

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2021

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commission Chair Moore.

2) **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners: Batt, Laney, Moore, Zhang.

Absent: Commissioners: Hutto, Jonnalagadda, Shannon.

3) **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Batt moved to approve the May 18, 2021 Minutes as written.
Commissioner Laney seconded. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Batt, Laney, Moore, Zhang.

NOES: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Hutto, Jonnalagadda, Shannon.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

4) **Business from the Floor**

None.

5) **Reports & Presentations**

a. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented highlights from the Summer Reading Program 2021:

- 1,848 total participants.
- 1,222 completions.
- 65% completion rate.
- Total books read: 18,933 (our goal was 15,000).
- Participant breakdown: almost 400 prereaders (ages 0-5), over 1,200 readers (ages 6-18), 258 adults.

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

- b. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented the statistics. She noted the increase of items checked out/renewed in Folsom from May 2021 to July 2021. Comparing our current statistics to Fiscal Year 2018-19 is recommended, since that year was the last full normal year without the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Reference questions will no longer be tracked for the monthly statistics reports.

6) Old Business

- a. Library Director Lori Easterwood discussed the updated library closure schedule for 2021.

7) Library Director's Report

Library Director Lori Easterwood reported on the following:

- Library hours expanded August 10. New hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- In person storytimes have been extremely popular. We may explore offering two storytimes on the busiest days.
- Library of Things is expanding; the Library received a grant to provide Wi-Fi hotspots and Chromebooks for checkout.
- The Friends of the Folsom Library's huge book sale will be held September 10-12.
- Community Service Day is September 18, 2021. If you are interested in volunteering/participating, there are lots of options including: Blood Drive, Donation Drive, letter writing for military care packages, and library cleaning.
- Library Director Easterwood was named Homelessness Liaison for the City of Folsom.
- More adult programming will return besides Book Club; Shut Up & Write will start back in September, and business focused programs will start soon too.
- The proposal to eliminate fines presentation is not on the City Council agenda yet, but possibly in October.
- The Teen Library Council still has spots available for teens to sign up. The application period will be open until August 31.

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

8) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Laney commented that it is great to see the library statistics improving and congratulated Lori on the added role of Homelessness Liaison. She also inquired about volunteer opportunities.

Library Director Easterwood responded that volunteer shelving afternoon slots will be promoted soon.

Commissioner Batt stated that Covid allow, this will be an exciting year for the Library.

Commissioner Zhang thanked Director Easterwood for mentioning the Teen Library Council and is happy that teens will participate at our commission meetings. He is also excited to see in person programs back and will be eager to compare the current statistics to Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Commissioner Moore is thankful that the Folsom Public Library offers in person storytimes—no other library in the area is offering them yet. She proposed library outreach at Folsom schools that would allow students to check their Folsom Public Library card status; possible fundraising at the schools could help pay off any blocked cards.

9) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

Alicia Klausung
Secretary to the Library Commission