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DURING THE SEIU STRIKE LIBRARIES TO REMAIN OPEN WITH VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Fresno County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny announced today that with the support of the public as many Fresno County libraries as possible will remain open next week with volunteers assisting staff to cover any absences created by those employees participating in the upcoming SEIU strike.

“Our priority is to maintain service levels to the greatest extent possible to continue to meet people’s information and educational needs. The Library is the one-stop-shop for many, including using Internet access to apply for jobs, e-mail with family in other locales, and conducting research for school assignments. Ensuring everyone, including children and their families can continue to use our libraries is our top priority during the SEIU strike,” said Prysiazny.

Anyone wishing to help the Library maintain services by volunteering during the SEIU strike should contact Roberta Barton at: 600-6274, roberta.barton@fresnolibrary.org; or Susan Mann at: 600-6224, susan.mann@fresnolibrary.org. Volunteers should leave a message with their contact information (phone number and e-mail address), dates and times available, and their preferred branch assignment. Staff will be in touch to let you know where and when to report. No matter what your specialty is, the Library can use your talents.

Which libraries will remain open will depend on the availability of volunteers and expected staffing levels. An updated listing of open branches will be available after 9 am on Monday, January 23. The public can access the list on the Library website at www.fresnolibrary.org or by calling 600-7323.

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