

Friends of the Capitola Library Meeting 3/4/23

Attendees:

Toni Campbell, Irene Freiberg, Karen Scott, Keith Gudger, Steve Walsh, Ruth Walsh, Linda Jordan, Shelley Bodamer, Leda Bishoff, Scott Campbell, Bruce Cotter, Joe Ortiz, Carol Fuller, Sharon Maxwell, Linda Smith

Staff: Rowan Rammer, Ian Crosby, Andrea Gordon

Toni called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and we introduced ourselves.

Ian Crosby, branch manager told us about how it's his job to make sure the operations are running smoothly, to make the schedules, and to address issues in the branch and to deal with outside agencies as needed. Instead of a "greeter" at the front of the library there are now 2 people on the floor at all times. The library system is hoping to hire up to 8 new people. The main patron management system, "Polaris", is changing at the end of this month (March 27). The branch will be closed to do the data migration on that day.

Rowan is the interim children's librarian until Aptos reopens. Lorena Lopez is also an interim librarian who will move to Live Oak Library soon. There will be a new adult services librarian, Daine Cowen. Rowan and Diane are working on a women's history month discussion and film on March 30. Toni pointed out that Rowan handled the technology for our author talk for Our Community Reads.

Andrea Gordon spoke. She manages the READ program, and has been doing this for about 7 years system wide. The program is in a bit of a slump in terms of attracting children. There are 5 READ programs in different libraries. They work with individual students to get them to grade level. We need to get the word out, it's completely free.

Toni talked about the Our Community Reads and other community programs.

Rowan showed us what programs are available at the library. Toni asked "How can members of the community suggest and implement programs at the library? The first step is "who is the audience?" That determines which librarian to speak with. You start with a program proposal which goes to the planning group.

Keith talked about the animation class. The next class is March 19.

Joe Ortiz talked about the upcoming writer's workshop. The sessions will have about a 20 minute demo by Joe, with ideas such as using music, poetry, and theater techniques to influence your fiction. Then a half hour for people to talk about their writing. The last half hour is about reading pages from their writing. The workshop is now scheduled to start April 13.

Irene is an early literacy expert and she hopes to get something going at the library.

Bruce talked briefly about the Recover and Thrive program.

The meeting ended at 11:01.