

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2018

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Commissioner Mary Sessarego.

2) Roll Call

Present: Commissioners: Gagliardi, Hutto, McNeil, Sessarego, and Tripette (arrived late).

Absent: Commissioners: Lopez and Oliver.

3) Minutes

Commissioner McNeil moved to approve the November 14, 2017 Minutes as written.

Commissioner Hutto seconded. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Gagliardi, Hutto, McNeil, Sessarego and Tripette.
NOES: Commissioners: None.
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners: Lopez and Oliver.

4) Business from the Floor

None.

5) Reports & Presentations

- a. Youth Services Librarian Debbie Centi provided an update on the Student Success Initiative grant and My First Library Card program. Although the grant does not provide funding, it does provide expertise to help foster partnerships with local schools and their libraries. The My First Library Card program plans to give each kindergarten student in the area a Folsom Public Library return to activate card. Debbie partnered with a local children's author, David Carter, to design this library card. Youth Services will schedule visits with each classroom to deliver these library cards and share information. Friends of the Folsom Library donated funds to purchase these library cards as well as books that will be given away to each student that activates their card.
- b. Lead Senior Librarian Andrew Tweet shared information on the new Virtual Reality (VR) programming and the implementation of the Libraries Illuminated grant. The first VR lab occurred Sunday, January 14th; 18 patrons used the main VR machines, and 36 patrons experimented with the Google Cardboards and augmented reality books. The recent grant, Libraries Illuminated, focuses on taking existing high speed internet and technology, and leveraging it to do more. New VR equipment, funded by the grant, will allow patrons to make their own creations.

Andrew allowed the commissioners to view Google Cardboards with a 360 degree image he took of the Library. We also purchased a MakerBot 3D printer with the grant funds; this new, high quality printer will take the 3D printing lab to the next level, and allow for more content creation. Andrew mentioned that only one percent of the libraries in California offer a VR program.

- c. City Librarian Easterwood shared copies of the draft logo design options, and asked for feedback from the commissioners.
- d. City Librarian Easterwood presented the November Statistics. She recapped that a new line, "Folsom items checked out or renewed system wide," was added, and shows collection circulation performance.
- e. City Librarian Easterwood presented the December Statistics. Lori highlighted that database sessions continue to remain strong, and programing attendance is still up.

6) **Teen Liaison Report**

None.

7) **Library Manager Report**

City Librarian Easterwood reported on the following:

- There have been a few, recent staffing changes. Alicia's position has been reclassified now as an Administrative Assistant, and Amanda has been promoted to a Youth Services Librarian. Amanda will predominantly be focusing on teens and teen programming.
- We recently received a grant, Book-To-Action. The goal of the grant is to enable readers to put their newfound knowledge into practice. The book chosen for this grant is *The Nature Fix* by Florence Williams, which explores the benefits of spending time outdoors. The author of the book will be coming out for a presentation, and 125 copies of the book will be given away to patrons. Kaiser also plans to come out for a presentation relating to the book topic. For the "Action" part of the grant, participants will track their time outside, and we will be partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department and possibly, the Audubon Society. The Friends of the Folsom Library donated additional funds to our budget for this program.
- Our new Local Author Series began this month on January 6th, and will continue every other month.
- The first three First Fridays programs are all author presentations. The February event will feature Gina Mulligan, founder of Girls Love Mail.
- Oakmont, a senior living community, partnered with us, and plans to pay for library presenters. The first sponsored presentation, *The Art of Downsizing*, will give tips for decluttering and living smaller.
- A new Adventure Pack up and coming will be a telescope for checkout. A member of the community suggested this idea, and plans to help maintain the telescope.

8) **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Gagliardi is impressed how the Library implements so many programs; it is easy to take for granted all that the Library offers.

Commissioner Hutto commented how excited she is about the My First Library Card program, and interested in how many children will return in person to activate their card.

Commissioner Sessarego stated that it is incredible what goes on at the Library; we are very lucky to have this library in our town. In addition, she wanted to make sure Debbie is recognized and thanked for her amazing work with the teens.

Commissioner McNeil stated that the Library is constantly keeping things fresh. Also, he commented that the My First Library Card is a great idea, and will bring in patrons at an early age. He suggested making a Virtual Reality video contest, possibly with the teen group.

Commissioner Tripette loves all the new technology that is coming out for our library, and he is excited to be included in the one percent (of the libraries in California that offer a VR program).

9) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alicia Klausung", written over a horizontal line.

Alicia Klausung
Secretary to the Library Commission