

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 18, 2018**

**1) Call to Order**

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

**2) Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners: Gagliardi, Hutto, Lopez, Oliver, Sessarego, Tripette (arrived at 6:31 p.m.).  
**Absent:** Commissioners: McNeil.

**3) Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Sessarego moved to approve the July 17, 2018 Minutes as written.  
Commissioner Oliver seconded. Motion carried.

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

**4) Business from the Floor**

None.

**5) Reports & Presentations**

- a. Youth Services Librarian Debbie Centi presented the Final Report on the Summer Reading Program (SRP) 2018. 3,392 readers registered this year with the help of our 60 teen volunteers. The new Beanstack software offers a feature for participants to submit book reviews; 604 book reviews were submitted! The wide variety of scheduled programs and activities during the SRP were well attended by children, teens and adults. This year, 17,560 books were read; adult participants read 1,487 books and children/teens read 16,073 books. The SRP could not have been a success without our partnership with the Friends of the Folsom Library.

Commissioner Gagliardi commented that the amount of people participating in the SRP is incredible.

Commissioner Oliver suggested detailing some of the SRP results in the City newsletter, and Commissioner Lopez suggested an article for the Folsom Telegraph too.

- b. Youth Services Librarian Amanda Perez presented a preview and outline of a new teen project called *Faces of Folsom*. The Folsom Public Library was awarded a \$4,100 California Humanities: Humanities for All Quick Grant for a teen-produced photojournalism study of the community of Folsom. This project is called *Faces of Folsom* and will be done through the Teen Library Council. Ed Fletcher will teach the teens about journalism, and help prepare them for interviewing community members. Aniko Kiezel will teach the teens photography techniques with both a high-end camera and a smartphone camera. After the classes on journalism and photography, teens will begin to interview and photograph members of the community. In April 2019, there will be a *Faces of Folsom* gallery and reception at the Library for the public to view.

Commissioner Sessarego commented that grants (like this one) really enhance the Library programming, and inquired how we decide on what grants to apply for. Library Director Lori Easterwood stated that she looks for grants that fit the community, and she prefers when a portion of the grant goes toward new books added to the collection. For this California Humanities grant, \$800 of the grant will be spent on new photography and journalism books.

Commissioner Lopez wanted to know if the teens plan to target anyone in particular for the *Faces of Folsom* project.

Amanda stated that the teens are very diverse and strong community members, so she wants the teens to focus on their family and friends first before going out into the general public.

Commissioner Tripette mentioned that Nation Library Week is April 7-13, with the theme "Libraries = Strong Communities;" this would be a perfect week for the *Faces of Folsom* reception.

- c. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented the July Statistics.
- d. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented the August Statistics. Lori recommended comparing the July and August "Total Items in Collection" line—numbers are going up for a change! The digital collection is up significantly too. Lori discussed that our method for sharing the collection with other libraries has changed. This change has increased the digital items available to check out and reduced the hold time on items.

## 6) **Library Director's Report**

Library Director Lori Easterwood reported on the following:

- Community Service Day on September 15, was a success. Commissioner Oliver helped with the Library cleaning project, Commissioner Hutto assisted with the Girls Love Mail letters, and Commissioner Lopez helped with letters to the troops.
- As of August 19, the Library hours have expanded on Sundays; the Library is now open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Once the new Library Technician starts, Storytimes will be added Sundays. Sacramento Public Library recently expanded their hours; several of their

branches are open 7 days a week now. It will be interesting to see how and/or if these changes will affect our statistics.

- The Friends of the Folsom Library raised \$6,850 from their recent book sale.
- New public computers are planned to be installed at the end of the month. The City allocated money in the budget to pay for this upgrade.
- The \$7,500 California State Library Initiatives Book Project Grant wrapped up. Starting next week, there will be a huge display in the lobby featuring all the books (mostly non-fiction) purchased for this grant.
- The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program launched and already 70 people have signed up.
- The Library Commission on November 20, 2018, will be canceled because it is the week of Thanksgiving.

#### 7) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hutto commented how busy Sunday of the Friends of the Folsom Library book sale was compared to previous years.

Lori informed everyone that Good Day Sacramento reported on the sale Sunday morning, so that may have contributed to more customers.

Commissioner Lopez inquired about a community book drive and donating books to the Library.

In response, Commissioner Sessarego recommended talking with Ken from the Friends of the Folsom Library before asking for donations.

Commissioner Lopez suggested posting on social media Library poll questions and a “Did you know?” series about the Library.

Commissioner Gagliardi asked what she should tell people about the proposed new library in the Folsom Plan Area (located south of U.S. Highway 50) project.

Lori commented that nothing specific has been planned because it is too far in the future.

#### 8) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



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