MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 24, 2011

AGENDA ITEM #: 8

ITEM: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commissioners or Library staff may make announcements regarding the Library Commission and Library or Friends group activities of interest to other Library Commission members.
Rick Steves presents "Europe through the Back Door" on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Lesher Center for the Arts. Tickets $10

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Across Cultures Picturebooks

- A country far away
  by Grey, Nigel
  Length: 32 p.
  Publisher: Orchard, New York:

- Loving
  by North, Ann
  Length: 28 p.
  Publisher: Lerner, Minneapolis:
  2003.

- Everywhere the cow says "Moo!"
  by Weinstein, Ellen
  Length: 1 v. (unpaged)
  Publisher: Harcourt, New York:
  2006.

- Carry me
  by Grossman, Rene D.
  Length: 1 v. (unpaged)
  Publisher: Clarion, Boston:
  2009.

- When it's six o'clock in San Francisco: a trip through time zones
  by Celestino, Cynthia
  Length: 31 p.
  Publisher: Clarion, Boston:
  2009.

- A long way from Chicago: a novel in stories
  by Foer, Richard
  Publisher: Farrar, Straus, New York:
  2005.

- Wish you were here, Lisa
  by Wasserstein, Robin
  Length: 164 p.
  Publisher: Scholastic, New York:
  2008.
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Rick Steves presents "Europe through the Back Door" on Thursday, June 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Leaser Center for the Arts. tickets $10

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You Are Here - California

- Dark water
  by McNeil, Laura
  Length: 297 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf, New York : c2010.

- Gone
  by Grant, Michael
  Length: 569 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: HarperTeen, New York : c2009.

- The year of the bomb
  by Niall, Ronald
  Length: 203 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Simon & Schuster BFYR, New York : c2009.

- In the dark
  by Lopez, Jack
  Length: 152 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Little, Brown, New York : 2008.

- Steinbeck's ghost
  by Buckley, Lewis
  Length: 343 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Follett and Friends, New York : 2008.

- Dead is the new black
  by Perez, Motona
  Length: 180 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Harcourt, Orlando, Fla. : c2008.

- We were here
  by Perez, Mari de la
  Length: 207 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Databits Press, New York : c2009.

- The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian
  by Allende, Sherman
  Length: 239 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Little, Brown, New York : c2007.

You are Here - Bay Area

- Story of a girl: a novel
  by Zarr, Sara
  Subject(s): Publisher: Little, Brown, New York : 2009, c2007.

- The mermaid's mirror
  by Madison, L. K
  Length: 316 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Houghton Mifflin, Boston, MA : 2010.

- Al Capone does my shirts
  by Choldenko, Gennifer
  Length: 208 p.

- Gilda Joyce, psychic investigator
  by Allison, Jennifer
  Length: 221 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Scholastic, New York : c2003.

- You are Here - The Americas

- The house of the scorpion
  by Faust, Nancy
  Subject(s): Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, New York : c2002.

- In the break: a novel
  by Lopez, Jack
  Length: 152 p.
  Subject(s): Publisher: Little, Brown, New York : 2008.

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Books in the News

- Three Books Explore The Minds Behind Movie Magic
- "Valkyrie" Stories for Mounting, After A Naomiless Loss
- Scientists Take To Awaken Your Natural Sibling
- Alcohol And Epigones In Roighe’s "Art And Madness"
- New In Paperback: March 14-20

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The Writers’ Block

- KQED’s weekly reading sadness
- Mirra Bartok: The Memory Palace
- Karen Russell: Swamplandia
- Colum Toibin: The Empty Family
- Heidi Dworkin: The Girl Who Fell from the Sky
- David Leithman: The Lover’s Dictionary
- Vivian Shyaz: God Loves Hair

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Databases

- You need a library card to access these databases. If you live in Contra Costa County, you can apply online now for an e-card and start using these resources today!
- Literature Resource Center includes full-text journal articles from over 200 literary journals, 30,000 critical essays, and 4,500 work overviews, plot summaries and explanations. Bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary disciplines.
- Books & Authors: Explore the latest genres, films, essential non-fiction and the authors behind the titles.

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NextReads Newsletter

Sign up to receive reading recommendations via email. The current newsletter is:

- Annual Travel February 2011
- Audible Books March 2011
- Biography and Memoir March 2011
- Business and Personal Finance February 2011
- Cricket Fiction March 2011
- Fantasy February 2011
- Fiction A to June 2011
- Historical Fiction February 2011
- History and Current Events March 2011
- Home, Garden, and Diet March 2011
- Horror February 2011
- Kids’ Books February 2011
- Library News
- Contra Costa County Library News & Events - February 2011
- Adult Library - Project Second Chance Newsletter March/April 2011

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Poem Flow

- Annual Travel February 2011
- Adult Library - Project Second Chance Newsletter March/April 2011

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Project Second Chance, Inc.
and Lafayette Book Store–The Bay Area Bookmobile

Present

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The Bookies

Our 11th Annual Celebration of Books and the People Who Love Them

Special Guest

Elizabeth Rosner
Author of

The Speed of Light & Blue Nude

The Bookies Book Club Book of the Year will be announced

Thursday, March 31st, 2011

No Host Reception 6 p.m. ~ Dinner ~ 6:45 p.m.

The Lafayette Park Hotel
3287 Mount Diablo Boulevard

Dinner (Chicken or Vegetarian Entrée), Dessert and Wine ~ $50 per person

[IMPORTANT NOTE: Whether you purchase individual or group tickets, in order to accommodate everyone fairly, we ask that you notify us of VEGETARIAN OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS when you purchase your tickets or by calling 925-927-3250 before March 25th]

We cannot honor special requests or entrée changes the evening of the event.
The Lafayette Park Hotel thanks you for letting us know your wishes in advance.

Tickets available Monday, February 14th through Friday, March 25th.
By telephone, with a credit or debit card call Fremont Bank at 510-723-5811 (M-F, 10-5)
(Tickets will then be mailed to your home address)
Cash or check purchases may be made at Project Second Chance 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill (M-F, 9-5)
(no credit/debit sales here) 925-927-3250

At either distribution point, please be sure to specify dietary requests!

This event is sponsored by Fremont Bank and benefits Project Second Chance
The Contra Costa County Library Adult Literacy Program  For more information call 925-927-3250
The
Bookies

It is a great pleasure to introduce our special guest author for Bookies #11 —

Elizabeth Rosner

Elizabeth Rosner grew up in Schenectady, New York as a daughter of Jewish Holocaust survivors. Her father, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, was sent to Buchenwald concentration camp, while her other survived the war by hiding in the Polish countryside. Ms. Rosner’s writing reflects her efforts to come to terms with the impact of her parents’ experiences on her own life, the indelible imprints of their history on her language, her identity, and her imagination.

Now living in Berkeley, California, Ms. Rosner is a full-time writer, having been an instructor of creative writing and composition at the college level for nearly thirty years. She is a graduate of Stanford University, the MFA Program at U.C. Irvine, and the University of Queensland in Australia. She has traveled extensively throughout the world, including long-term stays in the Philippines, Israel, Australia, Sweden, and Mexico.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TITLE FOR Bookies Book Club Book of the Year by March 25th

Again this year

a silent auction with items for bidding which include:

An evening with Ron Shoop of Random House,
Golf packages, and VIP winery tours and tastings!

Book Club lists

will be on display at the Bookies.

To insure that your club’s list is included, send the title and author for each book you read and the name of your group to:
Darra Williamson at Darraw944@astound.net

To be included in the display at the Bookies please be sure your book club list reaches Darra by March 25th.
The 11th Annual Bookies Award BALLOT

It's time to select the 2011 Bookies Award for the Book Club Book of the Year!

Make your selections by March 25th

Book Club Name

Contact ____________________________ Phone ____________________________

The Bookies Book Club Book of the Year Nominees (Select One)

☐ Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
☐ Little Bee by Chris Cleave
☐ The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake by Aimee Bender
☐ Invisible Mountain by Carolina De Robertis
☐ Room by Emma Donoghue

Ballots may be delivered by email to:

Darra Williamson at Darraw944@astound.net

Send your book club lists to Darra <darraw944@astound.net> by March 15th, and they will be displayed at The Bookies

Presented by Project Second Chance, The Contra Costa County Library Adult Literacy Program

For information call 925-927-3250
A Letter from Laura

Spring is in the air, which means it’s time for The Bookies, a Celebration of Books and the People Who Love Them. Not only is The Bookies a lovely evening, but it also benefits Project Second Chance!

Elizabeth Rosner, author of *The Speed of Light* and *Blue Nude*, will be the guest speaker. The evening includes dinner, Jacuzzi Family Vineyards wine, and a silent auction. Wonderful items will be available at the auction—a color/cut from Kelly Williams, Colorist/Stylist; bottles of wine from Kosta Browne and Peter Michael wineries; tours/tastings at Napa wineries; country club golf packages; a ZOOM teeth whitening package from Todd Pearson, DDS, and more! In addition, area book club reading lists will be available, and the winner of the Book Club Book of the Year will be announced.

The Bookies will be held Thursday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Tickets are $50 each. To purchase your ticket with a credit card, call Fremont Bank at (510) 723-5811. If you’d prefer to pay by cash or check, stop by our office at 75 Santa Barbara in Pleasant Hill, and we’ll take care of you.

Other dates to remember!
Tuesday, April 26th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. for a Book Club Forum with Ron Shoop. Ron will recommend book titles for your book club or personal reading pleasure. This event is free and will be held at the Ygnacio Valley Library on Oak Grove Road.

Monday, June 20th from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Lafayette Park Hotel for the 12th Annual Best Martini in the East Bay Contest. This is PSC’s biggest fundraiser of the year, and it’s LOTS of fun!

State Budget Update

As you may know, Governor Brown has proposed the elimination of all state funds for library-based literacy programs, such as Project Second Chance (PSC). PSC receives approximately 20% of our annual budget from the state, so this represents a severe cut.

We recognize the need to join in the state’s budget solution by taking a cut; however, we hope to avoid elimination, as that makes it unlikely that funds will ever be reinstated, even after the economy recovers.

Your letters and telephone calls to your legislators in support of library-based literacy programs can make a difference. In the February 7th Assembly Budget Subcommittee Hearing, one Assembly Member commented that his office had received more than 100 letters and calls. That’s awesome! Thank you to those who have written, faxed and called! But we can’t let up. If you haven’t written or placed a call and would like to, please contact the PSC office at (925) 927-3250 for information about how you can help save state funding for library-based literacy programs.

Let Me Say This…7

See your story in print in 2011!!

Now’s the time to work on your story for our next book of student writings. Write about anything – a favorite memory, your dreams, your struggles, a poem, your PSC experience – anything!

- The deadline to submit a story is Friday, May 27th.
- Your story must be less than 500 words.
- You may submit a maximum of two (2) stories.
- Only first name and last initial will be published (or you can be anonymous if you prefer).
- You must sign a release so we can publish it.
Contra Costa County Library

Written on Wednesday, 01 December 2010

Improving access to government information in all library branches has been the focus of one large public library. Our December Spotlight Depository, Contra Costa County Library in Pleasant Hill, California focuses on collecting materials that can be made freely available to all of its twenty-five branches. Contra Costa County Library ("Contra Costa") has focused its efforts on making government documents available from multiple access points, including the library's public catalog.

Contra Costa publicizes its public access policy. A statement on the library's Web site explains that "The Library's mission is to make government publications freely available for the use of the general public, to meet the government information needs of the people who live and work in greater Contra Costa County." The library also provides assistive technology in all its branches to help those with disabilities access the Information and materials available.

To facilitate access in all branches, the library has emphasized its Government Guide which is available through the library's Web page and contains government subject guides with information and links. These subject guides are usable by reference staff throughout the county and users at home.

An online user can reach links to government information by clicking on the Government Guide from the Library's homepage or by browsing through the library's guides alphabetically, by subject, or by guide owner. Links on the government Web pages are updated periodically and a good mix of topics are presented under the Government heading. These include Local Government, State Government, Federal Government, and Government Documents.

The Government Documents page features links to the U.S. Government Printing Office's home page; the Federal Register; the Federal Digital System (FDSys); books published by the GPO that are available at Contra Costa; GovPulse and links to popular government documents. Featured on this page is a section that provides information about the designation of Contra Costa as a selective depository and information about its history.

In addition to links readily available through the Government Guide, Contra Costa has made newly published electronic Federal documents available through their online catalog enabling patrons to locate and access government documents on a topic through a simple search of the library's public catalog. Librarians also guide users to electronic Federal documents to assist them in researching topics during the hours that the library is closed. Approximately 3,250 electronic Federal documents have been accessed from the library's catalog over the past twelve months.

Following its stated mission to make materials available online, Contra Costa has made its Collection Development Plan available online. The policy provides readers with useful information such as Contra Costa's status as a Federal depository library; the formats the library collects; who is responsible for the collection; its emphasis; branch government document collections; and notes that a specific government documents collection development policy is provided in the appendix.

The Government Documents Collection Development Policy includes information about the geography and population the library is serving and includes a government publications collection profile. The profile is especially helpful as it details the individuals responsible for selection, criteria for selection, collection level, formats, evaluation tools and more. The policy also addresses issues such as resource sharing, collection evaluation, retention, disposal and access.

The Contra Costa library staff exceed legal and Program requirements in making accessible and promoting access to the library's depository collection to its users. The increased emphasis on obtaining and promoting materials available online through multiple access points and through
the library's catalog make Contra Costa a shining example of how a public library or any type of library can increase awareness and use of its depository collection. Libraries wanting to emulate Contra Costa's example can take advantage of the library's Collection Development Plan and Government Documents Collection Development Policy.
Depository Library Spotlight

Depository libraries serve the public every day by providing free access to a wealth of U.S. Government information products. Your expertise and dedication is unmatched.

GPO is shedding light on your invaluable institutions by highlighting a different Federal depository library each month. By spotlighting the unique services and offerings of our depositaries, we can share in the strengths and innovations of our partners and help promote the essential American service that is the FDLP.

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cathy Sanford

Date: January 7, 2011

Subject: Library Commission 2010 Annual Report and 2011 Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S):


FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

Library Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of alternating Months. Library Administration, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Commission: Carol Brown, Chair; Joyce Atkinson, Vice-Chair; Staff: Cathy Sanford, Deputy County Librarian

The attached report was developed by the Library Commission and highlights the Commission's activities, work plan, goals and objectives.

Action of Board On: 01/25/2011

Clerks Notes:
I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 25, 2011

David J. Twa,

BY: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: 925-646-6423
Activities

- Commissioners:
  - Provided information and reports to Library Friends, foundations, and community library commissions about library activities.
  - Provided information and reports as liaisons to the appointing agencies.
  - Frequently served as board members and officers of Library Friends, foundations, endowments, and community library commissions and are involved in Friends membership recruitments, fundraising activities for community libraries, book sale volunteers, and assist with library programming including: city read programs, the annual Countywide Summer Reading Festival, and youth activities.
  - Through the tireless letter-writing and concerted action of some commissioners, the Public Library Foundation and State Library funding was not further reduced by the State budget.
  - Promoted the Contra Costa County Library by participating in community parades, informational booths at community festivals and events, attended library programs and fundraising events.
  - Held informational exchange meetings with Community Library Managers.
  - Received reports and updates, discussed and provided significant input on the Library’s major issues and initiatives: budget and responsibility for library facility/property management.
    - Reviewed auditor’s report and the Library’s response to the audit.
    - Received an update on the Library’s Web 2.0 Library services and system upgrade and the Library’s Snap&Go program that uses QR Codes.
    - Received an e-commerce report (fines can be paid online).
    - Reviewed the final report on the Board of Supervisors Sunset Review Process for all advisory bodies.
    - Received a presentation from the Library’s Accessibility Committee.

- Advocate for improved library services:
  - During CLA (California Library Association) Day in the District on April 23 and May 7, 2010 and met with Senators DeSaulnier and Hancock, and Assembly member Buchanan.
  - Wrote letters to the editors and articles to local newspapers about library budget issues, services and activities.
  - Communicated Library concerns and activities to city staff and council members.

- Commissioner Tang (Chair, Concord)
  - Encouraged Library Commissioners to attend the 2010 California Library Association’s Day in the District and Legislative Day in Sacramento.

- Commissioner Poulos (El Cerrito)
  - Supported Friends of the El Cerrito Library through a membership database enhancement and training for new Friends membership chair.
  - Met with city council member and alternate Library Commissioner regarding the future of City support for the Library and for the eventual construction of a new community library.

- Commissioner Panas (El Cerrito, Alternate)
  - Assisted and initiated activities with the Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

- Commissioner Atkinson (Clayton)
  - Served as President of the Clayton Community Library Foundation.
  - Served as co-chair of two used book sales.
  - Spoke to various community groups to encourage participation in library programs.
  - Supported Clayton’s 3rd City Reads by distributing flyers.
  - Participated in the Clayton 4th of July parade, furnished the truck, and recruited volunteers to participate.
Communicated Library concerns and activities to Clayton's City staff and Council members.
Continued an ongoing campaign to recruit in library volunteers.

- Commissioner Prater (San Ramon)
  - On a subcommittee to explore needs of Juvenile Hall libraries in Martinez.

- Commissioner Hoisington (Lafayette)
  - Served on the Board of Friends of Lafayette Library and Learning Center.
  - Supported programs and activities at Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

- Commissioner Peck (Brentwood)
  - Worked with Brentwood community to help plan library expansion.
  - Supported community library programming, e.g. City Reads.
  - Investigated Local Friends Group.
  - Investigated local Project Second Chance activities.

- Commissioner Bracken (Pleasant Hill)
  - Attended City council meetings when appropriate.
  - Volunteered at Friends of Pleasant Hill Library book sales.
  - Trained, and is now working as a library volunteer sheler.
  - Participated in a library project as part of the 6th annual Pleasant Hill Community Service Day at the Library.

- Commissioner Brown (Vice chair, Orinda)
  - Ran two Commission meetings.
  - Continued to advise Friends group of interests of the Commission and need for funding at State level.
  - Wrote letters in support of the Library.
  - Continued to research the donated books for online and bookshop sales (20-25 hours a week).
  - Worked on several letters to express Commission's appreciation of Anne Cain, County Librarian in 2010, Cathy Sanford (Deputy County Librarian: Support Services) and others who have tightened belts and continued to innovate despite the dollar situation.

- Commissioner Reed (Friends Council)
  - Attended opening of Walnut Creek Library.
  - Attended opening of Lafayette Library.
  - Visited eight libraries.
  - Visited nine book sales at libraries.
  - Attended pre-opening ceremony ("Sneak Peek") at new library at Prewett Park in Antioch on March 13.

- Commissioner Bonham (Orinda alternate)
  - Toured new Lafayette Library.
  - Toured new Walnut Creek Library.

- Commissioner Ruehlig (Antioch)
  - Wrote letters to the editor about library issues that were published in various newspapers in the County.

- Commissioner Smith (District IV)
  - Wrote to Assembly member Nancy Skinner about the Public Library Foundation.
  - Coordinated the CALTAC northern workshop - arranging for the speakers etc. This was the first time a state senator ever came to speak at such a workshop (Hancock).
  - Arranged for elected leaders to write article for CALTACTICS about why they support libraries - Senators Liu/Wright and Assembly members Treason/Buchanan
o Served as chair of subcommittee to review commission bylaws and make recommendations to the full commission.
o Served on the subcommittee that wrote a letter for the commission to David Twa about the qualities needed in a new library director.
o Along with Carol Brown, served on the panel that interviewed the candidates in round one to replace Anne Cain, County Library.
o Attended CLA (2009) and reported to the Commission during the January 2010 meeting.
o Attended BayNet workshop in May, and reported to the Library Commission.
o Attended workshop by Pacific Library Partnership in September and reported to the commission.
o Participated in Day in the District and met with Senator DeSauinier, Assembly member Buchanan, and Senator Hancock's staff.

1. Accomplishments

- Commissioners:
  - Discussed the County Librarian's retirement and the leadership transition to a new County Librarian and sent a letter to the County Administrator emphasizing their willingness to assist in as appropriate.
  - Received one hour presentation on the Brown Act from Deputy County Counsel Mary Ann Mason.
  - Some Commissioners attended the County's Annual Training for County Advisory Bodies.
  - Authorized the Chair to send Cathy Sanford, Deputy County Librarian: Support Services, a letter thanking her and her staff for the development and design of the Library's new Website and the successful launch.
  - Toured the new Lafayette and Walnut Creek Libraries and held their May and July regularly scheduled Library Commission meetings in these two libraries.
  - Recruited Library volunteers from various citizen groups and organizations.
  - Commissioners agreed to ask for reauthorization of the Commission for another five years.
  - Commissioners agreed to invite the Contra Costa Community College District to appoint a member to the County Library Commission if approved by the Commission's By-Laws.
  - Commissioners formed a By-Laws Committee of the Commission (Enholm, District V; Fuller, Martinez; Smith, District IV and Tumin, Oakley) who met and reviewed the Library Commission By-Laws and suggested edits that were approved by the Commission. The suggested By-Laws edits are being reviewed by County Counsel.
  - Received a presentation on the Library budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 and sent a letter of unanimous support of the Library's budget to the Board of Supervisors.
  - Reviewed the uniform Library Lease and Service Agreement between the County and cities.

- Commissioner Meisch (Walnut Creek)
  - Worked on the July opening celebration of the new Walnut Creek Library and volunteered during the opening celebration.
  - Worked with the head of the Friends of the Walnut Creek Library to see about a new ballot measure to replace Measure Q, which recently expired, to keep the libraries open 50+ hours a week. Talked with Walnut Creek councilman, Bob Simmons, about the possibility of another ballot measure similar or identical to Measure Q, to fund continuing extra hours for the Walnut Creek libraries.

- Commissioner Shoop (Richmond)
  - Suggested that the poetry anthology that is produced by the Juvenile Detention Facility be distributed to a wide audience, starting with the various Friends entities throughout the County.

- Commissioner Panas (El Cerrito, Alternate)
  - Proposed to the Friends of the El Cerrito Library to paint the El Cerrito Library. Presented the proposal to the Arts & Culture Commission and is working with the City to see if this can be accomplished.
- Wrote a description of the Library Commission meeting for El Cerrito City Council that Commissioner Poulos was unable to attend.

  - Commissioner Prater (San Ramon)
    - Wrote letters to Juvenile Hall officials raising awareness concerning literature being supplied to detainees.

  - Commissioner Peck (Brentwood)
    - Worked with Brentwood community to help plan Library expansion.
    - Support local library programming, e.g. City Reads.
    - Learned more about Brentwood Friends and Project Second Chance activities.

  - Commissioner Tang (Chair, Concord)
    - Served as chair person for the Library Commission.

  - Commissioner Poulos (El Cerrito)
    - Bi-monthly written report to the El Cerrito City Council of County Library activities including notes on each Library Commission meeting. Copies distributed to El Cerrito City Assistant Manager, El Cerrito Community Library Manager, and President of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

  - Commissioners Reed (Friends Council)
    - Helped arrange the repair and painting of the Antioch Library parking lot (to be paid for 1/3 County, 1/3 City, 1/3 Friends group).
    - Arranged three meetings for Alan Smith to talk with Friends of Libraries on legislative influence.
    - Informed all Friends' Groups about the 28 page "Accessibility report" and encouraged them to consider accessibility in their budget planning for gifts to the libraries.
    - Prepared a ceremony and skit for a retiring Antioch Friends President
    - Helped Friends groups on improving by-laws.
    - Provided written book reviews for the Library Commission.

  - Commissioner Smith (District IV)
    - Conducted Board Effectiveness Trainings in Cupertino, Alpine and Butte Counties.
    - Developed and conducted two workshops for the Friends on library advocacy March 2010.
    - Wrote article for CALTACTICS about the new Walnut Creek library Q4 - as well as the articles about libraries web sites.
    - Served as Past President and Regional Rep for CALTAC.

  - Commissioner Brown (Vice chair, Orinda)
    - Researched donated book prices for Friends which helped the Friends of the Orinda Library achieve profitable online book sales – these funds buy books for the County Library.

  - Commissioner Braken (Pleasant Hill)
    - Arranged a book swap for the 0-5 years age group held at the library with volunteers from the Pleasant Hill Walnut Club.
    - Assisted in a First 5 grant for a series of programs to be held at the Library.

  - Commissioner Atkinson (Clayton)
    - Chaired the Clayton Community Library Foundation involvement in sponsoring a Candidates Night for Clayton City Council. CCLF con-sponsored with the Clayton Pioneer newspaper.

2. Facilities

  - Commissioner Mellon (Walnut Creek), Fuller (Martinez), and Ruehlig (Antioch) worked with their
3. Attendance/Representation

The 29-member Library Commission is diverse and meets the Board of Supervisors' goal to maintain an ethnic, economic, and geographic balance. A wide range of ages is represented on the Library Commission.

All six meetings in 2010 achieved a quorum and many alternate Commissioners attend meetings in addition to the appointed Commissioner. *(Attachment - individual Commissioner attendance report)*

4. Training/Certification

- Commissioners
  - Viewed tapes on the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest as required by the Board of Supervisors.
  - Renewed individual membership in CALTAC (California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners.)
  - Attended CALTAC workshops.
  - Commissioner Tang (Chair, Concord)
    - Encouraged the Commissioners to attend California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC) workshops about Library Leadership Advocacy.

Commissioner Brown (Vice chair, Orinda)
  - Encouraged her DVC English students to utilize library system as well as college's libraries.

**Proposed Work Plan / Objectives for 2011:**

**Goal 1: Support increased funding** for the Library

**Objectives:**
- Commissioner Atkinson (Clayton)
  - Promote service provided by the Library during current recession.
  - Educate the community as to the cuts in Library funding, encourage participation in fundraising activities.
- Commissioner Meisch (Walnut Creek)
  - Commissioners receive presentations and discussions on how to maintain funding for libraries, especially funding within individual cities and towns.
- Commissioner Brown (Vice-chair, Orinda)
  - Continue to advocate at all levels for library funding.
  - Promote community awareness of need to garner support for PLF (letter writing) from Friends Members.
  - Will make sure local level (Mayor) writes to governor to support PLF.
- Commissioner Tang (Chair, Concord)
  - Continue to lobby for increased funding for library services from the State as well as private groups.
  - Ensure Library Funding is stable during this harsh economic time.
  - Continue to promote importance of library and its contributions to the community to ensure support form the community.
  - Continue to work with the Friends of the library groups, cities, private organizations, foundation to ensure continual support as well as funding.

**Goal 2: Continued promotion, education, and expansion** of Library services within all of the communities, despite economic belt-tightening.

- **Objectives:**
  - Join/Renew CALTAC memberships for all Commissioners.
  - Continue to support library technological innovations as they occur
  - Continue supporting/assisting Friends of the Library groups.
- Commissioner Atkinson (Clayton)
  - Support Library programming such as City Reads.
  - Speak at council meetings and other community organizations to promote service and recruit volunteers.
  - Encourage community members to take an active part in Friends activities.
  - Stress the increased usage by patrons seeking services relating to a job search.
- Commissioner Peck (Brentwood)
  - Attend the 2011 California Library Association Conference.
- Commissioner Panas (El Cerrito, Alternate)
  - Write up Commission meeting descriptions when the appointed Commissioner is not able to attend a meeting.
- Commissioner Brown (Orinda)
  - Recruit volunteers throughout the community to work with extended Friends’ activities.
- Commissioner Reed (Friends Council)
  - Review cost and effectiveness of Library-a-Go-Go automated book lending machines in order to consider putting these self-service machines in major mass(s), selecting place(s) of highest potential circulation.
  - Arrange for an objective study of the short and long range effects of our reduced library hours on community groups, schools, and individuals.
- Commissioner Poulos (El Cerrito)
  - Organize one or more City Council members with the two El Cerrito? library commissioners and a few others into a core library planning group.
  - Work on rethinking plans for a new library in El Cerrito with or without a senior center.
- Commissioner Shoop (Richmond)
  - Facilitate the wider distribution throughout the County of Library entities’ published materials.
- Commissioner Smith (District IV)
  - Serve as a CALTAC northern regional representative.
  - Attend CLA 2010 and report to the Library Commission in January 2011.
  - Conduct board effectiveness trainings including Sunnyvale in March 2011.
  - Attend other library workshops and report to the Library Commission.

**Goal 3: Support effective current library facilities**
- Commissioner Prater (San Ramon)
  - Continue to encourage use of newer library facilities in Contra Costa County.
- Commissioner Panas (El Cerrito, alternate)
  - Continue to work on the El Cerrito Library painting initiative.

**Goal 4: Explore more effective use of specialty libraries** such as those associated with Juvenile Hall
- Commissioner Prater (San Ramon)
  - Review books currently available and being read.
  - Make recommendations on new books.
- Commissioner Hoisington (Lafayette)
  - Support Juvenile Hall and Orin Allen in every way possible.

**Goal 5: Foster communication and cooperation** among all Contra Costa County libraries
- Commissioner Hoisington (Lafayette)
  - Reinstall Friends Council to share ideas.
  - Encourage all libraries to have volunteer coordinators.
- Commissioner Poulos (El Cerrito)
  - Work with the Friends and their current support for community libraries in light of the needs expressed by Elliot Warren, Collection Development Manager, regarding collections.
  - Encourage the Friends Council to be a more visible and active support group for new community libraries.

**Goal 6: To serve in whatever way might be most helpful to the interim/new County Librarian.**
- Help him/her feel welcome.
- Help him/her learn our methods while staying open to his/her new ideas.
Goal 7: Continue to advocate for the library within the community
   - Enhance visibility of Community Library Manager.
   - Commissioner Bracken (Pleasant Hill)
   - Attend relevant city council meetings.
   - Promote library programs, services, needs and volunteer opportunities to local community groups.
   - Commissioner Poulos (El Cerrito)
   - Achieve greater cooperation of Friends Council with Library and City government.
   - Commissioner Smith (District IV)
   - Meet with elected officials during Day in the District and attend Legislative Day in Sacramento.

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