



Santiago Library System (SLS)
Children's Services Committee Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Location

Yorba Linda Public Library
4852 Lakeview Ave
Yorba Linda, CA 92886
714-777-2873

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

- a. Andrea Roque, Orange
- b. Annika Helmuth, Newport Beach
- c. Jenn DeBaun-Holm, Anaheim
- d. Keithley Hale, Fullerton
- e. Laura Jenkins, Huntington Beach
- f. Lauren Regenhardt, Mission Viejo
- g. Lucy Salvado, Yorba Linda
- h. Lupita Arroyo, Santa Ana
- i. Margaret Hatanaka, Placentia
- j. Nhung Nguyen, OCPL
- k. 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 September 2023 Santiago Library System Children’s Services Meeting (approved)

6. New Business

- a. Agenda preparation for the next Children’s Services Committee meeting
 - i. February 5, 2024, 10 a.m., Orange
- b. Fall 2023 programming recap
 - i. OCPL
 - 1. In-N-Out program at all branches
 - 2. Pumpkin programs at several branches
 - ii. Santa Ana
 - 1. Fall reading program had 1,000+ participants (more participants than pre Covid)
 - 2. Dinovember program
 - 3. Halloween take and makes
 - 4. Make your own costume program
 - iii. Mission Viejo
 - 1. Percy Jackson program
 - 2. Jane Austen series
 - 3. Haunted escape room
 - 4. 1,000+ attendees at trick or treat event
 - 5. Bingo and pizza night for families organized by teen interns
 - 6. Girls Who Code
 - 7. NASA speaker
 - iv. Huntington Beach
 - 1. 1,500+ In-N-Out participants
 - 2. 1,800+ attendees at Monster Mash
 - 3. Dinovember programs at 2 locations
 - v. Anaheim
 - 1. Game board for library card sign up month
 - 2. Chicano Heritage Month events
 - 3. Haunted Anaheim
 - 4. Trunk or treat
 - 5. Native American Heritage Month events
 - 6. Anaheim Reads
 - vi. Yorba Linda
 - 1. LEGO-Mania is very popular
 - 2. Solar eclipse programming
 - 3. Play and learn sessions
 - vii. Orange
 - 1. Staff out on maternity/paternity leaves
 - 2. Coding programs

3. In-N-Out participation seemed low
 4. Holiday bazaar with play money
 5. Spooktacular events
- viii. Newport Beach
1. Coding programs have a waitlist
 2. Well attended firefighter storytime
 3. Talk by videogame developer
 4. Halloween events were well attended
 5. Dinovember programs
 6. Holiday open house with treats and ensemble performance
 7. Continuing to work with BARK for monthly read to a dog programs but sought recommendations for other read to a dog organizations. Other organizations mentioned by committee members:
 - i. Alliance Therapy Dogs
 - ii. Pet Buddies
 - iii. Pet Prescription
 - iv. Go Team Therapy
 - v. Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs
- ix. Placentia
1. Used cards and spreadsheet for In-N-Out program
 2. Firefighter storytime
 3. Book character pumpkin decorating
 4. Día programming
- x. Buena Park
1. Building closure and flooding in community room
 2. Smaller Halloween programs rather than one big event
 3. Tiny Thanksgiving canvases
- xi. Fullerton
1. In-N-Out had higher rate of completion than usual
 2. Community room construction on the horizon
 3. Cleaning of staff areas
- c. Winter 2023/2024 plans
- i. OCPL
 1. Winter reading challenge
 2. Various winter programs across branches
 3. Kindergarten readiness programs (author talks, Kinderpalooza) in March
 - ii. Santa Ana
 1. Disguise gingerbread men
 2. January: National Hobby Month stations
 3. Programs in partnership with Segerstrom's Studio D
 - a. Community dancing program
 - b. Musical theater program

4. Winter reading challenge with Panda Express
 5. Lunar New Year programming in partnership with parks and rec
- iii. Mission Viejo
1. Stay and play with nutritionist on site
 2. Storytimes resume in January
 3. Homeschool hangout
 4. TAB at Mission Viejo night market
 5. Tween book clubs
 6. Nowruz program in coordination with Persian school
 7. Cooking your story event with Michelle Sterling
 8. Jane Austen ball
 9. Fancy Nancy tea party
- iv. Huntington Beach
1. Programming break in December
 2. Great Backyard Bird Count programs in February
 3. Open house in February
 4. Bingo style reading challenge with kindness theme in February
 5. Brilliant Black inventors program in February
 6. EqualiTEA party in March in honor of Women's History Month
 7. Junie B. Jones workshop with youth ballet company
- v. Anaheim
1. Winter reading program sponsored by Zombie Doughnuts
 2. Santa visits
 3. 3D printing classes
 4. Short storytime break
- vi. Yorba Linda
1. December 20: Holidays on the Paseo
 2. January: animal/STEAM programs
 3. Lunar New Year programs
 4. One week closure
- vii. Orange
1. Santa visits
 2. Exploring artist programs
 3. Independent Therapy Dogs, Inc.
 4. Math program with Koke
 5. Read Across America storywalks
- viii. Newport Beach
1. Two week programming break
 2. Percy Jackson party
 3. Family paint afternoon
 4. Spring reading in March
 5. Cardboard city program

- ix. Placentia
 - 1. Winter reading program registration through Beanstack
 - 2. Tiny art show in February
 - x. Buena Park
 - 1. Holiday cards for seniors attending senior center holiday luncheon
 - 2. Panda Express reading challenge
 - 3. Therapy mini horses
 - 4. Many passive programs while community room remains closed
 - xi. Fullerton
 - 1. Yule ball
 - 2. Winter reading challenge
 - 3. Children's auditorium has been occupied by furniture
 - 4. STEAM kits in partnership with local high school clubs
 - d. Discussion of 2024 performers showcase
 - i. Venue and date: Huntington Beach Public Library, January 18, 2024
 - ii. Discussion of lunch, applications, showcase day roles, funds from last year's showcase
 - iii. Performers seem happy to pay higher showcase fee
 - iv. Desire for new performers
 - e. Roundtable discussion
 - i. Sensory storytimes
 - ii. YALSA Youth Summit at Huntington Beach Library in April
 - iii. Brief update regarding Huntington Beach's struggles with city council
 - iv. Mobile science kit
7. **Adjournment at 12:32 p.m.**