



Electronic Resources Committee Regular Meeting

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10:00 a.m.

Tulare Public Library

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Catherine Chacon (Fresno), Fahra Daredia (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Alisha Rodriguez (Tulare County), Heidi Clark (Tulare Public)

Members Absent: Alma Madrigal-Ward (Madera), Matt Johnson (Mariposa), Smruti Deshpande (Merced)

Others Present: Rachel Nelson (SJVLS), Stephen Guenzi (SJVLS)

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the September 18, 2025, meeting were approved.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. DISCUSSION: OverDrive magazines update

Boyer summarized the process of identifying and securing a vendor for a systemwide digital magazines subscription. At Admin Council's direction, SJVLS has discussed subscription options with Kevin Coon from OverDrive but the System office has been unable to secure a quote. In the last five to six months, Nuhfer (Kings) shared that Kings County has had similar situations in communicating with Coon. SJVLS will continue to request pricing unless Admin Council offers other directions.

Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron) expressed concern that the committee's work to identify a vendor was not recognized. While some frustration is understandable, the committee makes recommendations to Admin Council. The Council often supports those recommendations, but might also make alternative decisions. Regardless of any individual Admin Council decision, efforts to identify and review resources remains an essential function of this committee.

2. DISCUSSION: Tutor.com: Marketing and Outreach

Tutor.com is nearly ready to send printed promotional materials. Boyer provided updated shipping addresses. Maxine Nebro (Tutor.com) said that they could include QR codes on the prints. Members requested those to be included.

Nelson (SJVLS) shared that she has created customizable Powerpoint presentations that could be used for promotion. Guenzi (SJVLS) suggested libraries could contact local schools to encourage them to add links and/or QR codes that would connect to Tutor.com.

Daredia (Kern) announced that Kern is actively marketing Tutor.com to patrons.

Members confirmed they are receiving the links to Tutor.com webinars and online training opportunities.

3. DISCUSSION: Additional Resources

Boyer asked the committee to revisit other types of resources that could be offered systemwide.

Members previously expressed hesitation about streaming video due to the lack of popular new release films and potential budget limits. All members except Coalinga and Tulare County are currently offering some form of streaming video service, so this could be a good candidate for a systemwide resource. Daredia shared information about Kern's Kanopy subscription, including costs and public performance rights.

Members would be interested in digital news resources if a vendor could provide local newspapers.

Libraries that have offered digital literacy and training resources did not see enough consistent patron usage. Kings had some success after setting up a guided class. Digital literacy resources would be most helpful if they were integrated into other programming efforts.

4. ACTION: Pronunciator subscription

Boyer shared three-year usage totals for Pronunciator. Systemwide usage and trends are inconsistent. Only half of member libraries, especially the smaller libraries, seem to get value from Pronunciator. Language learning appears to be a valuable resource, despite Pronunciator usage stats. Boyer asked committee whether Pronunciator should be renewed or discontinued for 2026-27.

Some members questioned the interface and lack of Pronunciator app. Clark (Tulare Public) mentioned the added value of citizenship resources in ProCitizen. Members asked if we have other resources that offer citizenship preparation and information.

Clark suggested that consistent pricing and responsive customer service should be valued. Libraries could make more efforts to promote Pronunciator to see if that impacts usage numbers.

After further discussion, Nuhfer suggested continuing the subscription to Pronunciator for the upcoming fiscal year while investigating other options for the following year.

Motion: Renew Pronunciator for FY2026-27 (Nuhfer)
Second: Rodriguez
6 in favor
0 opposed
0 abstentions
The motion carried.

G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES

1. CloudLibrary

CloudLibrary usage remains consistent. Fiction, kid's titles, and audiobooks are all seeing more use than last year. Guenzi reported on efforts to purchase kids/YA award winners and to make better use of themed shelves. SJVLS hopes to increase the budget for CloudLibrary to meet continued demand.

H. CALENDAR ITEMS

The next meeting will be on May 14, 2026, on Microsoft Teams.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coalinga-Huron: Library has a new director, with previous experience in Texas and Las Vegas. The Children's Librarian position is vacant. Both branches have increased their internet speed.

Fresno: Central library will be closing as part of the infrastructure grant projects. (SJVLS office will close at the same time.)

Kern: Infrastructure projects and library upgrades are nearly complete.

Tulare County: Springville will reopen this Spring. Alpaugh is currently closed and Orosi will be closing soon.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.