CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 4

MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #: 10
ITEM: REPORT FROM COUNTY LIBRARIAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None.
June 15, 2012

Barbara Flynn
Contra Costa Public Library
1750 Oak Park Blvd.
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Dear Ms. Flynn:

On behalf of the board of directors of The H.W. Wilson Foundation I want to extend our congratulations to you and all involved in your library’s achievement as a recipient of a John Cotton Dana Award for 2012. This should be particularly gratifying in view of the many fine entries reviewed this year by the ALA committee of judges.

In recognition of your accomplishment I am pleased to enclose a grant in the name of your library for $10,000.

Sincerely,

William E. Stanton
President
2012
JOHN COTTON DANA
PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD
Presented to:
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY
FRAME N HILL, CALIFORNIA
Snap & Co
Sponsored jointly by:
2012 Publishing and the ALA Library Leadership and Management Association Public Relations Section
RESOLUTION NO. 2012/301

The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing the Contra Costa County Library for receiving the 2012 John Cotton Dana Public Relations Award

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Library endeavors to bring people and ideas together in unique and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, the Library developed in-house a method of making materials and services available to County residents on their mobile phones utilizing Quick Response (QR) codes; and

WHEREAS, the QR program known as Snap & Go has allowed instant content delivery on phones for ebooks, catalog search, text-a-librarian, downloadable museum passes, user account status, and more; and

WHEREAS, Snap & Go further the Library's mission of using technology to bring libraries to the community rather than requiring people to only visit one of its 26 branches; and

WHEREAS, the success of Snap & Go has been recognized with honors from the California State Association of Counties with a Merit Award, the American Library Association with the 2012 Cuttng Edge Service Award, the California Library Association with the PR Excellence Award, and Library Hi-Tech News with an Outstanding Paper Award; and

WHEREAS, Snap & Go has also attained the highest achievement in library public relations by earning the 2012 John Cotton Dana Public Relations Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the Contra Costa County Library and its talented and innovative staff for the outstanding work it is doing in expanding the libraries into the community, and extends its congratulations to the many hours received.

PASSED by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present the 10th day of July 2012.

MARY N. PIEPER
Chair
District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

KAREN MITCHELL
District IV Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

FIONAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted as presented at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Contra Costa County.

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July 10, 2012

DAVID W. HEA, Chief of the Board of Supervisors and
County Administrator

By Order of the Board
Resolution that School Libraries and Librarians are Critical to Educational Success

Whereas school librarians help students acquire unique skills not taught in the classroom and information and technology skills essential for students in the 21st century;

Whereas there has been research conducted in 22 states and a Canadian province that provides significant evidence indicating the value added to student’s academic development by the presence of a strong school library program led by a credentialed librarian;

Whereas it has been shown that incremental increases in the following can result in incremental gains in student learning:

- Increased hours of access for both individual student visits and group visits by classes
- Larger collections of print and electronic resources with access at school and from home
- Up-to-date technology with connectivity to databases and automated collections
- Instruction implemented in collaboration with teachers that is integrated with classroom curriculum and allows students to learn and practice such 21st century skills as problem-solving, critical thinking and communication of ideas and information
- Increased student usage of school library services
- Higher total library expenditures
- Leadership activities by the librarian in providing professional development for teachers, serving on key committees, and meeting regularly with the principal;

Whereas the most universal finding is that the presence of full-time, credentialed school librarians and appropriate support staff who implement a quality, school integrated program of library services is directly related to these student educational gains;

Whereas quality school library programs staffed by credential school librarians prepare students to have the 21st Century skills they need to succeed in college and careers. They are particularly critical to help close the achievement gap of students who come from economically disadvantage backgrounds.

Whereas the de-professionalization and curtailment of school library instructional programs has not only had a negative impact on students and student achievement in K-12 learning environments, but also a negative impact on the ability of youth to utilize the resources of public and academic libraries;

Whereas more than 28,000 citizens signed a White House petition to ensure that every child in America has access to an effective school library program and asking that the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provide dedicated funding to help support effective school library programs in order to ensure more students have access to the school librarians, resources and tools that constitute a 21st century learning environment;

Whereas in its response, the Obama administration acknowledged that “school libraries do much more than house books and store data: a school library can broaden the horizon of learning for students and link them with communities and experiences far beyond their own classroom and community”; and

Whereas members of the American Library Association, as librarians, educators and contributors to our communities, recognize that there is an interdependence among types of libraries within a community, where what affects school libraries affects our profession as a whole, and that school libraries are at the center of this ecosystem; and members of ALA have an obligation to help ensure that every child in America receives a strong foundation in literacy and civic values like Intellectual Freedom, including the critical thinking skills necessary to thrive in a dynamic and competitive 21st century economy, now, therefore, be it;
School Libraries and Librarians are Critical to Educational Success

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA):

1. directs the ALA Presidential Task Force on School Librarians to lead the Association in its continued mission to address the urgent need for advocacy for school libraries and school librarians; and to address the impact of the de-professionalization and curtailment of school library instructional programs on students and student achievement, continuing to engage librarians of all types from across the association to advocate for school libraries, which are imperative to the survival and success of all libraries;

2. encourages state associations and affiliates to influence legislation requiring adequate funding and appropriate staffing of school libraries in schools at all levels;

3. places a high priority on seeing that upcoming ESEA legislation recognizes and specifically supports the necessity for effective school library programs and credentialed school librarians;

4. works to encourage federal lobbying efforts to include school libraries in legislation and regulations, including areas such as digital literacy and broadband; and,

5. actively seeks partnerships with national organizations to reach mutual goals of sustaining school libraries.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

Keith Michael Fiels
ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council
Monday, June 25, 2012
In Anaheim, California
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MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #: 11 A
ITEM: STATE LIBRARY FUNDING ISSUES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
The Commission will address the current State Library funding.
June 28, 2012

TO: CLA MEMBERS/SYSTEMS/NETWORK CONTACTS

FROM: Mike Dillon, CLA Lobbyist
Christina DiCaro, CLA Lobbyist

RE: News From The Capitol

GOVERNOR SIGNS BUDGET BILL – LEAVES $4.7 MILLION IN PLACE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The State Capitol has been quite busy this week, as the Legislature works feverishly to pass more than 20 Budget-related “trailer bills” to compliment the larger Budget bill that was passed and sent to the Governor on June 15. The Budget has been sitting on Governor Brown’s desk since that date, and he had until midnight Wednesday to sign the Budget bill, AB 1464 by Assemblyman Blumenfield (Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee). The Governor also has the ability to use his “blue pencil” authority to make reductions to the Budget bill. Fortunately, when Governor Brown signed the Budget, at 9:30 last night, he left in place $4.7 million that we and CLA members and supporters fought so hard for, which is intended to save the public library literacy programs and the California Library Services Act from elimination. Additionally, the $4.7 million augmentation also ensures that the State Library will be able to secure approximately $15 million in corresponding federal dollars, which will protect valuable public library grants, projects, and the Braille and Talking Books program. (The Governor did not release details of his “blue pencil” reductions until 9 a.m. today).

Then the Budget was sent to the Governor on June 15, Governor Brown indicated that there were not enough programmatic changes and reductions made to some of the so-called “safety net” programs, and he publicly opposed certain policy decisions made by the Democrats, such as a redevelopment agency “pass through” proposal. Thus, the two Democrat leaders and the Governor were forced to head back to the table to negotiate through these final stumbling blocks. Tuesday night, the Senate Budget Committee met to pass a series of trailer bills that acknowledge the final changes and agreements made with the Governor, including a trailer bill playfully called “Budget bill, Junior.”

The debate yesterday on the two Floors on the 20 plus trailer bills was spirited, as always, with Republicans remarking that they were left out of the Budget and trailer bill drafting process. In fact, under the terms of Proposition 25, which allows passage of a State Budget with a majority vote, the Democrats were able to successfully move forward their Budget package, without having to obtain Republican votes. Democrats on both Floors countered that because most Republicans had signed “no tax pledges,” and thus were likely not supporting the Governor’s November tax initiative, they had put themselves in a position of not being able to compromise. When several Senate Republicans stood on the Senate Floor to object to the harsh cuts in the Budget to the Healthy Families program and K-12 education, the Senate President pro Tem rose and tersely stated to his colleagues on the other side of the aisle, “You can’t fool people with selective outrage.” And so it went. By late afternoon, much of the debate had subsided and the trailer bills were on their way to the Governor. The Governor will likely take a few days to act on the package of trailer bills.
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MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #: 11 B

ITEM: DISSEMINATION OF COMMUNITY LIBRARY INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Report from the “Homepage Library Click Committee” (was “One-Click Button Committee”). Commissioners will consider approving a draft board order for submission to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration that recommends that a Homepage Library Click be placed on the County’s website homepage.
MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #: 12 A
ITEM: HISTORY OF THE DOUGHERTY STATION LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP WITH DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE, VISIONING FUTURE PARTNERESHIPS WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None
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MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #: 12 B
ITEM: LIBRARY LEASE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT UPDATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None