



**LOMPOC PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
LIBRARY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 10:00 AM
Lompoc Public Library Grossman Gallery
501 E. North Avenue, Lompoc, CA
Presiding: Olivia Magaña, Chairperson

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Olivia Magana called the meeting of the Lompoc Library Commission to order at 10:03 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Commission Chair Olivia Magana, Lu Knowles, Joe Valencia, Maricela Trenado
Commissioners Absent: None.
Staff Present: Library Director Sarah Bleyl, Administrative Aide Jordan Bainer
Others Present: City of Lompoc Mayor Jenelle Osborne, Friends of the Library President Teresa Jansen, Library Foundation President Melinda Aguirre

2. Adoption of Agenda

ACTION: Motion/Second: Knowles/Valencia, Trenado. By a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the agenda items in the order as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Motion/Second: Knowles/Valencia, Trenado. By a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

4. Presentations

None.

5. Public Comment

Mayor Jenelle Osborne thanked the Commission for its service to the City.

6. Library Support Activities

A. Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library President Teresa Jansen reported the following:

- In July, a disbursement for \$22,000 was given to benefit the Lompoc & Village Libraries.
- \$2,500 was donated in September to benefit the Village Library.
- The summer Friends book sale brought in \$3,516 in proceeds.
- The next book sale will be October 17th-20th.

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- The Christmas trees are handed out in November, with raffle drawings scheduled for December 13th for the main branch, and December 14th for the Village Library.

B. Library Foundation

Library Foundation President Melinda Aguirre reported the following:

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- A Frank Sinatra & Elvis tribute concert benefitting the Charlotte's Web Bookmobile will be held at the Anderson Recreation Center on October 12.
- A second fundraiser, Meet the Author, is scheduled for November 2 at 4:00 PM in the Grossman Gallery.
- The latest newsletter was sent out on September 9.
- The Lompoc District Libraries Foundation's board will remain the same
- First fundraiser is a tribute to Elvis and Frank Sinatra to be held at the Anderson Recreation Center on October 12.
- Meet the Author fundraiser will be November 2 in the Library. There will be 4 authors presenting, with Jeremy Ball as moderator.
- The newest newsletter was mailed out.
- Library District board will remain the same after latest meeting.
- The Foundation's next meeting will be November 14 at 4:30 PM.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Business

A. Library Updates

- Summer Reading Program
 - The 2024 Summer Reading Program was a great success. August will be a break in programming for youth services to reorganize after summer.
- HVAC
 - This project is slated to begin in Spring 2025.
- Bookmobile Garage and Parking Lot Renovation
 - This project is still in the works; the Foundation is fundraising to support the construction.
- Patios, landscaping, etc.
 - This project will begin after the completion of other projects. The new design will be conducive to Library programming, especially for youth services.
- Library Advisory Committee
 - Status quo for this year; a new appointee, Cara Carucci, will be joining at the next meeting.
- Santa Barbara Library
 - Nothing new as far as sharing items; unsure what is happening with Santa Barbara after multiple staff departures connected to wrongdoings.
 - Black Gold has rewritten their KPA, hoping that there will be a change in leadership supportive of rejoining Black Gold.

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B. Lompoc Community Benefit Foundation Requests

- O. Magana; tasked with bringing a list of projects the Library wants to pursue to be presented to the benefit foundation. Former commissioner M. Moore mentioned installing EV parking.
- S. Bleyl; 3-4 EV parking spots will be included in the parking lot renovation.
- J. Osborne requested a list of projects that don't qualify for grants to investigate further.
 - O. Magana and S. Bleyl will organize a list of project ideas, to be presented before the end of the year. These will be discussed in the November meeting.
- L. Knowles inquired on the gopher problem in the parking lot lawn.
 - S. Bleyl informed that the project will be confined to the enclosed patio and will not address the lawn.

9. Director's Report for May-August 2024

A. Summer Reading Program

- Of the 620 people who signed up, roughly half completed the program's goal of 600 minutes
- Across 4 age groups, a total of 364,000 minutes read, surpassing the original challenge goal of 100,000 minutes.
- A combination of donated books and those purchased through grant funds were given to patrons through the program, in furtherance of the state library's goal for personal libraries.
- A new Bob Ross paint along program for adults was a success, and will be brought on as a quarterly event.
- A new set of wall toys for the youth section was installed.

B. Lunch at the Library

- Double the attendance of 2023.
- When Library staff noticed that the burritos were not very popular, Youth Services Manager D. Bentle created Books & Burritos, where they received free books along with their lunch.
- The large increase in library staffing allowed us to double the programming from 2023.
- High school students were brought in as paid interns, 15 hours a week, and helped prep and serve lunch, and assisted in programming.

C. Privacy Pod

- Purchased grant funding; a private meeting space for one to two people to take calls, telehealth, webinar, exams, study space, etc.
- Adults only; 1 hour a day, and 2 hours a week limit.
- J. Osborne suggested bringing it to the benefit foundation for additional pods.

D. Bookmobile volunteer program was massively ramped up

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- Large crowds for Old Town Market required more staff.
- 25 teens volunteered through the summer.
 - teens were given the opportunity to create their own programs, monitored through a budget, and bring it to Old Town
 - This allowed staff to focus on the bookmobile while the teens focused on programming
 - Teen volunteers will be at the chalk festival doing face painting after taking classes for free with the teen center
 - 2 internships for bookmobile volunteers
 - Goodwill; IEP students, one volunteer
 - Partners in Education; usually they charge a fee, but it was waived for the bookmobile as it's the first one in Lompoc; hopefully will be adding another volunteer through this program
- Books & Bubbles was done by A. Hierholzer in Ryon Park every Friday morning; over 100 people attended.
 - Local law enforcement and fire department were included in the story times
 - Hierholzer will also be going to the state preschools for story times
- Over 1,000 visitors during Summer Reading Program.
 - Almost 1,000 people visited the bookmobile at National Night Out
- R. Frazian is working with the trust to bring A. Hierholzer on full-time to allow the bookmobile to be more available.
 - Currently, they are turning down stops due to understaffing.

E. Library Commission

- The commission currently has 4 members, with 1 seat vacant.
- J. Osborne will be working after the joint meetings with city council to request the modernization of the council commission's handbook.
 - This was delayed after pandemic.
 - An applicant was turned down for the vacant seat; maybe we can adjust handbook to allow 50% of the commission is allowed to live outside the city limits, to consider the Village Library.
 - Will be being brought forth for the city council for approval at the next meeting.
- J. Osborne: does a 5-member board work? Or would a 7-member board be better for a quorum?
 - Will review the handbook and bring suggestions to S. Bleyl for consideration.

F. Village Library

- Seed library, created by S. Foster, has generated large interest from patrons.

G. Vandenberg Village Association

- S. Bleyl was asked to speak to them.
 - Rehash of issues from 10+ years ago.

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- Members (including those who do not patronize the library), suggested that VVA should take over the library.
- Village Library is funded through the county, and every year there is a deficit that the county, for now, is ensuring is paid. If that is no longer the case, those funds would need to come from elsewhere.
- 60-70 people regularly attend story time, and feedback from patrons are positive re: hours, programs, and selection.
- J. Osborne mentioned that with most families having access to the library, the need for constant access to the library doesn't really exist.
- M. Aguirre; there is an endowment for Vandenberg Village, bookmobile, and Buellton. When people donate via the newsletter, the Village Library receives the largest endowment by far.
- S. Bleyl; new materials that don't circulate as often can be relocated to Village Library instead of removed from the collection.

H. Stats

- The circulation numbers do not include e-materials, which are becoming a larger percentage of items checked out

I. Programming

- J. Valencia; Bob Ross painting program?
 - S. Bleyl: an adults only program, where people followed a video and painted along. Requires registration due to limited seats.
 - The group was completely full
- S. Bleyl: a library in LA is doing a murder mystery in the library
 - Two staff have created a murder mystery to happen in the library
 - J. Osborne: dinner in the dark in the library, with a local author and wine, coupled with a private tour of the library.
 - L. Knowles: is this connected to reading a book?
 - S. Bleyl; no, it's an activity for people to do while physically inside the library.

10. Roundtable

- M. Trenado: Summer Reading Program looked great, and seems to have a great impact.
- J. Valencia; thanks to S. Bleyl.
 - Introduced a local author's book, The Genesis Factor, which begins in 1959 Lompoc. S. Bleyl suggested having the author sign a copy to be presented in the Local Authors shelf.
- L. Knowles: everything is going along smoothly, which is great. The VL is doing great!
- O. Magana: thank you for everything the library has been doing.
 - Spanish Heritage Month is 9/15 to 10/15, is there any activities planned? Suggested a family movie night or some other communities.

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- Family movies at other libraries are evenings 5-7, where whole families can come. Would that be something that the library wanted to bring in?
- Horror Society, a teenage-reader book club where they read murder mystery books. Would that be something the library could do?
 - S. Bleyl; one program they do with the teens is zombie Barbie and stuffed animal taxidermy. Will also be bringing back costume bingo after hours the Friday before Halloween.

11. Adjournment

O. Magana adjourned the meeting at 11: 12 a.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the Lompoc Public Library, 501. E North Ave, Lompoc, at 10:00 a.m.

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