

FROM THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN

As I look back at this last year the library system has undergone tremendous challenges and change and is a stronger organization as a result. The most pivotal change was the implementation of a new organizational structure at the end of the fiscal year.

The Library was not immune from the economic downturn which did require our restructuring and downsizing to address a growing disparity between our revenues and expenditures. With declining Measure B sales tax revenues which had dropped 21% [\$3M] and increasing salaries and benefit expenditures [increase of 20% or \$2.98M since 2006/07] the Library had to make changes. Using the Goodrich Operational Audit conducted in 2008 as our roadmap, we implemented new models of service in June of 2011.

The restructure utilizes clustering which arranges libraries together based on geographical areas so that resources can be shared amongst the cluster. There are now six such clusters providing service throughout the county. This new organization allows the Library to be more responsive to the needs and challenges of a 21st century library and helps realign our expenditures and revenues.

I felt it was important to meet the community in my first year. In partnership with the Friends of the Library we conducted community focus groups throughout the county during the year entitled, Visioning for 21st Library Service. The feedback from the community was most welcome and very enlightening. We plan to take the information learned and incorporate it into a new Strategic Plan which will guide the Library over the next three years.

Many great things will happen for the Library over the next two years, most notably, the renewal of Measure B, the sales tax that funds the Library, which sunsets March 31, 2013. We go to the polls to ask our voters for a renewal in November 2012. Measure B comprises approximately 55% of our revenues and is used to fund operations.

We have many successes to celebrate as you will see in this report and our greatest strengths are our excellent staff and the community that supports the library. It is an honor to be your County Librarian.

Sincerely,




Laurel C. Prysiazny,
Fresno County Librarian

FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Property and Other Taxes	\$8,705,198	Personnel [salaries & benefits]	\$81,197,236
Measure 'B' Sales Tax	\$12,027,506	Services and Supplies	\$4,447,084
Revenues From Use of Money & Property	\$212,452	Library Collections [materials]	\$2,068,336
State Assistance	\$379,491	Furniture & Equipment	\$142,121
Federal Assistance	\$5,085	Capital Lease Building	\$293,796
Fines & Fees	\$1,885,800	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$25,148,573
Miscellaneous	\$165,144	Expenditures for Capital Outlay	\$1,228,555
General Fund Contribution	\$288,334	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$26,377,128
Fund Balance	\$2,197,026	Education Revenue Augmentation Fund	\$1,339,617
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$25,866,036		
REVENUES FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY			
State Assistance	\$511,092		
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE	\$511,092		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$26,377,128		

MEASURE B	REVENUE	CHANGE
1999-2000	\$8,942,265	N/A
2000-2001	\$9,683,894	8.29%
2001-2002	\$9,871,708	1.94%
2002-2003	\$10,630,986	7.69%
2003-2004	\$11,481,686	8.0%
2004-2005	\$12,469,081	8.6%
2005-2006	\$14,132,376	13.34%
2006-2007	\$14,416,760	2.01%
2007-2008	\$13,890,243	-3.65%
2008-2009	\$12,864,262	-7.39%
2009-2010	\$11,417,251	-11.25%
2010-2011	\$12,027,506	5%

LIBRARY USAGE	2010-2011	2009-2010
Population Served	912,571	923,487
Service Hours	76,685	76,900
Staff	355	376
Volunteer Hours	39,287	31,360
Library Cardholders	289,665	275,371
Books	983,699	1,114,865
eBooks	1,415	280
Audiovisual Materials	183,302	194,678
Materials Checked Out	3,874,259	3,667,648
Reference Questions Answered	312,662	384,646
Computer Sessions	839,837	918,026
Children's Programs	2,736	3,387
Children's Program Attendance	64,049	82,497
Teen-Adult Programs	1,867	1,459
Teen-Adult Program Attendance	31,152	24,488

