



Tulare County Library
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: April 9, 2019

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Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Darla Wegener PHONE: 559 713-2721

SUBJECT: Annual Report Library Advisory Board presentation and proclamation of April 7-13, 2019 as National Library Week.

REQUEST(S):
 That the Board of Supervisors:
 1. Receive the Library Advisory Board's annual report.
 2. Proclaim April 7-13 as National Library Week in Tulare County, in order to make the community aware of the valuable free library and literacy services.

SUMMARY:
 The Library Advisory Board presents to the Board of Supervisors their annual report to recognize the work of the Tulare County Library and its Literacy Program, Read to Succeed, as we continue each and every day to celebrate that 'Libraries=Strong Communities' the theme for National Library Week 2019.

Tulare County Library, the fourth County Library in California, established by the Board of Supervisors 109 year ago, has 17 branches, four book machines, and an online presence that includes a website and a new app with many resources. The Library looks forward to our second annual Tulare County Library Book Festival working with the Library's Foundation and Friends. Today, and in the future, the Library Department continues to supports all Tulare County citizens in their educational, informational, cultural, and recreational pursuits to encourage lifelong learning and literacy.

The Library provides books, audiobooks, music, and movies to all, accessible with a "free" library card. In addition, the library is one of the only free resources available for computers, internet, early literacy programs, and homework help in our

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communities. The Library also helps with finding a job, repairing your car, learning a language, and finding information. With many resources online, the library is available 24 hours a day.

The Tulare County Library's Read to Succeed Literacy Program celebrates 19 years of services. The Literacy team serves adult learners through one-on-one tutoring and programs for English speakers of other languages (ESOL). In addition, multiple opportunities for early literacy training and family literacy support are available. The program continues to expand programs, including Career Online High School, instruction in our Tulare County correctional facilities, and educational workshops for both formal and informal child caregivers. Read to Succeed encourages continued lifelong literacy and learning by encouraging participants to use their Tulare County Libraries.

Thanks to the support of the Board of Supervisors, support groups, volunteers, community partners, patrons, and staff the Library Department continues to be committed to promoting reading and learning every day.

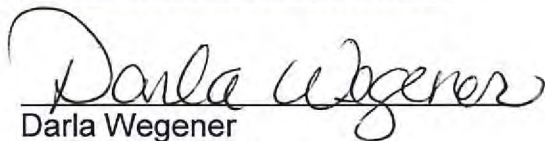
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no fiscal impact to the County of Tulare Library Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Tulare County Strategic Business Plan addresses Economic Well Being Initiative #2, Collaborate in developing and sustaining a well qualified labor pool, and Quality of Life in Strategic Initiative #3, speaking to promotion of literacy countywide. The Library and Literacy programs fulfill these initiatives by providing library and literacy services and programs to teach and assist job seekers and employees, raise literacy countywide, offer youth-related activities in small communities, and provide cultural education and recreational opportunities. Some of the services provided include one-on-one literacy tutoring, family literacy programs, ESOL programs for English learners, online and in person homework help, career resources, language learning, lifelong learning resources, preschool story times, afterschool and summer reading programs, and special cultural events. By providing free and equal access to library and literacy services in we help to eliminate inequities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:


Darla Wegener
County Librarian

cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachment(s) Library Literacy Day Proclamation
Library Advisory Board's Annual Report

Proclamation

DECLARING APRIL 7-13, 2019 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BY CELEBRATING LIBRARIES AND LITERACY

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Library celebrates 109 years and the Read to Succeed Library Literacy Program celebrates 19 years of “free” service, partnering with Libraries, Literacy Programs, and other organizations, to transform the lives of residents in Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, Libraries equals Strong Communities by providing equal access to library and literacy services and educational resources for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional Library staff and volunteers with a sincere interest in community service and the desire to assist others, help our Libraries and Literacy Programs; and

WHEREAS, Libraries, Librarians, and Library staff look beyond their traditional roles to provide opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and engagement that connect closely with our many diverse communities needs;

WHEREAS, Libraries lead in working with diverse communities by offering services and educational resources that break barriers, transform communities, open minds, and promote inclusion;

WHEREAS, the patrons and learners prove access to information and education resources, including one-on-one tutoring, Summer Reading, services to the incarcerated, and early literacy, makes a true difference in the overall success of children, teens, and adults learning to read and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Library and the Read to Succeed Literacy program receives support and funding from County, State, and Federal resources, and local charities, community organizations, and our patrons to assure continued service that assists the community’s effort to address the learning and literacy needs in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare is proud of the success of the Library and the Read to Succeed Literacy Program, and acknowledges the transformational efforts of the staff, volunteers, learners, and patrons.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors proclaims April 7 through 13, 2019 as National Library Week in Tulare County. All are welcome to visit their Library branch discover the many free services available to lead you to your own transformation.

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Library Advisory Board Report
FY 2017-18

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The Library Advisory Board shall be the advisory Board of the Supervisors, and it shall be the duty of the Library Advisory Board to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding all phases of library services and operations of the Tulare County Free Library System.

- Level of library service
- Hours of operation
- Federal and/or State legislation pertaining to methods of library funding
- Public concerns about the library system
- Other matters of concern to the Board of Supervisors regarding the library system




Article I Section B "Purposes" Tulare County Library Advisory Board By-Laws, April 12, 2011

Library Advisory Board

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The Tulare County Library strives to enrich the lives of all users by meeting the informational, recreational, self-educational and cultural needs of the community in a welcoming atmosphere. Through a trained, service-oriented staff, we provide organized collections of current-interest materials and access to additional resources through participation in cooperative library systems. We endeavor to fulfill our commitment to the future by providing stimulating materials and programs that encourage lifelong learning for all.



Mission

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Provide access to a wide variety of information in various formats, both physical and virtual, to the residents of Tulare County for reading, literacy, and lifelong learning.

Provide customer service through reference, readers' advisory, computer assistance, literacy, and borrowing services.

Provide literacy and education services for children of all ages, including storytimes, summer reading, teen programs, family literacy, and more.

Provide adult literacy services to assist residents of Tulare County in attaining reading, writing, and life skills.

Provide educational and cultural enrichment through special events, programs, and historical collections.

Core Services

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District 5
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Pamela K. Whitmire
Betty Morehead
Elaine Gilden
Linda Duran
Juan Figueroa Jr.
Erica Tootle
Rachele Berglund
Alex McDavid
Leonor Serna, Co-Chair
Allison M Lambert, Chair

Meetings are the second Tuesday of the Month at 3 PM

Membership

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- New Pixley Branch opened in May 2018.
- Eleven branches updated to broadband and WiFi.
- New Library website www.tularecountylibraries.org
- STEAM and Bilingual programming at branches.
- Online literacy tutor training implemented.
- Career Online High School program reached full enrollment.
- Leadership Visalia, the Library, and Foundation presented the first annual Tulare County Library Book Festival on April 14, 2018 with over 1500 people.
- Library reorganized into main library and four regions to better assist our patrons.
- Library user survey for the Visalia Branch conducted working with Leadership Visalia.
- An additional 1000 books and materials added as part of two state programs, bilingual children's books and disaster relief and recover assistance materials.
- New Summer Reading programs in Terra Bell, Pixley, Literacy Center, and Plainview.
- New Library programs: Developing Makerspaces, Informal Caregivers, Book to Action, Zip Books, Immigration.
- Offered Summer Meal programs in four branches and Winter meals in Visalia.

Accomplishments 2017-18

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- Served over 3,000 summer lunches at four locations.
- 3,117 children, teens, and adults signed up for Summer Reading, including 200 Early Learners (0-3) and 507 County employees
- 927 Literacy learners and their families, including 343 parents and children and 241 adults in our correctional facilities
- Questions-Reference 40,865 and Technology 15,147
- 36,882 patrons attended 3,128 programs and events,
- Volunteers provided over 14,000 hours

- 55,234 registered borrowers, includes 12,311 Children 0-14
- Collection usage totals of 746,476 items
- 275,000 items in our collection:
- Collections
 - Books Total: 285,453
 - 113,940 Children's
 - 14,198 Young Adult
- DVDs: 10,692
- Audiobooks: 11,215
- eBooks: 17,537
- eAudio: 3,970
- Over 51 online resources accessed 291,107 times.

Statistics 2017-18

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- oNew Literacy Location in Pixley
- oExpansion of Bilingual programming
- oConnected 15 branches to broadband (17 by end of FY 18-19)
- oConnected 15 branches to WIFI
- oUpdating Public Internet Use Policy and procedures
- oRevised fines and fees
- oStarting Over Strong transition program
- oOnline literacy programs for learners including iPad literacy apps
- oIntegrated Adult Literacy materials into collections
- oPlay and Stay program in Pixley
- oMakerspace and Coding programs in Exeter and Pixley
- o20 additional scholarships received for Career Online High School
- oSecond Annual Book Festival in Visalia April 13 with Foundation & Friends
- oWriting workshop and poetry reading featuring Tim Z. Hernandez and California Poet Laureate Dana Gioia



2018-19


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Goal 1:
Hold Meetings and Tour Branches within Tulare County.

Goal 2:
Review County Policies, Rules, and Guidelines.

Goal 3:
Review with the community Library Branch hours needs.



Library Advisory Goals

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Library staff, the management team, & Darla Wegener, County Librarian
Tulare County Library Foundation and Friends of the Tulare County Library,
Three Rivers, Lindsay, Exeter, & Dinuba
County Departments, including Board of Supervisors, Sheriff's, Fire, General Services, CAO, HHSA, TCICT, & HR&D & the San Joaquin Valley Library System
Community Supporters, including Pixley Foundation, Lea Conmigo
Farmersville, Citizens for a Better London, Leadership Visalia, Visalia Chamber of Commerce, Edison Foundation, First Five Tulare County, United Way of Tulare County, Ann B. Reimers Charitable Educational Foundation, Save the Children, California State Library, Packard Foundation, California Library Association, Read for Life, Save the Children, & ImagineU.



Thank You

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Tulare County Library Book Festival
Saturday, April 13, 2019
10 AM-3 PM
Visalia Branch Library