



MINUTES

GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB) meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 6 pm

Guerneville Regional Library

14107 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville, CA 95446

1. CONVENING & INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Gail Culverwell, Terry Gwiazdowski, Franceen Levy, Aristotle Salerno, Solon Teal, Deborah Zant, Branch Manager Mel McCallum, Library Director Erika Thibault, Library Commissioner Eve Goldberg, Library Commissioner Sarah Laggos

Not Present: N/A

Members of the Public Present: none

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING

Minutes Approved

4. REPORTS & UPDATES

4.a Library Director's Report: On March 31, library locations will be closed for Cesar Chavez Day. The library is offering resources and assistance during this tax season. March is Women's History Month. Windsor Library's building/furniture refresh is complete and looks great. Cloverdale Library is currently closed during its refresh. Guerneville Library will be getting two single-person study pods in the next few months, paid for by an anonymous bequest and the River Friends of the Library. SCL is gearing up to perform a new strategic plan.

4.b Library Commissioners' Report(s): The Library Commission formed an Adhoc Committee to review and update the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with input from stakeholders including county/city officials, LABs, the Library Foundation, and community members. The JPA is reviewed once every ten years to determine its continued effectiveness. Sonoma Regional Library is seeking someone to serve as Library Commissioner. The Library Commission formed an Adhoc Facilities/Capital Projects Committee.

4.c. Branch Manager's Report: Guerneville Library continues to offer approx. 25 library events per month. We host 4 book clubs (Virtual Queer Book Club, In-person Fiction/Non-Fiction Book Club for adults, In-person First Chapter Book Club for beginning readers, Book Club led by the Children's Librarian at the Boys and Girls Club). In the spring, we will continue Chair Yoga, CalFresh Application assistance, and Computer Classes. People loved our Virtual Museum Tour. Upcoming: Fiber Weaving workshop in April and a dance class in May. Regular outreach in Guerneville, Cazadero, Monte Rio, Forestville and Occidental. Staffing update: New PT Librarian hired for Forestville Library. Continuing to advocate for a larger building for Occidental Library.

LAB Chair requested that the Manager buy a paper shredder for public use. Library staff do not get patron requests for paper shredding—as patrons tend to keep what they print at the library. A few LAB members pointed out that a paper shredder is too noisy for the library. Manager agreed. This was the third LAB meeting at which the LAB Chair asked the Manager to buy a paper shredder for the public. Manager and other library staff, and LAB members still do not agree that the library needs a paper shredder for public use.

4.d. **River Friends Report:** Winter Book, Bake, Wreath Sale raised \$1,200+. Upcoming spring Book and Bake Sale on April 12 & 13. Giveback Tuesday fundraiser on May 6—in the past, the Friends Board raised \$1,200 for the library at Giveback Tuesday. Annual Friends Board meeting on May 17 at the Senior Center—more details to come.

4.e. LAB Chair Updates: Crosswalk was repainted. Gail will continue to advocate for crossing lights at the crosswalk. Gail wants SCL to purchase a generator for Guerneville Library. Gail and the LAB are encouraged to write a letter that may be shared with Commissioner Eve who can share it with the Adhoc Facilities/Capital Improvement (Library Commission) Committee.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.a. Parking Policy: LAB Chair Gail shared that someone at the senior center is concerned that library staff park in the library parking lot, which they think makes it hard for seniors to find parking. Gail recommended that library staff park outside of the library parking lot. Opinion noted. Director noted that this would be a change of working conditions and would require agreement from Library Management and the Union—no action is being taken to prohibit staff from parking in the library parking lot.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.a. Vote on Bylaws

Two draft versions presented—one by Gail and a second by Terry. LAB unanimously voted to update Bylaws—the version created by Terry Gwiazdowski.

6.b. Election of Officers: Chair and Vice Chair

By unanimous vote, Solon Teal was elected Chair and Aristotle Salerno was elected Vice Chair.

7. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

-LAB Goal setting, including brainstorming ways to spend the LABs \$500 budget

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: May 14, 2025, 6-7pm