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MORE LIBRARY STAFF RETURN TO WORK TO HELP DURING SEIU STRIKE

With the support of additional SEIU employees who reported to work today, and the continuing help from community volunteers, three (3) more libraries (Bear Mountain, Gillis and Kingsburg) opened today according to Fresno County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny. This means the Library is able to open 19 out of 34 branches in Fresno County. The Library has also been able to staff the Jail Library with an experienced employee ensuring that essential service continues.

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

- Central Library
- Auberry
- Bear Mountain
- Caruthers
- Clovis Regional
- Fig Garden Regional
- Fowler
- Gillis
- Kerman
- Kingsburg
- Pinedale
- Politi
- Reedley
- Riverdale
- Sanger
- Sunnyside Regional
- West Fresno
- Woodward Park Regional

“I am so proud of our staff and the work they do. Rallying to ensure we continue to provide information service to the community is a true mark of their commitment to excellent customer service,” said Prysiazny. People’s need for information, literacy services, job search help and research assistance doesn’t stop because of a labor action. I am pleased to see that our staff recognize this and together with our tremendous volunteers we can continue to meet people’s needs during the SEIU strike.”

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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.

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 www.fresnolibrary.org or by calling 600-7323.

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