt seconded. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Batt, Gagliardi, Lopez, Moore, Sessarego, Shannon.  
NOES: Commissioners: None.  
ABSENT: Commissioners: Hutto.  
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

4) **Business from the Floor**

A member of the Teen Summer Reading Program Volunteer Team shared information about how the teen team helps support the Summer Reading Program at the library.

5) **Reports & Presentations**

- a. Youth Services Librarian Debbie Centi presented information on the Summer Reading Program. This year the program will run from June 1 through July 31, and the theme is *It's Showtime at Your Library*. The new Beanstack Tracker App encourages participants to continue to read all summer long. Several events and activities are planned during the summer, including a Storywalk, Kids Book Clubs, LEGO WeDo robotics, Dance Parties and Storytimes. Sixty teen volunteers have signed up to help with the Summer Reading Program this year. Debbie discussed the positive results summer reading programs have on children, and how summer programs can help prevent summer learning loss. The goal

this year is to read 15,000 books as a community, and there will be a thermometer display in the lobby tracking the number of books read. Debbie emphasized that the Summer Reading Program could not occur without the tremendous generosity of the Friends of the Folsom Library. Youth Services Librarian Centi responded to questions and comments from the Library Commission.

- b. Library Director Easterwood presented the March 2019 statistics. Library Director Easterwood responded to questions from the Library Commission regarding the Northnet Consortium and discussed purchasing and sharing of ebooks.
- c. Library Director Easterwood presented the April 2019 statistics. Library Director Easterwood responded to Commissioner Batt's question regarding the decrease in Database Sessions and responded to other comments about databases. Library Director Easterwood commented that databases are a great resource for our community, however, require a lot of advertising.

## 6) New Business

- a. Library Director Easterwood invited the Library Commission to have a philosophical discussion about library fines. She announced that Sacramento Public Library is proposing a new fines and fee schedule that would eliminate fines on all children and teen material. The Library Commission discussed their recommendations and thoughts about library fines and fees. One agreed recommendation the Library Commission considered is placing a second book drop location on the other side of Folsom (near the Palladio). The Library Commission also recommended offering a day of amnesty at the library in which patrons can bring back any materials no matter how long and not have to pay a return fee.

## 7) Library Director's Report

Library Director Lori Easterwood reported on the following:

- Folsom City Council needed more time to consider the proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, so the budget will be discussed again at the May 28 Folsom City Council meeting. If the budget is approved as presented, the library will receive a \$25,000 increase to the library collection development budget.
- Sixty teen volunteers will be helping with the Summer Reading Program this year.
- The Teen Library Council did an excellent job on the *Faces of Folsom* photojournalism project; the project is still up in the hallway to view.
- The mindfulness program series has been successful; each program has had over twenty attendees and a diverse group of participants. We may decide to expand this programming because of the great response and interest in learning about meditation and mindfulness.

- VR Expo is scheduled for June 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and organized by Lead Senior Librarian Andrew Tweet.
- The First Friday Series program on June 7 will be a presentation called *Celebrating Disney – Celebrating Fox* by Michael Troyan.
- *Jane Austen on the Screen* presentation by Carrie Sessarego is scheduled for June 15.
- Saturdays in July will feature a Classic Film Series.
- June 1 is the Summer Reading Kickoff Party.
- Supervisor Frost hosts a public gathering in the Library Meeting Room Wednesday, May 22. Council Member Roger Gaylord will also be attending.

8) **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Gagliardi shared her excitement in seeing the Folsom Public Library at the Folsom Farmers Market on Sutter Street. She commented that this type of outreach is a great way to get the library out into the community.

Commissioner Lopez suggested a marketing blitz incentivizing people to select Friends of the Folsom Library as the Smile Account when purchasing on Amazon.

Commissioner Shannon recommended an Oscar Wilde themed program in congruence with the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary's Wild Nights and Holiday Lights event.

Commissioner Moore was thankful for the color copies of the library calendar and summer reading informational page for her summer reading packets.

Commissioner Batt commented that he started volunteering for the Friends of the Folsom Library and will be working in the storage unit sorting books.

9) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



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