

**Petaluma Regional Library Advisory Board
Sonoma County Library
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86839713385>

Petaluma Regional Library
100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952

ATTENDANCE: LAB Members Jan Everidge, Gerry Groves, Andrew Heller, Carol King, Ian Livie, Karen Petersen, Emily Roeder, Erroll Stevenson, Mia Wade; Library Commissioner Paul Heavenridge; City Liaison Mayor Kevin McDonnell, Friends President Rory Keller; Library Division Manager Kathy DeWeese; Branch Manager Diana Spaulding. NOT PRESENT: LAB Chair Tim May.

1. CONVENING – Vice Chair Jan Everidge called the meeting to order at 4:02
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF October 27, 2022 — Minutes approved
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS—No public comments received
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 4.1 Banner posting policy and inclusion statement (Diana)

Diana had emailed LAB members links to a recent news article on the topic and the SCL inclusion statement published on the website prior to the meeting in order to keep them up to date on library issues in the news. Paul explained the background of the Commission discussion regarding whether or not the Library has or should have a policy on banners hung in the library and celebrations that are marked with displays. He stated his concern relates to fiscal issues and potential lawsuits, giving an example. Ian pointed out the example was not equivalent to the content and the significance of the current Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ Pride banners. Erroll asked if the LAB was asked to debate the topic, and Diana reiterated that the item was on the agenda to bring it to the LAB’s attention and answer any questions.
5. ACTION ITEMS
 - 5.1 Marie Hinton Fund acknowledgement on Library Tree (Jan)

Gifts totaling \$1065 have been received by the Friends of the Petaluma Library. Emily said she would work with Diana on the 70-space text for the “acorn” plaque on the memorial Library tree to the group’s agreement.
6. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports and updates on library governance, management programs, services and support group activities as well as relevant City council activities. All items are for discussion only.

 - 6.1 Library Commissioner’s Report

As requested, Commissioner Heavenridge asked other Commissioners how LABs spend their outreach budgets and received these replies: entry fees for a Healdsburg parade, art

contest and stickers for outreach, re-usable plates for kitchen. Per Commission Chair Doyle, an all-LAB meeting will be held next summer. There is some talk of combining LABs with Friends of the Library groups. Erroll asked if the Commission is questioning the value of the LABs? Paul says that some LABs have difficulty recruiting members which is not an issue for Petaluma's LAB. The Sonoma County Public Library Foundation has raised \$780,000 for the Roseland Library.

6.2 Library Director's Report

Kathy DeWeese, acting Public Services Division Manager, reports that a new BiblioBox for outside holds pickup is coming soon to Guerneville. Budget planning is starting for FY 2023-24. Winter Reading and Mock Caldicott reading programs concluded recently. Barbara Maes is returning as Public Services Division Manager on Feb. 13. SCL expects other cities in the system to apply for the second round of State Library Infrastructure grants this year.

6.3 Branch Manager's Report

Diana reviewed new services such as Sunday open hours (1-5 pm), and online meeting room reservations, plus staff changes including a new teen services librarian and pending hiring of a part-time adult services librarian. Upcoming events are LumaCon on Sat. 1/28, and new weekly Spanish family program on Wednesday evenings. Regular children's story times resume the week of Feb. 6.

6.4 Friends of the Petaluma Library Report

Rory says the FOL book sale netted \$4440 and \$80 in new memberships. The sale added Tuesday and Sunday as sale days.

6.5 City Council Liaison Report

Mayor McDonnell says the library building improvements are well supported by the City Council. Top of agenda for the Council is the future of the fairgrounds property. Leases for fairgrounds tenants will continue this year but decisions loom next year. Both Kenilworth Park and the Skate Park will be re-envisioned in the near future.

7. CROMWELL TRUST and HOPKINS TRUST

Review of quarterly reports on special funds designated for the Petaluma Regional Library.
Balances pending, per Accounting department.

8. ADVISORY BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

LAB members contributed these items for a "Did you know the Library has...?" list: books on CD and e-audiobooks; one-to-one tech help; Mango Languages e-resource; Libby Extras like Classica Performances; Sunday open hours, and programs like Send our Seniors Mail.

9. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday April 26, 2023 at 4:00 pm (in person at the Petaluma Library)