CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 4

MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2009
AGENDA ITEM #: 10
ITEM: REPORT FROM COUNTY LIBRARIAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
- None
Contra Costa County Library Guides - Go Green - Green Zone

Contact Us

About the Green Zone

The Pleasant Hill Library has embarked on an exciting new partnership with the City of Pleasant Hill to promote re-use, increase recycling, and help the city reach its goals for diverting solid waste from landfills. This resource guide is designed to show how we can all be part of the solution.

The Pleasant Hill Library has created the Green Zone in the library to bring together its collection of books, magazines, and audiovisual materials and make it easier for adults, teens, children, seniors, and businesses to do research on a variety of environmental concepts and solutions. We are grateful to the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library, who have made a substantial contribution to allow us to update our collection in these areas.

We invite you to attend these upcoming Green programs:

- Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 7:00 p.m. - Travel Greener: You don’t need to give up your car to make your commute greener! Learn about the small changes you, your family, and your friends can do that will make a big difference.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Backyard Composting: Composting your yard trimmings and food scraps is great, easy for your yard and garden, kind to our environment and good for you too! Residents of Pleasant Hill may register to attend this free workshop.

The 3 Rs Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- Pleasant Hill Recycling: The City of Pleasant Hill is committed to recycling and implements numerous programs to help reduce the community’s impact on the environment.
- Resident Guide to Recycling, Trash, Green Waste and Special Services for residents of Pleasant Hill.
- Contra Costa County Waste Reduction & Recycling: Allows you to search by type of material for waste/recycling options. They also operate a Hotline: 1-866-750-4099.
- Contra Costa County Reuse & Recycling Guide for all county residents.
- Allied Waste Services: Provides solid waste and recycling collection services in Contra Costa and Solano counties.
- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District: Operates the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Martinez.
- Recyclecon.org: Contra Costa County Waste Management and Recycling Information.
- Earth911: Extensive information and links on how to "green" your use of everyday products, Search by product and skip ads to find local recycling centers.

Ready, Set, Green

Magazine Articles

These magazine articles are provided by the Library's subscription database. You will need your library card to view them.

- Can this appliance be saved? ( horrón on the cover; APPLIANCE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE)
- Green your renovation reduce (HOW TO)
- Do your own reusing (Fall Family 2009 Special Issue)
- NEW USES FOR OLD THINGS (solutions) (Brief article)

Universal Waste

Universal Wastes is illegal to dispose of universal waste with regular trash. Universal waste includes:

- Household Batteries
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Mercury Thermometers
- Computers
- Printers
- Microwave Ovens
- VCRs
- Radios
- Contact Telephones
- Cellular Telephones
- Answering Machines

For a complete list of products and local options for reuse/recycling, see Contra Costa County Recycling.

Freecycle.org

Freecycle.org is a midwestern town where I grew up, people recycle and deposit their unworn goods - furniture, appliances, lawn mowers, bicycles - at the curb, where they magically disappear. We didn’t even need to slap a "free" sign on it because it was understood that anything placed at the curb was up for grabs. My first apartment was furnished largely from curbside finds.

In California, this practice is discouraged, if not prohibited, but people still need to give rid of or acquire "stuff" that has useful life remaining. Enter freecycle.org, a "grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in
September 18, 2008

Supervisor Susan Bonilla
Chair of the Board
Contra Costa County
2151 Salvio St., Ste. R
Concord, CA 94520

Dear Supervisor Bonilla:

Congratulations!

I am honored to inform you that one of your county’s outstanding programs has been selected to receive a Merit Award in the 2009 CSAC Challenge Awards competition (Population Category: 700,001 and Above).

The following Contra Costa County program is being honored with a Merit Award:

- Contra Costa County Library A-Go-Go

Your actual Merit Award will be mailed to the Program Manager listed on the entry form within the month.

CSAC’s annual statewide program honors innovation in county government. This year, CSAC received nearly 200 Challenge Award entries for its four population categories. An independent panel of Judges with expertise in county programs and challenges selected the award recipients.

Attached is a complete listing of Challenge and Merit Award recipients for 2009. All Challenge and Merit Award recipients will be highlighted on our Web site and in the 2009 CSAC Challenge Awards Directory, which will be published this fall.

Again, our congratulations to you and your staff. Your county can be very proud of its exemplary programs and the dedicated staff responsible for their success.

Sincerely,

David Liebler
Director of Public Affairs & Member Services

cc: County Administrative Officer
    Program Manager
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND COMMISSIONERS.

AWARDS LUNCHEON
November 1, 2009
Pasadena, California

Welcome
Richard Moore
President of CALTAC

Greetings
Stacey Aldrich
Acting State Librarian of California

Greetings
Barbara Roberts
Palm Springs Library Director

Board members introduction
President, California Library Association

CALTAC Awards Presentation
Richard Moore

Presentation of Member Emeritus
Deborah Doyle

Richard Moore

CALTAC Awards

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HELEN THOMSON, Supervisor District 2, Yolo County

Thirty-five years of public service have been Helen Thomson's gift to Yolo County. From school board to County Supervisor to the California State Assembly and back to the Board of Supervisors, her continued service has been of benefit to the people, especially through her activities on behalf of public libraries.

Most recently her encouragement and leadership of the Library Capital Campaign of Davis added to the stability and passage of Measure P in November 2007. The success of a parcel tax garnering more than 73% of the vote, in the midst of a poor economy, speaks to her talent for advocacy.

Financial creativity in the face of an earlier failed proposition led to partnerships with school, civic, and Friends groups, and the use of developer impact funds, to facilitate two library expansions. Partnerships with a neighboring city and community college district have led to the construction of the new Community Center, to open in the second half of 2010, including City Hall, Los Rios College extension, and the new Arthur F. Turner County Library.

Yolo County library patrons are well served by Helen Thomson and her willingness to develop alliances, build bridges, and champion literacy and education.

Nominated by Sharon Hallberg, Vice Chair, Yolo County Library Advisory Board

Trustee, Commissioner or System Advisory Board Member
Outstanding service to a local library or system

MARGIE STEPHENS, Milpitas Library Advisory Commission

Love and dedication drive Margie Stephens. For twenty-three years she has provided help where needed as a library commissioner, a Friend of the library, and a leader in the production of regular book sales in support of the library. The Library Advisory Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on matters pertaining to the operation of library services and facilities in Milpitas.

Over the years, book sales have grown so that they occupy an ever-larger slice of Margie's time. From enhancing the library collection to managing the lobby sale area, Margie has an eye for the right book. Sales have grown and contribute to the library's ability to meet the needs of its patrons. The money earned provides for programming for adults and children and helps with library maintenance.
Margie and her service dog, Mimi, are familiar regulars among the library crew because she recruited them to help. She is always ready to be a member of a subcommittee or task force when a goal needs to be accomplished.

Nominated by Linda Arbaugh, Milpitas Community Librarian

Librarian for outstanding work with a Board of Trustees or Commission

ANNE CAIN, Contra Costa County Library Director

When a librarian brings thirty-five years of experience to the job we can expect good things. Anne Cain exceeds those expectations with vision, expertise, and determination. CLA's Member of the Year for 2006 is well known to her colleagues and it is only fitting that her accomplishments be recognized in the world of library Trustees and Commissioners.

Anne leads by involvement, eagerly soliciting the engagement of citizens. Director Cain walks the walk of citizen advocacy. She is so confident of her commissioners, and insists they take the lead in Legislative Day presentations to elected representatives. Hers is an open door with response time kept to a minimum.

Under her leadership new libraries have opened in San Ramon and Hercules and at the County Youth Detention Center. Circulation climbs each year, hitting five million in 2007 and six million in 2008. Anne's leadership also brought online library card distribution and Library-a-Go-Go, the Swedish automated book dispenser, now in three locations. She practices outreach actively, bringing library services to previously unreached patrons. She has kept a system with over two-dozen outlets relevant in the Internet era, "positioned to achieve community."

Nominated by Walter Ruehlig, Antioch USD Board of Trustees, Contra Costa County Library Commissioner

Individual Making a Significant Financial or
In-kind Contribution to a Library or Library System

DOROTHY M. COHEN, South Pasadena Library

Leading by example, and with a gentle touch, Dorothy Cohen has provided inspiration, support, and direction in the creation of future success for the South Pasadena Public Library. Active in three Library Special Tax Ballot campaign victories, she brought community respect and leadership to each success.

Dorothy has participated in activities of the Friends, the Beautification committee, the History Book Committee, and Bookstore Committee, contributing to the success of each group. In each case, Dorothy's knowledge of South Pasadena history has contributed to the success of the group.

In fact, Dorothy is a part of that history, having been a co-founder of the Bookstore Committee in 1982. Stories abound of ladies known as "The Fabulous Four" using the dank, dark basement of the local post office to receive and sort donated books. Moving beyond that cramped, stuffy space to two decades of fundraising has been her endeavor and her achievement. The sifting, sorting and pricing has created a model operation that continues to serve the Library.

Dorothy Cohen is a fourth generation Californian and a 47-year resident of South Pasadena. While raising her children she was a public relations assistant for the local school district. She is a former president of the local League of Women Voters, and served as a member of the City Council and as Mayor.
Nominated by Steve Fjeldsted, South Pasadena City Librarian.

Individual for Outstanding or Volunteer Service to a Library

GENE ROEDER, Palos Verdes Library District

Dedication and leadership are the words used to describe Gene Roeder, the intrepid volunteer at the Palos Verdes Libraries. As Book Sale Chairman of the Peninsula Friends of the Library, Gene has shown what vision and perseverance can accomplish.

Gene started volunteering at the Peninsula Center Library book sale and at the Malaga Cove Branch Library book sale in 2002. He became chairman in 2004 and started the Internet Sales Group in 2007. Under his leadership the income from the book sales have more than doubled to almost $300,000 a year. Working as liaison with library staff, Gene trains new volunteers, and has built a team of 65.

Gene is a Past President of the Friends, and currently serves as VP for Operations, keeping records, handling publicity and soliciting donations. Gene started the Books for Troops program in 2004 and since then has shipped 67,000 donated books, magazines, and other media to troops in 29 countries, USOs, Navy ships and military hospitals. In his seven years of volunteering, Gene has contributed 13,850 hours of his time.

QUOTE: "The library is getting a good workout. Our day and night patrols for the enemy are intense and it's nice to be able to relax at some point and decompress from the day's activities."—Major Richard Graham, Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan

Nominated by Constance B. Davenport, President, Palos Verdes Library District Board of Trustees

CALTAC Member Emeritus Award

Kathryn Morris

Sometimes the best things about an organization are behind the scene, as it points to others in an effort to praise services and share success stories. Such is the case with Kathryn Morris, who took over editorship of the CALTACTICS Newsletter and transformed it and produced it for eight years.

Kathy's job was to piece together articles and news from a variety of sources. The professionalism that she brought to the job improved CALTAC's image in California. She regularly came up with a library of note, an inspiring, relevant quote, or news of legislative activity and opportunities for action. Often, by the time Kathy had all the material needed, she had very little time to put the newsletter together and deliver it to the printer. She did an exemplary job.

Now we are working with CLA on the newsletter and although the names have changed, the design and content are the format designed by Kathy. In addition, Kathy continued to produce the newsletter after her service on the Board, but before negotiations with CLA were finalized. Kathy's service to the Board and to CALTAC for 8-plus years gave us an ever-growing respect for her talents.

Nominated by Karen Dyer, CALTAC Past President
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 5

MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #: 11 A

ITEM: CONSIDER 2008 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING DATES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
- Commissioners will consider the 2010 Library Commission meeting dates below

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
LIBRARY COMMISSION
MEETING DATES
2010

LOCATION:
Contra Costa County Library Headquarters
75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, Administration Conference Room C

TIME: 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

January 21, 2010
March 25, 2010
May 27, 2010
July 22, 2010
September 23, 2010
November 18, 2010
(Holiday November 25, 2010)
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 6

MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #: 11 B

ITEM: NOMINATIONS FOR NEW LIBRARY COMMISSION OFFICERS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
- Commissioners will nominate the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2010
ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS

The officers of the Commission shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

SECTION 2: CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall: (1) preside at all business meetings; (2) set the agenda and review minutes for all meetings in consultation with the Secretary; (3) have general supervision over all Commission business conducted; (4) serve as Chairperson of the Steering Committee, and; (5) have such other powers and duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Commission.

SECTION 3: VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Vice-Chairperson shall, in the absence or inability of the Chairperson to act, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chairperson. He/she shall also have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Commission.

SECTION 4: SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be the County Librarian. He/she will keep the minutes of the meetings of the Commission. In consultation with the Chairperson, he/she shall prepare all agendas. He/she shall distribute all agendas, be custodian of the Commission’s records, keep a register of the post office address of each member, which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each member and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

SECTION 5: TERM OF OFFICE

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall serve a term of one year and may succeed themselves for one additional consecutive term. The elective officers shall serve until replacements are elected.

SECTION 6: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The elective officers of this Commission are the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Both officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting following re-authorization. Majority votes of both city and county members present constituting a quorum are required to elect.
**VOTING:**
According to the By-laws of the Library Commission, in order for a vote to pass, a majority of the city representatives and a majority of the County representatives must approve it. Upon reauthorization of the Library Commission, the five special appointees to the Library Commission draw lots to determine whether their votes count with the cities or the County. Through June 2011 the special appointees will be counted as follows:

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Youth Council  
Friends Council | Central Labor Council  
Superintendent of Schools |