Commissioners or Library staff may make announcements regarding the Library Commission and Library or Friends group activities of interest to other Library Commission members.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- None
Government / Taxes

Find information about State, Local, and Federal Government plus details about taxes and elections and video, audio, and feeds from blogs on all aspects of government.

Local Government

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City / Town Councils

- Antioch
- Brentwood
- Clayton
- Concord
- Danville
- El Cerrito
- Hercules
- Lafayette
- Martinez
- Moraga
- Oakley
- Orinda
- Pinole
- Pittsburg
- Pleasant Hill
- Richmond
- San Pablo
- San Ramon
- Walnut Creek

Environmental Impact Reports

searching the Library catalog using the keywords environmental impact report may help you locate local, state & federal EIR's in hardcopy or online.

- Local EIR's & Negative Declarations
- Some reports from the Contra Costa County Conservation & Development Dept. may be found in the Document Center collection on the Contra Costa County website. Open the Conservation & Development folder to access the reports in pdf format.

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Roster for Contra Costa County

page document listing city, town, county officials; state and federal representatives.

Run for Local Office?

you can register as a candidate from July 12th to August 6th, cellar county election dept. 952-7874 for details.

Thinking of Becoming a Candidate for Election to Your City or Town Council?

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County Elected Officials

- Supervisor, District 1: John Gioia
- Serves Bay View/Montairn Manor, East Richmond Heights, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Kensington, North Richmond, Richmond, Rollingwood, and San Pablo.
- Supervisor, District 2: Gayle B. Uilkema
- Serves Alhambra Valley, Canyon, Crockett, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Mountain View, Orinda, Pinole, Port Costa, Rodeo, Rosemont, Sausalito, Tara Hills, Tomales, Vine Hill, and Walnut Creek (part: west of I-680).
- Supervisor, District 3: Mary N. Plecho
- Serves Alamo, Blackhawk, Brentwood, Byron, Danville, Diablo, Discovery Bay, Dougherty Valley, Knightsen, Sun Ramon, Tassajara, and Walnut Creek (part).
- Supervisor, District 4: Susan Bonilla
- Serves Clayton, Clyde, Concord, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, Contra Costa Centre (Pleasant Hill BART/Walnut), Walnut Creek (part).
- Supervisor, District 5: Federal D. Glover
- Serves Antioch, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Oakley, and Pittsburg.
- Other Elected Officials
- Contact Information for the Auditor, Assessors, Controller, Clerk-Recorder, District Attorney, Sheriff-Coroner, and Treasurer-Tax Collector.

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Contra Costa County

- Contra Costa County Official website
- Contra Costa County Office of Education
- Directory of school districts and schools, fiscal and statistical data listings, etc.
- Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services
- The Contra Costa OES is responsible for disaster preparedness, response and recovery planning.
- Contra Costa County Codes & Ordinances

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Popular County Links

- 211 Database: Contra Costa County Resources
- Directory of human service agencies in Contra Costa County
- Vital Information and Recorded Documents
- Request and view documents from the Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder
- Fiduciary Business Search
- Search for fiduciary business names in Contra Costa County.

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Thinking of becoming a **CANDIDATE** for **Election** to **Your City or Town Council**?

**OR** do you want to **LEARN** more about your **COUNCIL MEMBERS**?

Now **YOU** can READ about **EVERY ONE** of the **19 CITY and TOWN COUNCILS** in **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY** Including the **ONE** where you **LIVE**!

Go to your Community Library's **REFERENCE DESK** and **ASK** for Contra Costa City/Town Councils report

You can register as a candidate from **July 12th** to **August 6th**

Call County Elections Department at **925 335-7474** for details

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Make a Splash!

Summer Reading 2010
Make a Splash: Jun 5 - Aug 16

Kids
Kids ages 2 through 5th grade are invited to "Make a Splash" and soak themselves in plenty of great stories for fun treats during Kids' Summer Reading.

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Toons
Get ready for a splash of fun this summer and "Make Waves" at your library to thrill in special prizes for Teen Reading for students in 6th to 12th grade.

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Babies
Parents and caregivers of babies from birth to 2 years old are encouraged to earn prizes by participating in early literacy-building Baby Reading.

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Adults
One or adults, show the kids how it's done! Readers ages 18 and up can take the plunge & submit a book review online or at your local library for a chance to win prize.

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Libraries Have a Novel Idea

Lenders Unite to Let Patrons Check Out Digital Scans of Shelved Book Collections

BY GEOFFREY A. FOWLER

SAN FRANCISCO—Libraries are expanding e-book offerings with out-of-print editions, part of a broader effort to widen borrowing privileges in the Internet Age.

Starting Tuesday, a group of libraries led by the Internet Archive, a nonprofit digital library, are joining forces to let patrons check out digital scans of books in their existing print collections over the Internet.

Participants, including the Boston Public Library and the Marine Biological Laboratory, will include access to more than a million public domain books and also a few hundred books that are still covered by copyright but are out of print and no longer sold commercially.

To read the books, borrowers around the world can download and read them free on computers or e-reading gadgets. Software renders the books inaccessible once the loan period ends.

Two-thirds of American libraries offered e-book loans in 2009, according to a survey by the American Library Association. But those were mostly contemporary imprints from the last couple of years—say, the latest Stephen King novel.

The Internet Archive project, dubbed Openlibrary.org, involves opening up access to the sorts of books that may have otherwise gathered dust on library shelves—mainly those published in the past 90 years, but of less popular interest.

Still, the project could also raise eyebrows because copyright law is unclear in the digital books arena. Google Inc., which is working on its own book scanning efforts, has been mired in a legal bruilloga with authors and publishers over its digital books project.

“We know that our users are starting their search for information online,” said Thomas Blake, the digital projects manager at the Boston Public Library. “Instead of sitting back and waiting for the people to come back into the library, we want to meet our users where they’re living.”

Many libraries have built out their digital libraries by buying copies of e-books from companies like Overdrive Inc. Openlibrary.org plans to catalog 70,000 of the books offered by Overdrive, and provide links to check them out from local libraries.

But the Internet Archive’s scanning effort hopes to extend digital libraries far beyond the sorts of contemporary e-books sold by Overdrive. The San Francisco-based library has been digitizing older books using 20 scanning centers around the world. Until now, those scans were mostly used to extend access to public domain works, or to give digital access to in-copyright books to the visually impaired.

“We’re trying to build an integrated digital lending library of anything that is available anywhere, where you can go and find not just information about books, but also find the books themselves and borrow them,” said Brewster Kahle, the founder and digital librarian of the Internet Archive.

With its latest project, the organization is making inroads into the idea of loaning in-copyright books to the masses. Only one person at a time will be allowed to check out a digital copy of an in-copyright book for two weeks. While on loan, the physical copy of the book won’t be loaned, but, due to copyright restrictions.

The effort could face legal challenges from authors or publishers. Paul Aiken, the executive director of the Authors Guild—which challenged Google’s scanning efforts—said “it is not clear what the legal basis of distributing these authors’ work would be.” He added: “I don’t think this is any different because a book is out of print. The authors’ copyright doesn’t diminish when a work is out of print.”

Mr. Kahle said, “We’re just trying to do what libraries have always done.”

Having to receive prior permission from a copyright owner to scan a book is onerous, said Mr. Blake, of the Boston Library, said, “If you own a physical copy of something, you should be able to loan it out. We don’t think we’re going to be disturbing the market value of these items.”

Stewart Brand, author of the 1988 book “The Media Lab”—one of the scanned books that will now be available for loan—said he didn’t mind seeing his title made available this way. Mr. Kahle at the Internet Archive asked his permission, he said, and he gave it because he thinks digitizing books has the potential to improve knowledge.

“I figure libraries are one of the major pillars of civilization, and in almost every case what librarians want is what they should get,” Mr. Brand said.

Off the Shelf | Library lending services

U.S. libraries offering e-book loan services

75%

50%

25%

Note: Library materials data as of 2007 (most recent available)

Sources: American Library Association (e-book loan services); Institute of Museum and Library Services (materials)
Snap & Go! Library develops and launches a mobile patron support system to support QR (Quick Response) codes.

June 23, 2010 – Contra Costa County Library continues to expand its services to people on-the-go by providing mobile access to downloadable audio eBooks, podcasts, reading recommendations, library catalog and account information, and more through QR codes and a new mobile website. The website is part of the Snap & Go project which links customers with cell phones to library services and information.

With funding from a $50,000 BALIS Innovation grant, the Contra Costa County Library worked with a third party vendor, Quipu Group, to engineer a mobile patron support system for pushing new and existing library content and services into the hands of the growing number of people who want to access library services on the go. The Contra Costa County Library, an innovator in library technology services, provides books to commuters and others who are unable to make it into a community library location with its Library-a-Go-Go lending machines.

By snapping a picture of a growing number of QR codes in various locations including on posters and on books, or by pointing their cell phone browsers to https://snapgo.cclib.org/, Contra Costa County Library users can now easily access library services anywhere, anytime. An "app" for CCC Library Mobile has been made available on the Android Market, and apps for other mobile platforms, including the iPhone, will be available soon.

Coming soon: A new fleet of digital bookmobiles!
A partnership with Tri Delta Transit will soon allow passengers with valid Contra Costa County Library cards to scan QR codes and download MP3 audio eBooks to their phones and immediately listen to books as they continue on their journey. The Library's mobile site also provides access to hours and locations of community libraries, account and catalog search functions, reading recommendations, and a connection to live help by voice, text (SMS), and chat (IM).

More information about the Contra Costa County Library's Snap & Go Project and QR codes can be found at http://guides.cclib.org/qr.
All About QR Codes and the Library’s Snap & Go Project

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Snap & Go What’s a QR Code? Smartphones

Teens’ Top Ten
Teens’ Top Ten is a list of the 26 nominations for the YALSA Teens’ Top Ten award. You can use the QR code below to see the list of nominees:

- vote for a favorite book in the "nominations" category
- get info about the national vote
- see the other nominations
- read excerpts, place holds
- leave a comment
- participate in a fun poll

http://guides.cccclib.org/qr/top10

"you need a QR code reader

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Listen to Books on Your Phone
The Library is making it easier for you to download MP3 audiobooks directly to your phone. Use your phone’s scanner to scan the QR code on the poster you’ll find at your Community Library; Snap & Go to the Library mobile website where you can:

1) download the OverDrive Media Console to your phone (iPhone, Android, BlackBerry, and Windows Mobile)
2) check out and download MP3 audiobooks to listen to on your phone

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Text-A-Librarian
MyInfoQuest - Snap & Text us
The QR code on our contact page helps people use our text (SMS) reference service. Snap the code with your phone and it creates a new text message, adding "text" at the beginning. This "text" helps MyInfoQuest track which libraries are using the service.

It also provides the telephone number so all you need to do is type your question and press send. A librarian responds within 10 minutes.

Hours:
Mon-Fri 6 am-8 pm / Sat 7 am-3 pm / Sun 10 am-4 pm

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http://guides.cccclib.org/qr

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https://snapgo.cccclib.org
Use the Library’s new mobile website:
http://m.cccclib.org

Snap & Go is a project of The Contra Costa County Library, bringing library services to your mobile phone.

What’s a QR Code?

All about QR Codes

Press
- County libraries go mobile: New smartphone program provides patrons extended library services
  San Ramon Express 7/5/10
- No funding but the Library System Has Loads of QR and It Is Good
  5/9/10 MitterWiler’s Elluminate blog (the publisher of the Concrete)
- Contra Costa County Library is testing two-dimensional hyperlinking barcodes will be the next wave in
  connecting mobile-savvy patrons to library services
  Library Journal 1/14/10
- Library wins innovation grant to develop "Snap & Go"
  mobile technology
  Library Press Release 12/14/09

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What's a QR Code? - All About QR Codes and the Library's Snap & Go Project

What's a QR Code?
Quick Response code is a 2D barcode that can store and display lots of information. You install a barcode scanner on your phone which uses the camera to capture an image of the QR code; your phone completes the encoded action.

The QR code can be programmed to:
- connect you to a website (where you could watch a video, leave a comment, get more info, and so on.)
- make a phone call
- send SMS (text messages)
- send email
- download contact information to your phone
- add an event to your calendar
- map an address

Quick Response codes were developed in Japan in 1994 and are in wide-spread use there and in other countries. Check out this video of passersby scanning these Disney posters with QR codes:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myzLAXtopa8

Try It - download and install a reader
You need a QR code reader on your phone:
- BeeTagg QR Code Reader
  works with lots of phones including Apple, Blackberry, HTC, LG, Mo, Motorola, Nokia, Palm, Samsung, Siemens, SonyEricsson, Spx, and more
- NeoReader QR Code Reader
  works with Apple, ASUS, Blackberry, HP, HTC, Motorola, Nokia, O2, Palm, Samsung, Siemens, T-Mobile
- ZXing Reader: barcode scanner for Android
  Android users can search for "barcode reader" directly from the android marketplace on your phone to download and install.

Try It - create your own QR codes
Use an online generator to create your own QR codes, such as your contact information or a link to your online resume, and have the QR code printed on your business cards.
- ORstuff QR Code Generator
  Not only can you create all kinds of QR codes, this is a great site to explore the QR code universe.
- ZXing Project QR Code Generator open source

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- AllStar QR Codes: Here's one company's smart idea: Use this code to access Fun Facts - DeskMonesRegister.com
- MAAD Digital aid smarter driving police campaign - rebusbusiness.co.uk
- ISLANDERS QR CODE INFORMATION - NHL.com
- Google Chrome Extension Powsrful Android-Based Payments - InfoAvenue
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