

MEETING MINUTES
SERRA YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, December 4, 2023, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID:

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Minutes Recorded by Bill Sannwald

All items may be considered for action.

Members Present:

Kat Carn, Chair	San Diego Public Library
Alyson Hamlin, Co-Chair	Chula Vista Public Library
Francesca de Vera	San Diego Public Library
Vanessa Gempis	San Diego Public Library
Jodi dela Pena	San Diego County Library
Dan Wood	Escondido Public Library
Tara Davies	Coronado Public Library
Natalie Stringer	Coronado Public Library
Danielle Ghio	National City Public Library
Amy Kleman	Oceanside Public Library
Lisa Ferneau-Haynes	Oceanside Public Library
Bill Sannwald	Carlsbad City Library

1. Call to Order/Member Introductions

- Alyson Hamlin moved to start the meeting. Lisa Ferneau-Haynes seconded. Meeting began at 11:05 am.

2. Public Forum

- No members of the public present

3. Update and Adoption of the Agenda

- Dan Wood motioned to adopt the agenda, Amy Kleman seconded. Approved.

4. Approval of October 2023 Minutes

- Alyson Hamlin moved to approve the minutes, Bill Sannwald seconded. Approved.

5. **Laura Mendez- SD County Spelling Bee Partnership/Support**

- Laura Mendez is a Principal Librarian at Carlsbad City Library and will be serving as a judge on the San Diego County Spelling Bee (grades 6, 7, 8) and is looking for support for the spelling bee from SERRA libraries. By partnering with public libraries, barriers will be reduced and more children may become involved in the spelling bee. Winner of spelling bee gets an all-expenses paid trip to National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. Deadline for school participation is January 31, 2024. Laura asked library staff to promote to contacts in local school districts. For more information reach out to Laura at laura.mendez@carlsbadca.gov

6. **Museum Month Updates**

- Kat Carn, Alyson Hamlin, and Francesca de Vera met with Museum Month representatives. Last year was a success, with a substantial increase. There was also an excellent response from the digital pass. Will pass along updates from Museum Month representatives, and feedback is being solicited. Jodi suggested integrating Museum Month with Discover & Go platform. Francesca noted that paper passes help with those patrons lacking digital literacy.

7. **SYSC Professional Development Workshop Feedback**

- Overall, there was positive feedback from attendees. Strong feelings noted about the preventing teen violence presenters, specifically regarding language used. The issue has been addressed with the partner. Participants enjoyed the resource fair opportunity to meet with partners. It was noted by some attendees that lunch was a little long. Feedback given for more breakout sessions and to encourage people to do more mingling. A strong list of topics and themes was collected for next year (racial, equity, and inclusion; burnout; grant writing; LGBTQIA+ programming for children).

8. **Roundtable**

- *Vanessa Gempis, San Diego Public Library:* There is an upcoming author event for a new book release at the Central Library.
- *Francesca de Vera, San Diego Public Library:* Looking forward to Winter Reading Challenge. Partnering with Museum of Us. Doing Beanstack theme of Where We Come From.
- *Jodi dela Pena, San Diego County Library:* Partnering with Health and Human Services for Live Well Youth Sector. Attended Youth Conference at San Diego City College around LGBTQIA+ youth.

- *Alyson Hamlin, Chula Vista Public Library*: Back to pre-pandemic numbers for programs. 400 attendees at Halloween program. Homework help program has returned. Hosted a drone program over the Summer that has an upcoming scrimmage event.
- *Tara Davies, Coronado Public Library*: Starting a teen advisory board and zine club.
- *Natalie Stringer, Coronado Public Library*: Santa and Hanukkah programs in December. Getting ready for the Winter Reading Challenge.
- *Bill Sannwald, Carlsbad City Library*: Winter Reading Challenge in January – partnering with Dave & Buster’s for prize. Reorganization of library system into branch structure. Play kitchen being installed in the Cole children’s area.
- *Danielle Ghio, National City Public Library*: Started a new slate of children’s programming last month, including tutoring. Kimball Holiday happening Saturday, December 9 – expecting about 5000 attendees. National City will be on furlough December 16 – January 2.
- *Dan Wood, Escondido Public Library*: Gearing up for Winter Reading Challenge. Toddler Tales storytime was split into two sessions due to the success of the program. Still averaging 150 attendees per program.
- *Amy Kleman, Oceanside Public Library*: Have last cohort of teen interns with Stronger Together grant and have a new grant program starting in January (Youth Employment Leadership Program “YELP”). Hoping to bring back regular paid internships next school year. Winter Reading Challenge is going for two months (December 1 – January 31). Literacy Through Art program with all third graders in Oceanside.
- *Lisa Ferneau-Haynes, Oceanside Public Library*: Upcoming ukulele program with Sunset Strummers. School tours with all ninth graders.
- *Kat Carn, San Diego Public Library*: Adding more storytimes at Carmel Valley Library, including a sensory program that is still being developed. Life-size Candy Land game program is scheduled. San Diego Public will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.
- *Vanessa Gempis, San Diego Public Library*: Little Learners sensory program has been going well at Central Library.

9. Wrap-up: Review Action Items

- Will reach out to Bob (Museum Month representative) and suggest promote Discover and Go platform during the month.

10. Adjourn

- Alyson Hamlin moved to adjourn, Amy Klemen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

