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Re: Installation of New Board Members and Officers

Retired Ventura County Supervisor **Kathy Long** will lead the Ventura County Library Foundation board into 2020 as the newly installed Chair, replacing **Sandy Berg** who served for two years.

At its January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, five new board members joined the Foundation.

Somis School District Superintendent **Dr. Colleen Robertson** and retired LAUSD Associate Superintendent, Special Education, **Beth Kauffman** bring decades of experience in literacy to the foundation. **Kate Larsen**, a retired middle school teacher and part-time substitute, was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to join the Foundation.

Also joining the board is **Diana Cervantes**. She is Vice President at Premier America Credit Union, which was a strong financial supporter for the purchase of the Mobile Library for the County. Local business owner, former Peace Corps volunteer and physical therapist **Susan Hanson** will also bring business experience to the Foundation.

After the launch in May 2019 of the Mobile Library, the Foundation plans to continue its support of the Mobile Library, the Operation READ literacy program for youth housed at the Juvenile Justice Center, Lunch at the Library, and One County, One Book. The highest priority in 2020 will be to fund STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) programs and equipment across the library system to help prepare the workforce for more highly skilled jobs, and introduce youth to 21<sup>st</sup> century careers and workplace skills.

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