

## For Immediate Release January 23, 2012

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## MOST LIBRARIES UNAFFECTED BY SEIU STRIKE

Fresno County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny announced today that with the support of SEIU employees who reported to work and the generosity of community volunteers, 16 libraries opened on the first day of the strike this morning. There are 34 libraries in Fresno County.

The following branches are currently scheduled to be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:

- Central Library
- Auberry
- Caruthers
- Clovis Regional
- Fig Garden Regional
- Fowler
- Kerman
- Pinedale

- Politi
- Reedley
- Riverdale
- Sanger
- Sunnyside Regional
- West Fresno
- Woodward Park Regional

"Providing quality service at all times is our priority. The staff and community response has been overwhelming and much appreciated," said Prysiazny. "With everyone pulling together as a team, we are continuing to meet the community's need for job search help, research assistance and educational resources during the SEIU strike."

Volunteers will continue to be accepted during additional days of the strike. Library experience is not required. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Roberta Barton at: 600-6274, roberta.barton@fresnolibrary.org; or Susan Mann at: 600-6224, susan.mann@fresnolibrary.org.

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Volunteers should leave a message with their contact information (phone number and e-mail address), dates and times available, and their preferred branch assignment.

An updated listing of open branches is available on the Library website at <a href="www.fresnolibrary.org">www.fresnolibrary.org</a> or by calling 600-7323.

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