MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 22, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #: 11 B
ITEM: STATE LIBRARY FUNDING ISSUES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commissioner Smith (District IV) suggested that the Commission address the current State Library funding issues and have the Chair submit letters as appropriate.
TO: Library Commissioners  
Library Friends and Foundation Presidents  
Library Supporters  

DATE: March 15, 2012  

FROM: Barbara Flynn, County Librarian  

SUBJECT: CLA Legislative Day in the District  

The California Library Association (CLA) has planned for library advocates to visit our state legislators in their district offices during the months of March and April. This provides an opportunity to foster dialogue between local libraries and the legislators who represent the communities served by those libraries.

The Library is in the process of scheduling appointments with:

**Assemblymember Joan Buchanan**
Assemblymember Buchanan’s 15th District includes: Alamo, Brentwood, Byron, Danville, Diablo, Oakley, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.

**Assemblymember Susan Bonilla**
Assemblymember Bonilla’s 11th District includes: Antioch, Bay Point, Clayton, Concord, Crockett, El Sobrante (part), Hercules, Martinez, Pacheco, Pinole, Pittsburg, and Rodeo.

**Senator Mark DeSaulnier:**
Senator DeSaulnier’s 7th District includes: Antioch, Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Richmond (part), Oakley, Orinda, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon and Walnut Creek.

**Senator Loni Hancock:**
Senator Hancock’s 9th District Includes: El Sobrante, Richmond (part) and San Pablo.

**Assemblymember Nancy Skinner:**
Assemblymember Skinner’s 14th District includes: Canyon, El Cerrito, El Sobrante (part), Kensington, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, Richmond (part), and San Pablo.

The Library will provide you with updates on the scheduled meetings and provide you with any additional information that the California Library Association makes available.

Please contact Corinne Kelly, Executive Secretary, either by phone at (925) 927-3206 or by e-mail ckelly@ccclib.org and let her know that you will be attending the meetings that we arrange with the legislators so that she can provide them with an attendance count.

cc: Library Managers
2012 Legislative Talking Points

In FY 10/11, public library funding by the state was $30.4 million. In FY 11/12, the Governor recommended no funding, but the legislature restored funding to $15.2 million but it was subject to the budget trigger which then resulted in eliminating all funding for public libraries this fiscal year. These programs support equitable access to library resources for all California residents, resource sharing among public libraries, and adult literacy. Please restore once again $15.2 million to these vitally important library programs and, at the same time, enable the state to make its required match to receive federal funding for libraries.

California Library Services Act

Please reinstate $8.5 million to make it possible for public libraries to share resources and open their collections to residents of other communities that cannot meet their information needs, whether because of distance, limited collections and hours, or other reasons. Through this program every Californian has access to the resources of all the state’s public libraries. This a state program, not one that is the responsibility of local jurisdictions.

California Library Literacy Services

Please reinstate $3.7 million for library literacy programs serving English-speaking adults who read below the 6th grade level. These programs leverage $1 of state funds with $5 in local and private funds. Without state funding, some programs are closing and 5500 fewer adult learners will be tutored by volunteers. Currently, over 3000 people are on waiting lists.

An estimated 23% of California’s adult population lacks basic literacy skills. This program enables participants to reach their goals, including voting for the first time, reading to their children, and securing a job or a promotion.

Public Library Foundation

Please restore $3 million to this program, that provides per capita support for book purchases, children’s programs and other basic library services. For some libraries this is their only funding for library materials for their community members to use and check out.

Prevent a Double Whammy—the Loss of $16 million in Federal Funding!

Without $15.2 million in State matching funds, California will lose its Federal Funding for libraries. Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds provide funding for literacy programs, the Braille and Talking Books Program, a statewide Summer Reading Program for children and teens to prevent “summer slide” in reading ability and other vitally important public library programs.

Insert here what the loss of these programs means to the legislator’s constituents – what will local services look like without these programs?
February 15, 2012

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Library Funding

Dear Governor Brown,

As Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, I write on behalf of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to urge you to reinstate the $15.9 million in funding that was eliminated from the State's FY 2011-12 Budget and to include a similar amount of funding in the FY 2012-13 Budget.

These funds help support critically needed programs throughout California's 183 public libraries including:

- Resource sharing between libraries;
- Literacy programs for over 20,000 adults learning to read through services provided at their public library;
- Braille and Talking Book Library – "So That All May Read".

The elimination of these funds jeopardizes an equal amount of Federal matching funds, causing even greater loss to residents of California. If the federally required "Maintenance of Effort" funds are not maintained, Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds will be cut resulting in an additional loss of $15 million in Federal funds.

This loss would adversely impact Californians in many ways, including closing the Braille and Talking Book Library, which alone serves over 17,000 California residents and 700 institutions in Northern California who rely on this program for materials and services.
Over 1,000,000 California residents use their libraries each day. As you know, libraries serve a critical component in connecting communities with learning. A reduction in funding for public libraries can affect access to computers and the internet for those in our communities who can least afford them, exacerbating the "digital divide."

For these many reasons, on behalf of the residents of Contra Costa County, please reinstate and restore this funding.

Sincerely,

MARY NEJEDLY PIEPHO
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Contra Costa Legislative Delegation
    Members, Contra Costa Board of Supervisors
    D. Twa, CCC CAO
    B. Flynn, CCC County Librarian
    Cathy Christian, Nielsen Merksamer
January 30, 2012

The Honorable Edmond G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Room 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Reinstate/Preserve State Library Funding

On behalf of the residents of the City of Concord, I am asking you to reinstate the state library funding that was eliminated from the 2011-12 Budget; as well as include a similar amount of funding in the 2012-13 Budget.

These funds help support critically needed programs throughout California’s 183 public libraries including:

- Resource sharing between libraries;
- Literacy programs for over 20,000 adults learning to read at their public library;
- Braille and Talking Book Library – “So That All May Read.”

The elimination of these funds jeopardizes an equal amount of Federal matching funds. In addition, if the “Maintenance of Effort” is not maintained, the Braille and Talking Book Library will close in 2013.

Over 1,000,000 California residents use their libraries each day. Again, on behalf of the residents of the City of Concord, please reinstate and restore this funding. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron Leone
Mayor
Alan B. Smith  
4823 Boxer Blvd.  
Concord CA 94521  

March 15, 2012  

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Room 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Subject: Preserve Braille and Talking Book Library  

Dear Governor Brown  

I am legally blind and can not read books even with assistive technology. When you pulled the “budget trigger” in December 2011, you took the first step towards closing the Braille and Talking Book Library, upon which thousands of visually impaired and the physically handicapped depend.  

The library is funded through CLSA (California Library Services Act), which in turn has a “Maintenance of Effort” from the Federal government to remain open. Without this Maintenance of Effort, the library could close next year.  

Please restore the funding for fiscal year 2011-12 and include in the 2012-12 budget. “So that all may read”. Governor Brown, we the visually disabled and physically handicapped community are counting on you.  

Thank you,  

Sincerely,  

Alan B. Smith  

CC: Honorable Darrell Steinberg  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205.  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Honorable Mark DeSauinier  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814
Senator Carol Liu, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee Number 1 on Education Finance
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Senator Ted Gaines
Member, Senate Budget Subcommittee Number 1 on Education Finance
State Capitol, Room 3060
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Senator Rod Wright
Member, Senate Budget Subcommittee Number 1 on Education Finance
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Honorable John A. Perez
Speaker of the Calif. State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee Number 2 on Education Finance
State Capitol, Room 2188
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Assemblyman Sandre Swanson
Member, Assembly Budget Subcommittee Number 2 on Education Finance
State Capitol, Room 6012
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Assemblyman Bill Berryhill
Member, Assembly Budget Subcommittee Number 2 on Education Finance
State Capitol, Room 3141
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Assemblyman Brian Nestande
Member, Assembly Budget Subcommittee Number 2 on Education Finance
State Capitol, Room 4139
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Honorable Connie Conway
Assembly Republican Leader
State Capitol, Room 3104
Sacramento, CA 95814
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 7

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 22, 2012

AGENDA ITEM #: 12 A

ITEM: LIBRARY BUDGET

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Commission will receive a presentation on the 2012-2013 Library budget.
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 8

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 22, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #: 12 B
ITEM: ELECTRONIC Books (e-books)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commissioners will receive a brief presentation addressing concerns about e-books followed by a brief discussion.
American Library Association President Molly Raphael, ALA delegation discuss library e-book lending with publishers

Posted on February 9th, 2012 by admin


The representatives at these meetings included CEOs, division presidents and other executives.

“We had frank discussions related to library e-book lending and are appreciative of the serious engagement by these publishers. Many of the meetings extended for a longer time than scheduled, and all ended with the expectation of a continuing dialogue between each publisher and ALA,” Raphael said.

She said that in each meeting, “we reaffirmed our mutual desire to bring authors and readers together. Indeed, publishers and libraries enjoy a long history of productive relationships toward this end. There was ready acknowledgment of the key role that libraries and publishers play in society. And there was a desire for a mutually beneficial way forward for library e-book lending.”

Acknowledging that the e-book format will continue to accelerate, as will e-content in general, Raphael said that, despite their common mission of linking authors and readers, libraries and publishers have some goals that diverge. “It is these differences that lead to varying views in the library and publishing worlds of business models and overall short- and long-term strategies.”

She said the discussions with publishers who already sell e-books to libraries focused on how to maintain and strengthen those relationships. Libraries, she said, play a key role in “discoverability,” identifying the most relevant works for the communities they serve.

“We weed out titles and feature new titles. We construct displays in our libraries and sponsor author events, often in partnership with local bookstores. We provide literacy training; support for book groups; and offer myriad other services that promote reading and book genres, titles and authors,” she said. “These publishers clearly place a high value on the library role in discoverability, and we agreed to continue discussions on how best to provide and promote e-books to library patrons.”

In meeting with publishers who do not sell e-books, “we shared our profession’s concerns regarding the impact of these practices on library users, many of whom rely solely on the public library for their reading choices.”

The meeting revealed some misconceptions about how libraries operate. Once those issues were clarified, she said, some of the publishers’ concerns were mitigated.
“For example, some publishers had the impression that libraries lend to whomever visited their respective websites, thus making collections available virtually worldwide without restriction.

We explained the close ties between a library and its community and that collection development is based on what our users want to find in their libraries. Thus, we emphasized, e-book collections—financed mostly through local tax dollars—reflect local interests, with access restricted to the cardholders of each individual library,” she said.

She said ALA agreed to provide feedback on any ideas they may have. She also said that publishers agreed to consider proposals from ALA.

One key issue that emerged, she said, was the concern of publishers that the ready download-ability of library e-books could adversely impact sales. From the viewpoint of publishers, there is some security in the “friction” provided in borrowing a print book, which often involves two trips—one to pick up the book and another to return it.

Another issue that arose in all of the meetings was the influential role of intermediaries—aggregators or retailers—in library e-book lending.

“It was agreed that we—publishers, libraries, intermediaries and others—operate in an ecosystem that is experiencing profound change. At the same time, a thorough understanding of the ecosystem backed by reliable data is not readily available, and deserves increased attention from ALA and others,” she said.

Raphael said that the biggest lesson to be drawn from the meetings was the importance of direct communication.

“We didn’t leave New York with complete and perfect solutions; that wouldn’t have been a realistic expectation. But I am happy with the progress that we made on multiple fronts—establishing ongoing direct lines of communication and correcting misconceptions about libraries, to mention only two. Much work remains to fully grasp the rapidly changing context of digital content and libraries and to converge on solutions that all key stakeholders can live with. We must find these solutions so that libraries can continue to provide the best possible service to their communities.”

She said there will be further communication with these five publishers, as well as contact with other publishers and intermediaries and additional activities within the framework of ALA’s Digital Content and Libraries Working Group.

She advised those interested to look for further communications from the co-chairs of the Working Group, the chairs of its subgroups and ALA leadership in the near future.
Downloadable Media Collection

OverDrive Help
Find answers to your questions, solutions to your problems, and more.

My Help
Customized help for your computer or device.

Device Resource Center
Explore computers & devices that can be used with eBooks & audiobooks.

Digital Books Tour
Take a tour through the basics of eBooks & audiobooks.

Library Lending Policies
Learn how many items you can check out, for how long, and more.

Support
Still need help? Contact Support.
Device Resource Center

Welcome to OverDrive's Device Resource Center. Titles from OverDrive-powered sites can be enjoyed at your computer plus a wide variety of devices. For your convenience, we offer details on setups we've tested.

How to browse the Device Resource Center:

• Compatible setups are displayed below.
• Try the Device / Format filter to create a custom list of compatible devices.
• Compatible / Incompatible OverDrive formats are displayed next to each device.
• Note: Your OverDrive-powered site may not offer all formats mentioned here.

Desktop / Laptop...

Windows®
• Kindle Books (US libraries only)
• Adobe® EPUB eBooks
• Adobe PDF eBooks
• Open EPUB eBooks
• Open PDF eBooks
• MP3 Audiobooks
• WMA Audiobooks
• WMA Music
• WMV Video

Mac®
• Kindle Books (US libraries only)
• Adobe EPUB eBooks
• Adobe PDF eBooks
• Open EPUB eBooks
• Open PDF eBooks
• MP3 Audiobooks

Mobile Devices...

OverDrive Media Console™ is available for these popular devices, allowing you to download titles directly to your device.

• Android™
• BlackBerry®
• iPhone® / iPad® / iPod touch®
• Windows Phone 7

For more information, find your device in the list below.

eBook Readers and Portable Devices...

Show...

☐ eBook Readers
☐ Portable Devices


3/12/2012
Downloadable Media Collection

Digital Media Guided Tour

New to downloadable media? Using this service is easy! To help you get started, please take a guided tour. In just a few minutes, you can learn how to browse, check out, and download the titles available at this site.

Please note that some of the formats mentioned during the tour might not be available at this website.

If you have any questions about downloads after you view the tutorial, ask a library staff member or click on "Support" for more assistance.