

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 17, 2018**

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Commission Chair Hutto.

2) **Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners: Hutto, McNeil, Oliver, Sessarego, Tripette (arrived at 6:38 p.m.).

**Absent:** Commissioners: Gagliardi, Lopez.

3) **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Oliver moved to approve the May 15, 2018 Minutes as written.

Commissioner Tripette seconded. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Hutto, McNeil, Oliver, Sessarego, Tripette.

NOES: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Gagliardi, Lopez.

4) **Business from the Floor**

None.

5) **Reports & Presentations**

- a. Youth Services Librarian Debbie Centi presented updates on the Summer Reading Program 2018. Over 400 patrons attended the Kick-Off Party; Folsom families like to register early! 60 teens signed up as volunteers for the Summer Reading Program this year. Several of the larger Summer Reading Program events are held in the Folsom Community Center to accommodate 350-450 attendees. One of the highlights this year was the Fenix Drum and Dance Company. This high-energy group danced and played music from West Africa, the Congo and the Caribbean. The Tween Book Club was a success; 15 children ages 8-12 read *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate and participated in the book discussion. The weekly summer Movie Matinees for kids are proving popular on Friday afternoons, and the Storywalk was well attended. So far, over 3,000 readers are registered for the Summer Reading Program, and participants have logged 11,496 total books read!
- b. City Librarian Lori Easterwood presented a review of the 2018 Book-to-Action Program. The program featured the book *The Nature Fix* by Florence Williams. Participants were encouraged to read the book, track time spent outside in nature, and attend Book-to-Action programs. Several different programs were offered: a garden program, a health program presented by Kaiser, book discussions, a Camping Basics program presented by REI, and an Author Visit with Florence

Williams. Overall this Book-to-Action was a success, and the feedback from participants was positive. Developing partnerships with Kaiser, REI and the Folsom Parks & Recreation Department was the best outcome of the program.

- c. City Librarian Lori Easterwood presented the May Statistics.
- d. City Librarian Lori Easterwood presented the June Statistics. Lori recommended looking at these statistics for the best view of last year's overall growth. The e-book usage had a notable increase, and will continue to increase with our new platform. Computer sessions decreased because more patrons are using mobile devices, which are un-trackable sessions. With the help of the Friends of the Folsom Library, items added to the collection is up. The total number of items in the collection has not increased because we are still weeding through several items, including items from our opening day collection.
- e. City Librarian Lori Easterwood presented the Year End Quarterly Statistics for Fiscal Year 2017-18.
- f. City Librarian Lori Easterwood presented the 5 Year Comparison. These statistics highlight the growth and interest in electronic items. Volunteer hours increased significantly (around 1,000 hours) since 2013. Lori noted that the current ratio of programs held to attendance may be skewed because of the increase in one-on-one e-reader sessions. Commissioner Sessarego asked if staff sets goals for increasing program attendance. Providing the best service possible is Lori's priority. Lori also prefers book and library focused programs that create a deeper community connection.

## 6) **Library Manager Report**

City Librarian Lori Easterwood reported on the following:

- Program flyer templates and event calendar templates were designed using our branding colors and new logo.
- The First Friday Series program will be a performance by Acoustic Blend on August 3.
- The Library will be holding a BloodSource blood drive on August 14, and the goal is to sign up at least 25 people.
- Lori attended the America Library Association (ALA) Exhibit Hall in New Orleans and was able to speak with several of our vendors.
- In August, Lori will attend a California Library Association (CLA) meeting on diversity and equity in the workplace.
- Lori gave updates on enki Library and Pika, the new electronic resources. Enki Library will be offered soon. Although not the best platform, enki Library will offer several non-fiction and self-published items. Pika plans to launch after September.
- September 15 is Community Service Day. The Library will be holding three different volunteer activities: book cleaning, Girls Love Mail letters and letters to the troops.
- Friends of the Folsom Library donated \$52,000 for Fiscal Year 2018-19. \$26,000 of the donation will be used for adding materials to the collection, and all the Library's programming is paid for by this donation. This donation will also specifically support the Student Success Initiative: My First Library Card program, and promotions for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten module.

7) **Commissioner Comments**


Commissioner McNeil acknowledged the Friends of the Folsom Library for their generous donation. He is impressed with the Summer Reading Program events and the 60 teens signed up to volunteer.

Commissioner Oliver commented that everything looks great, and he looks forward to all the stuff to come.

Commissioner Hutto observed that although electronic books are on a rise, print books and book clubs still remain relevant and popular. Commissioner Hutto also noted her interest in the impact the Folsom Plan Area (located south of U.S. Highway 50) project will have on libraries and schools.

8) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Alicia Klausing  
Secretary to the Library Commission