**Sonoma County Library**

**LAB Members & Year Term Ends**

**Chair – Beverly Seyfert (2026)**

**Vice Chair – Joanne Brown (2027)**

**Secretary – Roy Tennant (2025)**

**Tobiyah Holmes (2025)**

**Aparna Sinha (2026)**

**Brian Hopewell (2028)**

**Mario Castillo (2028)**

**Briana Gutierrez, Youth Member – (2026)**

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

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

**Sonoma Valley Library Commission Liaison: vacant**

**SONOMA VALLEY LIBRARY**

**ADVISORY BOARD**

**AGENDA**

**Wednesday December 12, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM**

The LAB meets the following months: February,

April, June, August, October & December

**MINUTES**

**Sonoma Valley LAB Meeting**

**Thursday December 12, 2024 @ 4:00 PM**

**Sonoma Valley Regional Library**

**755 West Napa Street**

**Sonoma, California**

Present: Beverly Seyfert (Chair), Roy Tennant (Secretary), Briana Guitierrez (Youth Member), Cathy Coleman (FOL Liaison), Joanne Brown (Vice Chair), Tobiyah Holmes, Brian Hopewell

1. CALL TO ORDER:  4:02
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

Jane Kunde Charitable Trust is at $786,196.63 as of today. The December art exhibit reception was very lively. Today’s book donation day was the largest ever – 40 boxes of books. Book sales are going well. Friends have bought some things for the library (e.g., puzzle table) which are being used.ss

2.2.   Commissioner Report -- Vacant

None.

2.3.   Library Director or Designee Report

Barbara Maes provided a written report that Sabine read. Windsor Regional Library will be closed for two months on January 5th for a remodel, they will be working out of a community room during that time. Measure W passed!

2.4.   Branch Manager Report – Sabine Salek

See report below.

2.5.   City Council Liaison Report

Patricia Farrar-Rivas has acknowledged the City needs to have a representative at our meeting—she would have been here, but tested positive for COVID and her alternate (John Gurney) was out of town.  We'll look forward to seeing one of them at the February meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2024 MEETING.

There was one small correction. Joanne moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Tobiyah seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   1. Discuss the day, time, and frequency of LAB Meetings and LAB member availability

We will need to coordinate with the room schedule. Sabine will send out some open days and times. It was proposed to meet once a month so we can keep better track of projects. The LAB Bylaws will be reviewed and updated at the February meeting to reflect any agreed changes made to the date/time/frequency of the LAB meetings.

* 1. Updates from LAB members on current projects

None.

1. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 No action items

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2025

TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 4:00 PM

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

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

**Thursday December 12, 2024**

**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** |
| July 2024 | 16916 | 10,485 | 469 |
| August 2024 | 16195 | 9,672 | 497 |
| September 2024 | 15367 | 8,916 | 479 |
| October 2024 | 15504 | 9,588 | 620 |
| November 2024 | 14,477 | 8,505 | 457 |

Notes:

We are celebrating winter holidays this month at the library. Our seasonal displays include holiday books, books that help people prepare for winter feasts and entertaining, and crafting books. Our reading room has a small display of cozy mysteries, and there are winter and snow-themed books on display in the children’s and teen areas. Anna has pulled together resources for seniors and adult caregivers near the DVD section. In the children’s area you will see a display of children’s books that the library system is recommending for our annual Mock Caldecott awards. The Caldecott medal is awarded by the American Library Association to the best picture books of the year. For our Mock Caldecott contest, we ask patrons and library staff to read and vote on the books that we feel should win the award.

Many thanks to the Friends for our new two-child stepstool. It allows two siblings to reach the self-charge machine while they are checking out materials. We have received positive feedback about our new puzzle table and rotating puzzle board too. Thanks for providing the funds for both popular items, and for our Gingerbread House event on December 8th, which drew 87 happy people.

**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/Pokémon) Club meets on the first and third Sunday of every month 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.
* Dungeons and Dragons for teens and tweens is on third Thursdays at 4:00 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 is on the second Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 5:45 PM.
* French story time occurs whenever there is a fifth Tuesday in a month.
* Baby Storytime is on the third Wednesday of every month.

**Adults**

* Cookbook Club is on the second Saturday of every month at 12:00 Noon. The December 14 meeting is a cookie exchange.
* One-on-One Tech Help is available by appointment on Fridays at 11:00 or 11:30.

**Book Clubs**

* The next Mystery book club meeting is on Thursday January 2 at 4:00 PM. We will discuss *Now you See Us* by Balli Kaur Jaswal.
* The Sonoma Reads! Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday January 23 at 2:00 PM to discuss *The Last Fire Season* by Manjula Martin.

**Art Series**

We thank the Friends of the Library for their continued support of Aparna Sinha’s art series in the library. The December artist is David Barker, and his reception was Friday December 6th. In January Nora Russo will show her work.

**Additional Branch Programs**

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

**Virtual and System-wide Events**

* January 28 at 6PM – The Read BIPOC Book Club will discuss *Giovanni’s Room* by James Baldwin
* January 8 at 6PM – The Virtual Queer Book Club discusses *The Mercies* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

**Outreach Events in December**

The Kid Scoop Community Posada event at the Sonoma Community Center has a literary theme. Kim will give away books to children and teens at the event on Sunday December 15 from 5 to 7pm.

Hear us on KSVY – Sabine does the KSVY morning show on the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM. Kim has been asked to appear monthly on Tim Curley’s “Curly and Curlier” show.

**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.

**Thank you** to the Friends for approving the funding for our Winter programs (December through February).