**SANTA ROSA LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD- Draft Minutes**

Sonoma County Library

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7:00 p.m.

**MEETING INFORMATION**

​**Meeting held via Zoom**

In attendance: LAB Members Member Cynthia Denenholz, Noah Harris, and Pamela Van Halsema,

Ex-Officio members: Northwest Library Branch Manager Ana Dawe, Interim Central Library Branch Manager Jon Haupt, Roseland Branch Manager Aleta Dimas

Friends of the Santa Rosa Libraries President Sarah Swearingen,

Public Services Division Manager Sarah Vantrease, Library Commissioner Karen Schneider, Library Commissioner David Cahill

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF** **September 29, 2021, and** November 17, 2021-No vote due to lack of quorum.
3. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

*none*

1. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **ACTION ITEMS**
   1. Approve changes to the Bylaws. - No vote due to lack of quorum.
3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   1. Community experiences and library services in a pandemic surge-

LAB members shared their personal experiences and what they see in the communities they are part of.

Some of the highlighted topics included:

**Library**-An increase in use of and appreciation for eResources and courses. Library visits and circulation at about 25% of normal.

**Students/Schools**- Teacher burn out. Mental health challenges for children. Lack of child care.

**Trends**- Isolation, discomfort with group/in-person activities, virtual participation in work, education and social activities. Pandemic fatigue. Many people touched by COVID deaths. Miss interacting with like**-**minded people.

* 1. Recruitment of new LAB members-To be discussed at next meeting.

1. **REPORTS**
   1. Youth Members’ Report-None
   2. Friends of the Santa Rosa Library Report- Book fair in February canceled. New volunteers are being trained individually.
   3. Library Commissioners’ Report- Excited about Roseland permanent library on Hearn Ave. This location is at the focal point of future growth in Santa Rosa.
   4. Library Director’s Report- Library hours have been expanded to:   
      Monday: 10am-6pm  
      Tuesday: 10am-8pm  
      Wednesday: 10am-8pm  
      Thursday: 10am-6pm  
      Friday: 10am-6pm  
      Saturday: 10am-6pm,

These hours have led to a 25% increase in library visits this month.   
A location has been identified by the City of Santa Rosa for a permanent Roseland Library, to be part of a larger civic complex at Hearn Ave. and Dutton. Currently the library is only offering virtual programs due to county health order. We are looking forward to hybrid and in**-**person, programs a**s** the conditions allow. 2023 library budget process is currently underway and will be presented to the commission on 04/01.

Library visits and circulation are at approximately 2/3 of normal (pre-pandemic) levels.

* 1. Feedback to Branch Managers’ Reports-Thanks for what you do.
  2. City Council Liaison Report-None

1. **ADVISORY BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

Pamela has background in STEAM and can share science ideas.

1. **FOLLOW-UP & NEXT STEPS**

*By laws changes needed to make quorum be majority of current members.*

*Future agenda items:*

*-Need to Elect vice chair at upcoming meeting*

*-Suggestion made for establishing a ‘place’ to keep lab documents that all members have access to.*

*-Portrait of Sonoma* ***C****ounty and how it relates to Santa Rosa Libraries*

*-Role of the LAB*

1. **ADJOURNMENT**—Next meeting: **Wednesday March 30, 2021 at 7pm**