

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2021

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Commission Chair Moore.

2) Roll Call

Present: Commissioners: Hutto, Jonnalagadda, Laney, Moore, Zhang

Absent: Commissioners: Batt, Shannon.

3) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Laney moved to approve the February 16, 2021 Minutes as written.
Commissioner Jonnalagadda seconded. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Hutto, Jonnalagadda, Laney, Moore, Zhang.

NOES: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Batt, Shannon.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

4) Business from the Floor

None.

5) Reports & Presentations

- a. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented an eBook overview. Library Director Easterwood discussed how the library purchases and shares eBooks in partnership with the Northnet Consortium. eBooks are now 20 percent of Folsom's total circulation; however, only 10 percent of the Library's materials budget goes to purchase eBooks. Library Director Easterwood demonstrated how expensive eBooks are for libraries to purchase and shared the different eBook purchasing models. Publishers want to limit access to eBook titles at libraries, so the American Library Association advocates for digital access for libraries using their campaign #eBooks For All.

Library Director Easterwood responded to comments and questions from the Library Commission.

- b. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented an overview of current and planned book clubs and resources. Currently there are three virtual book clubs offered: our adult book club reads a wide variety of genres, We Read YA Book Club focuses on young adult (YA)

- literature, and Teen Book Club is exclusively for teens. Once in-person programs are allowed, a Tween Book Club will be offered again. The library has over 65 Book Clubs in a Bag that can be borrowed; each kit contains eight to twelve books and a discussion guide.
- c. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented the February 2021 and March 2021 statistics.

6) Library Director's Report

Library Director Lori Easterwood reported on the following:

- The Library Commission will plan to meet at the library for the next meeting in May. The meeting will adhere to all safety guidelines –face coverings and social distancing will be required.
- Outdoor Storytimes have been approved and are currently being offered on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. These programs are registration only, with limited capacity.
- The new City/Library website ended up launching in March. Patrons handled the transition to the new site well.
- CENIC high-speed broadband is live now.
- The Friends of the Folsom Library met last week. There is no set date to reopen the Book Store yet.
- The Zip Books program received additional funds from the State Library. The last day to request a Zip Book this fiscal year is May 27. We are still waiting to hear if this program will continue next year. The Zip Books program allows for patrons to request books not available in our catalog, and books are delivered straight to patrons. The library adds Zip Books to the collection once they have been returned.
- Since California will fully reopen its economy June 15, the library will plan to slowly transition back to pre-pandemic service; we will use caution and follow all recommended guidelines to ensure safety. In-person programs will start up again but will likely use a registration model to limit massive crowds.

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7) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hutto commented that her question about the safety measures was answered, and she looks forward to gathering in-person for our next meeting.

Commissioner Jonnalagadda mentioned that increasing eBooks available to Folsom patrons is still a concern for him and suggested partnering with other library systems.

Commissioner Laney loved seeing the statistics up and looks forward to seeing programs coming back.

Commissioner Zhang is excited to meet everyone in-person, and he appreciates the volunteers and library staff for all they have done during the pandemic. Commissioner Zhang also mentioned wanting to discuss planned summer programs at the next meeting.

Commissioner Moore stated she would like an update on the status/future of library fines and fees; she is also curious how waiving fines during the pandemic has impacted the budget.

8) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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

Alicia Klausung
Secretary to the Library Commission