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Library Advisory Board Report FY 2017-18

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Library Advisory Board

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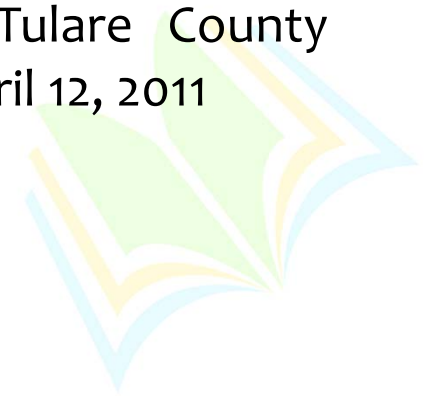
The Library Advisory Board shall be the advisory Board of the Supervisors, and it shall be the duty of the Library Advisory Board to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding all phases of library services and operations of the Tulare County Free Library System.

- 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.

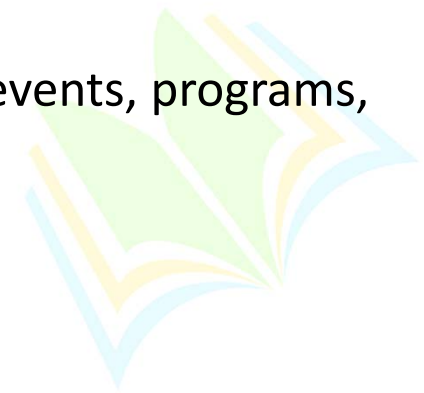
Provide customer service through reference, readers' advisory, computer assistance, literacy, and borrowing services.

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 1

Pamela K. Whitmire

District 2

Betty Morehead

District 3

Elaine Gilden

District 4

Linda Duran

District 5

Juan Figueroa Jr.

At-Large Member

Erica Tootle

At-Large Member

Rachele Berglund

At-Large Member

Alex McDavid

At-Large Member

Leonor Serna, Co-Chair

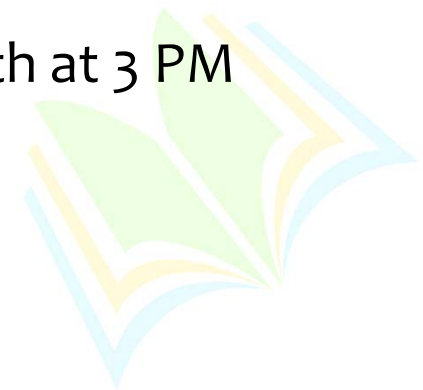
At-Large Member

Allison M Lambert, Chair



Meetings are the second Tuesday of the Month at 3 PM

Membership



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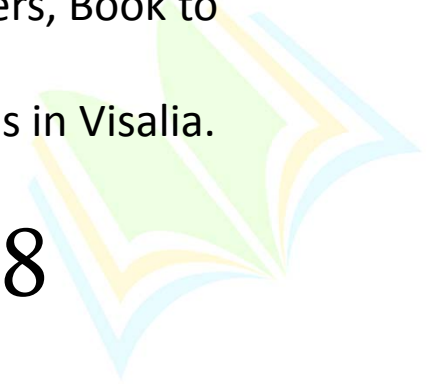
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- New Pixley Branch opened in May 2018.
- Eleven branches updated to broadband and WiFi.
- New Library website www.tularecountylibrary.org
- STEAM and Bilingual programming at branches.
- Online literacy tutor training implemented.
- Career Online 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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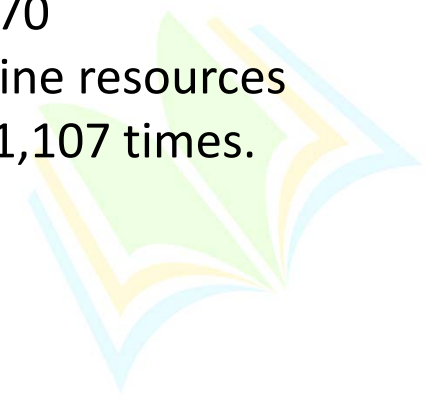


- Served over 3,000 summer lunches at four locations.
- 3,117 children, teens, and adults signed up for Summer Reading, including 200 Early Learners (0-3) and 507 County employees
- 927 Literacy learners and their families, including 343 parents and children and 241 adults in our correctional facilities
- 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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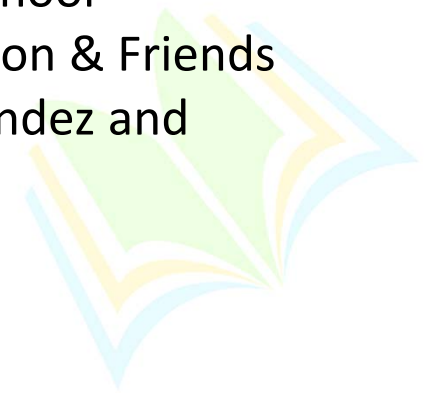
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- New Literacy Location in Pixley
- Expansion of Bilingual programming
- Connected 15 branches to broadband (17 by end of FY 18-19)
- Connected 15 branches to WiFi
- Updating Public Internet Use Policy and procedures
- Revised fines and fees
- Starting Over Strong transition program
- Online literacy programs for learners including iPad literacy apps
- Integrated Adult Literacy materials into collections
- Play and Stay program in Pixley
- Makerspace and Coding programs in Exeter and Pixley
- 20 additional scholarships received for Career Online High School
- Second Annual Book Festival in Visalia April 13 with Foundation & Friends
- Writing 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, Sherriff'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