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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Jessica Hudson, County Librarian, will report on items of interest to the Commission.
July Newsletter

Alcoholic Beverage Sales
Commercial Activities

The Board of Supervisors recently approved an update to the County's Alcoholic Beverage Sales Commercial Activities Ordinance. We have learned that a type of alcoholic beverage product known as "alcopops" has been contributing to under-age drinking in Contra Costa County. Alcopops are defined as flavored malt-beverage products that are sold in bright, colorful packaging with labels similar to those of non-alcoholic beverages such as sodas, teas, lemonades, fruit punches, energy drinks, and slushes; and therefore, they are attractive to minors. They can have up to 12% alcohol by volume in one can or bottle.

A review of the Alcoholic Beverage Sales Commercial Activities Ordinance determined that changes could be made to the ordinance in order to better regulate the sale of alcopops by liquor stores and other outlets.

The amended ordinance authorizes the County to prohibit the sale of alcopops at any establishment not in compliance with the previous Ordinance. It adds text regarding posting requirements of the Performance Standards notice and requires the notice to be 11"x17" in size and the font size on the notice to be 20-point type. By updating our Alcoholic Beverage
Library Summer Lunch Program

In many California communities, a school's closure for the summer break can mean an end to learning or enrichment opportunities and limited access to healthy food. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers summer nutrition programs to enable school districts, municipalities, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations to serve free, healthy meals to children and teens in low-income neighborhoods when school is out.

This will be the first year that the Concord Library, in partnership with Mt. Diablo Unified School District, has provided this service. Lunch is available to any child who comes, ages 0-18, regardless of income. On the first day the library saw 28 children! Additionally, after lunch the library has programmed planned that varies from a visit by local firefighters, to reptiles from the East Bay Regional Parks District to movies with music.

What: Free lunch for any child ages 0-18  
When: Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays (June 23 - July 17) from 1:00-1:30 p.m.  
Where: Concord Library’s Meeting Room, 2900 Salvio Street, Concord, CA 94520

For more information call the Concord Library at (925) 646-5455.

SHELTER, Inc. Relocated to Concord

I'm happy to share that SHELTER, Inc. has recently opened at their new location at 1333 Willow Pass Road, Suite 206 in Concord. My staff attended their Open House on June 3rd where the Concord City Council proclaimed June 3rd SHELTER Inc. day in the City of Concord.

More than 15,000 Contra Costa residents will experience homelessness during the year. SHELTER, Inc. helps over 6000 men, women and children in Contra Costa each year; almost half are children. A homeless count in 2011 found 4,272 homeless men, women and children in Contra Costa, not including the hidden homeless living with friends, family or in cars. At that time, there were 1,625 homeless school-age children in the county.

SHELTER, Inc. offers a wide range of services to prevent and end homelessness for low-income residents of Contra Costa County by providing resources that help lead to self-sufficiency. Homeless Prevention services includes rental assistance, case management and housing counseling. They also offer 3 to 24 months of housing in combination with supportive services such as job training, educational services and counseling. SHELTER, Inc. provides housing for nearly 250 low-income households, including transitional-age youth. They also run the Mt. View Emergency Family Shelter in Martinez. They partner with a number of organizations including First 5 Contra Costa, to provide educational services to children in their shelter such as tutoring, and parenting courses as well.

SHELTER, Inc. is a critical resource in our community and it is my honor to welcome them in their new, expanded location in Concord. If you would like to learn more about the programs SHELTER, Inc. has, please visit their website here.

My Visit With the Commission for Women

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I recently had the opportunity to visit with the Contra Costa County Commission for Women at a small networking event they held to recruit new members from District IV. The Commission for Women works to identify major economic, educational and social concerns of women in Contra Costa County. It was a pleasure to meet with the current commissioners all of whom donate their time in an effort to enrich the lives of Contra Costa women. I was asked to provide some insight into my work as a County Supervisor and being a woman serving in public office. I was grateful to participate in such a lively discussion.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Contra Costa County Commission for Women click here or contact my office at (925) 521-7100.

Concord Library’s Reverse Book Report

I was honored to participate in this innovative program offered at the Concord Library. The program encourages influential adults in the community to connect with teens through teen literature.

I read the teen mystery novel, Don’t Look Back by Jennifer Armentrout. There were many themes throughout the book (teen angst, teen romance, family drama and mystery, of course) that kept my attention the entire time. I really enjoyed this book and I think fellow adult readers would be surprised at how great it is!

If you’d like to see what other participants are reading feel free to check out their Instagram (@ccclibteens) or stop by the Concord Library where you’ll see photos and book reports up in the teen section!

Community Announcements

July 4th Events & Safety Tips

Events
The Fourth of July is quickly approaching! I hope you’ll take this opportunity to enjoy one of the many events our community has to offer. I look forward to seeing you there!

Clayton
Come check out Clayton’s Rockin’ on the 4th Parade
The parade down Main Street will start promptly at 10am with kids lining up down Oak Street in wagons, on bicycles and on roller skates. Click here for more information.