**Sonoma County Library**

**LAB Members & Year Term Ends**

**Chair – Beverly Seyfert (2026)**

**Vice Chair – Mario Castillo (2024)**

**Secretary – Roy Tennant (2025)**

**Tobiyah Holmes (2025**

**Aparna Sinha (2026)**

**Brian Hopewell (2024)**

**Joanne Brown (2027)**

**Vacant, Youth Member – (2024)**

**City of Sonoma Liaison – Patricia Farrar-Rivas**

**Friends of the Library Liaison – Cathy Coleman**

**SONOMA VALLEY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, August 8, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM**

The LAB meets the following months: February, April,

June, August, October & December

**MINUTES**

**Sonoma Valley LAB Meeting**

**August 8, 2024 @ 4:00 PM**

**Sonoma Valley Regional Library**

**755 West Napa Street**

**Sonoma, California**

In accordance with Government Code Section 54953(b), one library advisory board member will be

attending the meeting via teleconference from the following location:

471 Old Meeting House Road

East Falmouth, MA 02536

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:  4:02 p.m.
2. REPORTS

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.

2.1.   Friends Report - Kathy

The Friends have a new book sales chair. They are setting dates for book donations and sales for the coming year. They had a good book donation day today. Book sales have some new energy and things are more structured and there are more volunteers. For a while, less money had been coming in from book sales with more requests for funds, which is unsustainable. Art receptions are starting up again in September. There is a full slate of artists scheduled from September to May.

2.2.   Commissioner Report – Deborah Doyle, Library Commissioner for the Town of Windsor and Chair of the Commission

There are two absences on the commission at the moment, Sonoma and one other. The Sonoma City Council has put an opening notice on its website. The person must live within the city limits. The commission has decided to put the extension of Measure Y on the November ballot, as Measure W. They are looking for volunteers to help. Volunteers can contact Deborah at [Zorrah@gmail.com](mailto:Zorrah@gmail.com) or 415-269-0540. Measure W does not have an end date. The Petaluma branch closed for a remodel and has surged into a nearby smaller facility. The Assembly just passed a bill called the Freedom to Read Act, urge your representative to support it.

2.3.   Library Director or Designee Report – Barbara Maes

Summer reading program is just about over. The library started a Disability Access Team. BiblioCommons is a new way to search the catalog that will be coming out soon. Sonoma Valley Library is number 8 out of 15 in usage, which shows we are doing well. There may eventually be an option to get a book kiosk out in the Springs, look for more information later.

2.4.   Branch Manager Report – Sabine Salek

See below.

2.5.   City Council Liaison Report - NONE

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2024 AND JUNE 13, 2024 MEETINGS.

Tobiyah Holmes moved that the minutes be approved and Joanne Brown seconded. The minutes were approved.

4.     PUBLIC APPEARANCES OR LETTERS

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Library Advisory Board; times are limited at the Chair's discretion.

None.

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   1. Draft a job description for LAB members to clarify its role and what to do at community events.

Deferred to the next meeting.

* 1. Discussion of the What are the physical plant considerations in the future for the library: Does the branch have enough space; what does that mean in terms of adding programs and resources? What is the library’s relationship with the City of Sonoma? Is the City willing to invest more money in the library?

Deferred to the next meeting.

* 1. Explore other sources of money for expanding the library, e.g., State Library Funds. (Did the City of Sonoma decide not to apply?)

Deferred to the next meeting.

* 1. Rohnert Park Cotati LAB Calendar

Deferred to the next meeting.

* 1. Updates from LAB members on current projects.

Aparna has next season’s list of artists lined up already, beginning in September.

* 1. Look closely at the library’s budget: Are there funds in the current budget which could be used to incentivize participation in the LAB, for adults as well as juvenile members, e.g., reimbursement for attending meetings?

There is presently no budget for paying LAB members, but if we wanted to do something like this we would need to submit a proposal to the Library Commission. We believe it is important to increase the chances that more people could participate. We will consider strategies like changing our meeting time.

1. ACTION ITEMS
   1. Date of October Meeting: The LAB would normally meet on the second Thursday of October, but all library branches are closed on October 10. The Sonoma Valley LAB will select another day to meet in October.

Beverly will send around some suggested dates/times.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TO BE DETERMINED

TIME OF NEXT MEETING: TO BE DETERMINED

Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.

**Manager’s Report – Sonoma Valley Regional Library**

**Library Advisory Board and Sonoma Friends of the Library Meetings**

**August 8, 2024**

**August Displays and Celebrations at the Library**

The Summer Reading Challenge ends August 10 and displays related to the challenge will change then. Lunch at the Library ends on August 9. We have had an exciting summer of programs. So far 192 readers have registered for the reading challenge, and they have logged a total of 141,560 minutes. We will know the final numbers as people come in to claim their prizes in the coming week.

**Current display themes:**

Teen Room: Summer is never over: Summer books beyond Summer Reading Challenge

Children: Disco Otto (promotion for 8/7 Disco Dance Party for children that was organized by our teen interns, Adriel and Briana)

Be an Olympic Reader

Back to School

Adults: August is Romance Reader Month (this ties in nicely with the new Romance section we are creating in all branches – Our new Romance Fiction section are on the Adult Fiction shelves that are closest to the Teen Room.

August 9th is National Book Lover’s Day (featuring books about book clubs, reading, book lists, and books in general)

**Hours:**

* Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10am-6pm
* Sundays from 1pm to 5pm
* Tuesday & Wednesday 10am-8pm
* Curbside service is still available upon request.

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| **Month** | **Check-outs** | **In-library patron visits** | **Bibliobox holds** |
| January 2024 | 16,673 | 9,543 | 472 |
| February 2024 | 16,668 | 10,058 | 400 |
| March 2024 | 17,349 | 10,351 | 475 |
| April 2024 | 16,160 | 9,544 | 430 |
| May 2024 | Statistics unavailable at time of writing | 8,884 | Statistics unavailable at time of writing |
| June 2024 | 15,365 | 9,301 | 525 |
| July 2024 | 16916 | 10,485 | 469 |

**Staff Changes**

We will welcome our new half-time library specialist on the week of August 11. Her name is Kristen Welch, and she has been working as an Extra Help Library Specialist for about 1-1/2 years.

**Upcoming Events** (View events and register at <https://events.sonomalibrary.org/events/month> )

**Recurring Programs**

**Teens**

* Weekly Teen programs continue Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.
* The teen led TCG (Trading Card Game/Pokemon) Club continues to meet on Sundays from 2:30 to 4:00 PM for ages 10 to 17.
* The teen K-Pop club meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 4:30 PM.

**Children**

* The Sonoma Valley Build Club (Legos!) meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 3:30-4:30 PM.
* The Teen/Tween Builders Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM.
* Family story-times Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM, led by Kim Dargeou.
* Pajama Storytime occurs on the second Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 5:45 PM. In June and July this program will be held at the Tuesday Night Market. Two library staff members will table at the market on the second Tuesday of each month.
* French story time debuts on Tuesday April 30 and it will occur whenever there is a fifth Tuesday.
* Starting September 18th Kim will add a Baby Storytime on the third Wednesday of every month.

**Adults**

* Cookbook Club is on the second Saturday of every month at 12:00 Noon. This program will resume in September.
* One-on-One Tech Help program has been on hiatus for the summer. It will be back in September at new times, but until then patrons are welcome to request assistance, and we will make appointments as needed.

**Book Clubs**

* The next Mystery book club meeting is on Thursday September 5th at 4:00 PM. We will discuss *My Darkest Prayer* by S.A. Cosby.
* The Sonoma Reads! Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday August 22nd at 2PM to discuss *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.

**Art Series**

We also thank the Friends of the Library for their continued support of Aparna Sinha’s art series in the library. There will be no art shows this summer, but the series will resume in September and the artist is Gayle Manfre. In October Ellen Murphy will exhibit her work.

**Additional Branch Programs**

Program information can be found on the SCL calendar of events at <https://events.sonomalibrary.org/events/upcoming?branches%5B103%5D=103>

**Virtual and System-wide Events**

* August 27 at 6PM – The Read BIPOC Book Club will discuss *Punch Me Up to the Gods: A Memoir* by Brian Broome.
* August 14 at 6PM – The Virtual Queer Book Club discusses *Save Yourself* by Cameron Esposito.

**Outreach Events in August**

We will table at the Tuesday night market on the Plaza on the second Tuesday of every month through September. Please join us if you would like to promote or answer questions about the Friends or the LAB.

On August 3 Kim and Destiny tabled at the Sonoma Community Health Center’s annual Back to School Fair at Altimira Middle School and gave away books to students.

On August 10 Kim will offer story times at the Nature and Community Fair at the Sonoma Barracks.

**Study Pod**

Patrons have been using the pod for tutoring appointments, virtual meetings, and as a quiet study space. Patrons may reserve it for one hour and may stay for a second hour if no one else has requested it. Library literacy tutors may reserve the space up to a month in advance for two hours at a time. In the month of July there were 79 reservations for the study pod.