

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 18, 2021**

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Commission Chair Moore.

2) **Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners: Batt, Hutto, Laney, Moore, Shannon, Zhang.

**Absent:** Commissioners: Jonnalagadda (*arrived at 6:44 p.m.*).

3) **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Laney moved to approve the April 20, 2021 Minutes as written.  
Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

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

NOES: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

4) **Business from the Floor**

None.

5) **Reports & Presentations**

- a. Youth Services Librarian Debbie Centi presented information on the Summer Reading Program 2021. The program will run from June 1 through July 31, and folks can sign up at the library, or online, to join the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge. A Book Club for kids ages 8-12 will be offered this summer. Daily, in person storytimes will resume June 15. Twenty-five teen volunteers have been accepted for the Teen Summer Reading Team. Research shared showed that reading five books over the summer can prevent summer learning loss in children.  
Youth Services Librarian Centi responded to questions and comments from the Library Commission.
- b. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented the April 2021 statistics. She noted that the database statistics have been adjusted and are accurate now.

## 6) Old Business

- a. Library Director Easterwood presented information on fines and proposed to eliminate fines at the Folsom Public Library. Under this proposal, fees would remain. Director Easterwood shared the benefits of no fines: increase library usage/returns, remove barrier to access, and improve user/staff experience. Library Director Easterwood invited the Library Commission to discuss their questions, concerns, and/or recommendations regarding this issue. The Library Commission agreed with Director Easterwood's proposal. Library Director Easterwood will inform the commission what the next step will be.

## 7) Library Director's Report

Library Director Lori Easterwood reported on the following:

- Starting June 15, indoor programs will begin again, study rooms will reopen, and our hours will expand. The new hours will be Tuesdays noon to 7 p.m., Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Library Commission meeting of June 15 will be canceled.

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

## 8) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Zhang asked if any additional volunteer opportunities will be available for teens.

Commissioner Jonnalagadda recommended placing a library collection box in another location of Folsom and suggested using questionnaires to receive patron feedback and opinions.

Commissioner Shannon commented that she is glad to be back in person and is happy about the Summer Reading Program. Commissioner Shannon also shared her personal experience with fines to emphasize her support of no library fines.

Commissioner Batt inquired about the Book Store.

Library Director Easterwood responded that the Friends of the Folsom Library Book Store is open with limited hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 4 p.m. and Thursdays-Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, pop-up sales will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, and donations are being accepted now.

Commissioner Laney commented that Library Director Easterwood's fines presentation was well thought-out and developed. She agrees that fines are a huge deterrent and supports eliminating fines.

Commissioner Hutto had no further comments but stated that she agrees with the other commissioners and Library Director Easterwood to eliminate fines.

Commissioner Moore thanked Debbie for making color copies of the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge cards for her school.

9) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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

Alicia Klausing  
Secretary to the Library Commission