



County of Fresno

Fresno County Public Library
Laurel Prysiazny, County Librarian

County Librarian's Report

October 2011

Hello! As usual, we have been busy. Here is a re-cap.

Annual Staff Meeting

The 97th Annual Staff Meeting was held October 10th. All libraries were closed so staff could attend this important event. The County Librarian's Awards for Excellence went to the following this year:

- **Bear Mountain Branch** ~ Best Eastside Branch in recognition of their creating a Friends of the Library group.
- **Clovis Branch** ~ Best Metro Branch in recognition of their creating a Friends of the Library group.
- **Firebaugh Branch** ~ Best Westside Branch in recognition of their creating a Friends of the Library group.
- **Eric Shardlow** ~ Employee of the Year for his work with the Library restructure and the complete change in his duties. Eric was a total professional, keeping a good attitude throughout the planning of the restructure even though he knew his job would change entirely. Eric also just served as coordinator for the Central Library move on the first floor and his organization skills and attention to detail really shone through with this project. He is a model employee others should aspire to.
- **Eric Gruver** ~ Employee of the Year for his work with the Library restructure and the change in his duties and his workgroup due to moving processes to our vendors. Eric was a total professional, keeping a good attitude throughout the planning of the restructure. He is a model employee others should aspire to.
- **Cindy Freeland** ~ Employee of the Year for her work with the Library's restructure. Cindy's work was behind the scenes, dealing with Human Resources to ensure we met all of the County's rules and regulations for restructuring and downsizing. Cindy created a myriad of documents that became critical to the process and kept us organized throughout the process. We are lucky to have Cindy on our side.



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Kit Fox also joined the Library's workforce at the annual staff meeting. Kit has a lot of activities planned to keep him busy over the next few months.

I want to give the Friends a special thank you for funding Kit Fox. I think he will bring many years of enjoyment and delight to the residents of Fresno County.



Facility Updates

The Central Library closed for three days this month so that we could rotate the shelves 90 degrees. This was an incredibly complex move with all staff in the facility participating. Day one involved removing all of the books and placing them on the floor in sections so as to maintain shelf order. Staff did this in an amazing 2.5 hours! The rest of that day and the next maintenance staff worked feverishly to move the stacks and also strip and wax the floors. The difference in the floors with the cleaning is amazing. Day three the staff all returned to put the books back on the shelves. This only took them 4 hours to complete. Also amazing since putting books back on the shelves is harder. The result: a much improved facility that is more open and inviting. For those of you attending the Dinner in the Library fundraiser I think you will be pleasantly surprised.



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