**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 –John Gurney**

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

**SONOMA VALLEY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday March 13, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM**

The LAB meets the following months: February, April,

June, August, October & December

**MINUTES**

**Sonoma Valley LAB Special Meeting**

**Thursday March13, 2025 @ 4:00 PM**

**Sonoma Valley Regional Library**

**755 West Napa Street**

**Sonoma, California**

**Present:** Beverly Seifert (Chair), Roy Tennant (Secretary), Sabine Salek (Branch Manager), Deborah Doyle (Library Commission Chair), Aparna Sinha, Briana Guitierrez (Youth Member), Brian Hopewell

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:03pm
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.

Since this is a special meeting, only important items will be reported at this meeting.

2.1.   Friends Report

No report.

2.2.   Commissioner Report — Deborah Doyle

Deborah went to Washington last week with state librarians and focused on congresspersons on budget committees. This is a very uncertain time. She urged us to contact our representatives to let them know how important libraries are in our communities.

Every ten years the library is requited to review the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), so please look at the current agreement and let the Commission know of anything you think should be changed.

2.3.   Library Director or Designee Report

No report.

2.4.   Branch Manager Report – Sabine Salek

No items to point out on her written report (appended below).

2.5.   City Council Liaison Report

No report.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2025 MEETING.

Brian moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Aparnha 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. Discussion of the purpose of the Sonoma Library Advisory Board

A reminder that the LAB advises the Library Commission, not the Branch Manager.

We should both raise more awareness of the library among the community and find out what they would like to see at the library. Joanne suggested via email doing a survey of some sort. It might be as easy as dropping small balls into bins with various reasons why they are coming into the library. We also need to find ways to survey current non-users.

* 1. LAB goals for 2025

1. Increase community outreach efforts.
   1. Updates from LAB members on current projects
   2. Announcement: Mario has resigned effectively immediately.
2. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Vote to amend LAB By-Laws to reflect the change in frequency of LAB Meetings

Brian moved and Roy seconded to change the meeting time to be once every month. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY APRIL 10, 2025

TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 4:00 PM

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

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

**Thursday March 13, 2025**

**Library 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 |
| December 2024 | 14,360 | 8,774 | 413 |
| January 2025 | 15,403 | 9,890 | 505 |
| February 2025 | 14,513 | 9,630 | 419 |

**Notes:** We are celebrating Women’s History month in March, with a scavenger hunt for children, and a Women’s History Passport activity for teens. There are displays for PAWS to Read Month, Pi Day, Women’s History Month, and Read Across America (The NEA’s month to celebrate diverse and inclusive books). Kate will be teaching classes on Internet Basics and Cybersecurity. The library hosts two Saturday performances this month: Sol Flamenco on March 22, and pianist Motoko Honda on March 29.

I will be submitting a funding request to the Friends of the Library for our Summer Programs and ask that we continue to use the funds that have already been deposited.

**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 ten-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.
* 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 theme for April will be Ina Garten and members will share cookbooks and bring dishes from any of her cookbooks.
* One-on-One Tech Help is available by appointment on Fridays at 11:00. We will be adding two Sunday sessions per month in April.

**Book Clubs**

* The next Mystery book club meeting is on Thursday March 6 at 4:00 PM. We will discuss *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz.
* The Sonoma Reads! Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday March 27 at 2:00 PM to discuss *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller.

**Art Series**

We thank the Friends of the Library for their continued support of Aparna Sinha’s art series in the library. The artists this month are students from Adele Harrison and Altimira Middle Schools. Their teacher, Cheryl Coldiron, has curated an exhibit of their illuminated letters. The reception is March 14th.

**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**

* March 25 at 6PM – The Read BIPOC Book Club will discuss *How to Say Babylon* by Safiya Sinclair.
* March 12 at 6PM – The Virtual Queer Book Club discusses *The Deep* by Rivers Solomon.

**Outreach Events in January**

Hear us on KSVY – Sabine does the KSVY morning show on the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM. Kim is a regular on Tim Curley’s “Curly and Curlier” show.

Destiny will participate in a mock interview program at the Boys and Girls Club on March 28.

**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.