

**SHASTA PUBLIC LIBRARIES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Redding Library Community Room, 1100 Parkview Avenue, Redding, California
Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Library Citizens Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Peggy O'Lea at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

The following Committee Members were present: Peggy O'Lea, Randi Slaughter, Kim Faires, and Francie Sullivan. Committee Member Joe Shipman was absent. Community Services Director Kim Niemer, Library Director Anna Tracy, Library Assistant Director Elizabeth Kelley, Library Administrative Assistant Cera Siple, Friends of Shasta County Libraries President Fred Pepper, Shasta Library Foundation Volunteer Sharon Clairemont, and Friends of Intermountain Libraries President Pat Pell were also in attendance.

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Consent Calendar:

The minutes of the meeting held on May 1, 2019, were presented.

Motion: To accept the minutes as presented.

(Made by Faires, Seconded by Sullivan)

AYES: Faires, Slaughter, O'Lea, Sullivan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT: Shipman

Motion Carries

Presentation on HelpNow:

Library Assistant Director Elizabeth Kelley described the benefits of HelpNow through the lens of the librarian and as a parent. Kelley explained that HelpNow provides free online homework assistance to kids, teens, and adults, and is one of the primary components of the Student Library Card Initiative. Resources include expert help, study tools, and collaboration tools. HelpNow is funded by the Shasta Library Foundation and is staffed by credentialed teachers that have passed full background checks. HelpNow has regularly been used by the Youth Services and Literacy

departments, in addition to being a popular resource suggested at the adult reference desk. Statistically, usage spikes in direct relation to Library outreach efforts, with a significant increase in use over the past year.

Kelley led the Committee through a live demonstration of HelpNow, including how to access the resource and the types of assistance available. The Committee discussed funding opportunities and testimonials of success.

Library Director's Report and Statistics for April 2019:

After directing the Committee's attention to the written report, Library Director Anna Tracy provided the Committee with a brief update about the June 3 incident that occurred on the Library's parcel. Tracy added that the Summer Blast signups have been increasing at a promising rate. Staff is no longer averaging door count statistics due to outdated equipment.

Community Services Director's Report:

Community Services Director Kim Niemer provided the Committee with a brief update on the status of the recently discussed Navigation Center. She also announced that the temporary fencing that was around the Library while a permanent fence was erected at South City Park had been removed.

Sullivan requested that the Committee see a presentation of the public forum lawsuit that impacts how the Redding Library utilizes the outdoor space surrounding the building. Niemer provided a brief review of the suit and corresponding consequences.

Strategic Plan Update:

Niemer reviewed that morning's "start-up and entrepreneur" strategic planning meeting. The meeting included a presentation by another library in Camarillo that hosted a successful business development program in their community and a discussion by local business leaders. Library Systems & Services had prepared a presentation on the process so far, and an educator group meeting was scheduled for the following week.

Burney Library Update:

Niemer stated that the gym currently using the new Burney Library would vacate the premises in late June, and repairs/renovations will commence at that time. Friends of Intermountain Libraries (FOIL) president Pat Pell expressed the Burney community's excitement about the project and announced that donations continue to filter in from the community. Pell also stated that the author talk in Burney as part of Summer Blast had generated positive buzz in the community.

Reports from the Friends of Libraries and the Shasta Library Foundation:

Shasta Library Foundation Volunteer Sharon Clairemont announced the Shasta Library Foundation's "Treasured Books" campaign, where valuable books are being sold online in support of the Library. Clairemont requested that the Committee evaluate their home libraries and donate any books that they may no longer need.

Friends of Shasta County Libraries President Fred Pepper announced that while their book sales remain successful, there were fewer donations and attendees at the June sale. Pepper also reminded the Committee that the sales would continue occurring on the first Saturday of every month.

Pell reminded the Committee that FOIL maintains a successful bookstore that raises several hundred dollars each month. Niemer expressed her appreciation for Pell's leadership of FOIL and her efforts to secure a new library building in Burney.

Committee Comments:

Committee Member Faires expressed her appreciation of Educational Services Librarian Sara Day's recent appearance at a Rother School assembly.

Niemer and Tracy announced that the California State Library has plans to release bookmobile funding soon. The Committee discussed opportunities that that funding may present, and how other libraries are utilizing bookmobile service, and alternative library collections.

Tour of Library:

Tracy led the Committee on a guided tour of the new Outdoor Explore Children's Garden, which is nearing completion.

Adjournment:

Chair O'Lea adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

