



Santiago Library System (SLS)
Children's Services Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Location

Huntington Beach Central Library
E Room
7111 Talbert Ave
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

- a. Annika Helmuth, Newport Beach
- b. Gina Moffitt, Fullerton
- c. Laura Jenkins, Huntington Beach
- d. Lauren Regenhardt, Mission Viejo
- e. Lucy Salvado, Yorba Linda
- f. Lupita Arroyo, Santa Ana
- g. Mayli Apontti, Placentia
- h. Nhung Nguyen, OCPL
- i. Nissa Perez-Montoya, Anaheim
- j. Ruth Cho, Buena Park

3. Adoption of Agenda

- a. This is the opportunity for committee members to delete items from the agenda, to continue items, to reorder items, and to make additions pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b).

4. Oral Communications

- a. Pursuant to California Government code Section 54954.3, members of the public may address the Santiago Library System Children's Services committee on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Children's Services Committee. Presentations by the public are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public are also permitted to address the Santiago Library System Children's Services Committee on specific agenda items before and at the time that an item is being considered by the Executive Council. Action may not be taken on items not on the agenda except in emergencies or as otherwise authorized pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2(b).

5. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of the May 2023 Santiago Library System Children's Services Meeting (approved)

6. New Business

- a. Agenda preparation for the next Children's Services Committee meeting
 - i. December 4, 2023, 10 a.m., Yorba Linda
- b. Summer 2023 programming recap
 - i. Newport Beach
 1. Saw increased participation in reading challenge across all ages
 2. Performance attendance up
 3. 6,000 participants at programs
 - ii. Anaheim
 1. Increased participation across all ages and getting close to pre Covid numbers
 2. Farm to table bookmobile
 3. 500 in attendance at end of summer reading party with carnival games and incentives
 - iii. Yorba Linda
 1. Back to regular, pre Covid numbers
 2. 3,000+ participants in children's summer reading challenge
 3. 70+ programs
 4. Fewer complaints from patrons about not getting into programs
 5. Staff is tired
 - iv. Santa Ana
 1. Approaching pre Covid numbers
 2. Using Beanstack as a database of sorts (offline readers feature)
 3. Two performers every week
 - v. OCPL
 1. Brought back paper logs and saw increased summer reading participation; most branches offered a paper/online hybrid
 2. Branches chose from performers who submitted proposals
 3. Discussed Beanstack and 1,000 books before kindergarten
 - vi. Buena Park
 1. Patrons seem calmer and more cooperative than they were last summer
 2. Closure in August/September for building improvements
 - vii. Fullerton
 1. Limited staffing and reduced hours
 2. Did not offer paper logs but made a few exceptions
 3. Fewer registrants but increased engagement
 4. Completed stay and play grant
 5. STEM kits provided by Sunny Hills High School club
 - viii. Huntington Beach
 1. 47% increase in summer reading participation
 2. 3,600 participants
 3. Strong adult participation might have been linked to 7 Leaves drink incentive
 4. 294 programs overall, 80 special programs
 5. 130% increase in program attendance
 6. Simplified prize structure
 7. Tiny art show with tiny snacks
 - ix. Placentia

1. Dip in children's summer reading participation
 2. Good performance attendance
 3. Offered both paper/Beanstack options
 4. Wild Wednesdays with performer
 5. Stuffed animal sleepover
- x. Mission Viejo
1. Slight dip in summer reading participation, numbers in general were down
 2. Increased baby registrations
 3. Understaffed
 4. Speech therapists at stay and play
 5. Programs included NASA space camp (steady attendance over several weeks), Bubble Pop, Books and Barks, Minecraft box heads
 6. Programming break from August-mid September
- c. Fall 2023 plans
- i. OCPL
 1. Many branches offering Halloween programs
 2. Dinovember programs
 - ii. Santa Ana
 1. About 150 take and makes each month
 2. Not so spooky Halloween programs
 3. Interactive *Encanto* program for Hispanic Heritage Month
 4. Dinovember program
 - iii. Yorba Linda
 1. Added baby storytime
 2. Special monthly program
 3. Solar eclipse program
 4. STEAM and LEGO programs
 - iv. Buena Park
 1. A few small Halloween programs rather than one big event like last year
 2. Canvases kids paint at home, sharing what they're thankful for, and bring back for display
 3. Korean/English bilingual storytime
 4. Holiday cards to be distributed at senior center's holiday luncheon
 - v. Placentia
 1. Monster Mash
 2. Costume parade
 3. Día de los Muertos program
 4. Lotería
 5. More interactive programs in makerspace
 - vi. Anaheim
 1. New council is supportive of library
 2. Lotería
 3. Anaheim Reads
 4. Might restart sensory storytime at end of November
 - vii. Newport Beach

1. Expanding afterschool programming with BARK, book club, family game day, crafternoon, coding for kids
 2. Halloween performance
 3. Quiet launching of quiet room with sensory items and soft seating
- viii. Mission Viejo
1. Early learning grant
 2. Jim Gill training
 3. Mike Stilkey art installation (book spine art)
 4. TouchTalk iPads
 5. Haunted escape room
 6. Trick or treating at service desks
 7. Solar eclipse program
 8. *The Chalice of the Gods* release party
- ix. Fullerton
1. Stay and play
 2. Storytimes
 3. STEM kits provided by Sunny Hills High School club
 4. Saturday STEM programs with Fullerton High School students
 5. Spooky craft night for all ages
 6. Yule Ball
- x. Huntington Beach
1. Had to cancel this year's pumpkin decorating program
 2. 15 storytime sessions per week
 3. Friday baby and me programs
 4. Monthly drop in craft
 5. Hiding dinosaurs in honor of Dinovember
 6. Nutcracker ballet
 7. Programs in honor of Native American Heritage Month and Hispanic Heritage Month
 8. Trick or treat night with other city departments
- d. Discussion of 2024 performers showcase
- i. Venue and date: Huntington Beach Public Library, January 18, 2024
 - ii. Try to get new talent
 - iii. Bring back lunch
 - iv. One cost for all performers (\$75?)
- e. Roundtable discussion
- i. Homeschoolers
 1. Mission Viejo has large homeschooling population
 2. Yorba Linda has homeschooling teens help during storytime
 - ii. YALSA summit at Mission Viejo
 1. March or April 2024
 2. Children's and teen librarians at CLA talked about feeling burnt out and fatigued
 - iii. In-N-Out
 1. Several committee members gave assurance that though they often arrive last minute, In-N-Out reading program supplies do arrive
 - iv. Book challenges
 1. Yorba Linda: a patron emailed the library about the book *This Book Is Gay*

2. Anaheim: getting little pockets of complaints
3. Mission Viejo: pride display was challenged, pride books were hidden, and city council is asking for changes to collection development policy
4. Huntington Beach: in the midst of the current situation, the community is offering strong support of the library

7. Adjournment at 12:17 p.m.