



Santiago Library System (SLS)  
Children's Services Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2023  
10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Virtual meeting via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483526421?pwd=R3dlaEhZKzVpcXpkaU9TOEJsQlZldz09>  
Meeting ID: 824 8352 6421  
Passcode: 352116

**Meeting locations**

Mission Viejo Public Library  
Heritage Room  
100 Civic Center  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Placentia Library  
Local History Room  
411 E Chapman Ave  
Placentia, CA 92870

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

- a. Andrea Roque, Orange
- b. Annika Helmuth, Newport Beach
- c. Keithley Hale, Fullerton
- d. Laura Jenkins, Huntington Beach
- e. Lauren Regenhardt, Mission Viejo
- f. Lucy Salvado, Yorba Linda
- g. Lupita Arroyo, Santa Ana
- h. Margaret Hatanaka, Placentia
- i. Nhung Nguyen, OCPL
- j. Nissa Perez-Montoya, Anaheim
- 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 2022 Santiago Library System Children's Services Meeting (approved)

**6. New Business**

- a. Agenda preparation for the next Children's Services Committee meeting
  - i. September 18, 2023, 10 a.m., Huntington Beach
- b. Continued discussion of ideas for future SLS sponsored programs
  - i. Tiffany Hammond (Fidgets and Fries)
  - ii. Staff demos for idea sharing and training for newer staff
  - iii. Training to incorporate elements beneficial for children with special needs into existing storytimes
  - iv. Stay and play tangibles and gift cards for libraries to make their own purchases
  - v. Storytelling presentation for SLS staff, perhaps in March/spring 2024 at Newport Beach
- c. 2024 OC Performers Showcase
  - i. Venue and date: Huntington Beach Public Library, January 18, 2024
- d. Spring 2023 programming recap
  - i. OCPL
    - 1. Comic Orange at Tustin
    - 2. Several Earth Day programs
    - 3. Exchange Day with leftovers donated to Goodwill
    - 4. Strong theme this year of sustainability
  - ii. Fullerton
    - 1. Storytime
    - 2. Stay and play
    - 3. Star Wars program
  - iii. Mission Viejo
    - 1. Started early learning grant program
    - 2. Stay and play with speech therapist at program
    - 3. Math Challenge
    - 4. Earth Day program
    - 5. Brettso the Great
    - 6. Star Wars program
    - 7. StoryWalk
    - 8. Fort night
    - 9. Tween book club
  - iv. Huntington Beach
    - 1. Tween book club run by Van Hoang

2. Black History Month kits
3. All ages bird program
4. Wonderful Women Scientists kits
5. Crafting Across Continents
6. Fancy Nancy tea party
7. Ballet shows
- v. Newport Beach
  1. Fancy Nancy author talk/create your own ballerina
  2. On track for 35% increase in program attendance over last year, an almost 20,000 attendance total increase over 2017/2018
  3. Many staff experienced that parents are unengaged during storytime
  4. Staff led coding program
  5. Special storytimes with special guests and performances for National Library Week
  6. Annual butterfly release after a Saturday storytime
- vi. Yorba Linda
  1. Increased programming by 5%
  2. Star Wars program had nearly 3,000 attendees
  3. Discussion of food policies at storytime
- vii. Santa Ana
  1. Very successful Día event with Eric Litwin, Pete the Cat, Elephant and Piggie, and not enough parking
- viii. Anaheim
  1. Winter reading program with Raising Cane's had good participation
  2. AnaCon
- ix. Placentia
  1. Tiny art show with voting for all ages
- x. Orange
  1. In maintenance mode after a couple years of grants
  2. Storytime
  3. Coding group
  4. Passive kite program
  5. Therapy dogs
  6. Dr. Seuss program
  7. Comic book day
- xi. Buena Park
  1. Star Wars program
  2. Math Challenge
- e. Summer 2023 plans
  - i. Newport Beach
    1. Performers every other week
    2. School visits

- 3. Minutes based reading program and bonus activities for all children
  - ii. Huntington Beach
    - 1. Summer reading is seven weeks long
    - 2. Tiny art show with mini ribbons
    - 3. Family paint night
  - iii. Mission Viejo
    - 1. Summer reading from June 15-July 31
    - 2. Performers
    - 3. Poetry and art collective
    - 4. Drawing lesson with author Shiho Pate (*Ramen for Everyone*)
    - 5. BubblePop!
    - 6. Minecraft box heads
  - iv. Placentia
    - 1. Summer reading from June 16-July 27
    - 2. Kickoff with Dave Skale and bounce houses
    - 3. Stuffed animal sleepover in July
  - v. OCPL
    - 1. Log 20+ days of reading using Beanstack or paper log
    - 2. Performers
  - vi. Anaheim
    - 1. Teen librarian coming on board
    - 2. Increasing number of open days and hours
  - vii. Yorba Linda
    - 1. "Reading Is Magic" theme
  - viii. Santa Ana
    - 1. Summer reading from June 5-August 12
    - 2. Incentives at six levels
    - 3. Two performers each week
  - ix. Orange
    - 1. General summer theme, six weeks long
    - 2. No virtual
    - 3. Baby (0-2 years) and ages 3 and up programs
    - 4. Craft and STEM programming
  - x. Buena Park
    - 1. Seven weeks of summer reading
    - 2. Storytime, craft, game, lunch programs
    - 3. Offering Korean/English bilingual storytime for the first time
    - 4. Performers every week
- f. Roundtable discussion
  - i. Anaheim
    - 1. 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration in August
  - ii. Mission Viejo

1. Process/procedure for adult volunteers doing programs?
  - a. Most libraries do not allow adult volunteer readers
  - b. OCPL does not allow as a rule except in cases of world language programs
  - c. Script: "Only staff presents programs."

7. Adjournment at 12:06 p.m.