MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2009
AGENDA ITEM #: 9
ITEM: CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- None
This message was submitted to the Library Commission.

subject: Commission mail, Proposed donation of Vaclav Klaus's Book

to: ccclibcommission@ccclib.org

comments: I would like to present copy of Vaclav Klaus's book "The Blue Planet in Green Shackles", Competitive Enterprises Institute (Publisher) since you are probably too niggardly to acquire it. I need a confirmation, however, that the book will be included in the holdings.

Title: Blue Planet in Green Shackles. What Is Endangered:
Climate or Freedom?
Author: Václav Klaus (president of Czech Republic)
Publisher: Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC
ASIN: B001A3W3BK
Language: English
Paperback: 100 pages
First published: 2007

Perhaps you should organize a read-in for this important book since you are having these for all kinds of nonsense, particularly the most recent one for which you bought 1000 copies to be distributed for free.

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Additional Notes:

Cain, Anne (County Librarian)
Donation keeps Antioch library from having to cut hours

By Hilary Costa
Contra Costa Times

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Antioch’s public library will continue to stay open its usual 52 hours a week through Nov. 18, thanks to a $20,000 donation.

The money was donated by Mirant Corp., said county Librarian Anne Cain. Without the donation, the library would have had to cut back its operations to 35 hours a week on Oct. 1 because of changes this fiscal year by the county in how local libraries are funded.

The library’s current programs and activities will continue untouched through mid-November.

"It’s great because we’re able to continue on with our programs as normal," said Becky Nielsen, youth services librarian for Antioch. "That was nice to not have to make any adjustments yet."

Chip Little, manager of government affairs for Mirant, said the power company has been contributing to the county library system since 2002. He said it is customary for Mirant to donate to educational efforts.

Until this year, the county has paid for some, if not all, facilities costs at many of its 25 branches. It also pays for a certain number of weekly hours of operation, which vary by branch.

Under the county’s new plan, the county would fund 35 hours at every library but shift facilities costs to the cities.

Many cities subsidize their libraries with extra hours and facilities money, but Antioch’s budget crisis has left it in no position to dedicate extra funds to the library.

The Antioch library, located within blocks of Antioch High School and Antioch Middle School, has robust after-school patronage. It also runs daytime programs for young children and developmentally disabled adults.

The Antioch library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; noon to 8 p.m. Thursday; noon to 6 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed Sundays.

Reach Hilary Costa at 925-779-7166.
Mirant saves the day

10.08.09 - 12:45 pm
Editor:

Mirant Corporation, thank you for your $20,000 donation that has saved the Antioch Library, until at least Nov. 18, from cutting back from 52 hours service to 35. Your gift speaks volumes about what a good corporate neighbor is.

Needless to say, generosity is not new for you. Your recent donations to the El Campanil Theatre and to the Hapgood Theatre troupe demonstrate a long-abiding commitment to education and the arts.

As Antioch leads the county with 38 percent of its population under 18, after-school hours is critical for an increasingly latch-key generation. To boot, with the economic firestorm, all libraries are being deluged by job seekers seeking career search resources and by the disabled and elderly seeking non-cost recreation.

Especially as we are off to a new school year, you saved the day. We are grateful.

Walter Ruehlig, Antioch Representative CCC Library Commission

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In response to the many questions, and generous expressions of interest that followed my September 24 presentation at the Contra Costa County Library Commission meeting, I am sending suggestions about how you, as an individual or as part of your Library's Friends group, can contribute to and thus support the libraries at Juvenile Hall (JH) and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility (OAYRF).

1.) From the Library's homepage go to the JH and OAYRF Library websites where you will find this link http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/registry.html?ie=UTF8&type=wishlist&id=74T4VQGL58Y2 to the wish list posted on Amazon.com. There you can choose any or all of the tiles listed and with a few clicks of the mouse, have the books we want/need sent directly to either library.

2.) When sorting through books donated to your Friends group, if you come across items you would like to donate to JH or OAYRF that you don't need for your own library, please put them in a box and ask the Library staff to have them delivered to JH. As I mentioned, the restrictions on what is allowed in the Library at these two locations are quite specific so please pay attention to the selection guidelines that follow.

3.) Send a check, for any amount, made out to the Contra Costa County Library, with a notation that it is to be used for the purchase of books, supplies and or special programs at the JH and or ORYRF Library.

We are hosting a meeting on October 19 from 1-3 in the meeting room at JH, where we will be brainstorming how to fund and friend raise for these two special libraries. If you would like to join us, please let me know and I will send you a letter with all the details.

But really, no matter if or what you decide to give, it is your commitment to and concern for this very important work that matters most.

If you have any questions about this, or anything else we do, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With appreciation for your interest and time,

Alison McKeen
Librarian
Contra Costa County Juvenile Hall
Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility
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Guidelines For Selecting Materials From Friends Donations For
Juvenile Hall Or OAYRF Libraries

IN GENERAL
1. Materials should be published within the past 5 years
2. They should be in excellent condition (no yellow mass market paperbacks, please)
3. They should appeal to boys, ages 12-18

FICTION
1. African American or Hispanic authors take priority
2. They should be set in contemporary times
3. Featuring male, teenage characters of color

NON-FICTION
1. Lots of color photographs, at least 50%
2. how-to-draw books and books featuring animals, cars, sports figures and tattoos are very popular
3. Biographies that feature people who have overcome difficult life situations, ie prison, drug addiction, homelessness, poverty etc

ITEMS THAT ARE PROHIBITED
1. magazines
2. anything with staples
3. wire or spiral bound books