MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #: 9
ITEM: CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

• None
July 11, 2012

Senator Carol Liu
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee Number 1 on Education Finance
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Liu,

On behalf of Contra Costa and Solano Counties and all of California's library users, I would like to thank you for your leadership and support of library funding.

Thanks to your efforts and the work of members of your Subcommittee and others who worked with you, you have helped save the adult literacy programs, the Braille and Talking Book Library/Braille Institute of Los Angeles, and many other important library services. As you know, library use is up and more than one million people visit California libraries on a typical day, many of whom rely on the special services you helped preserve.

We look forward to working with you in the coming year. Again, thank you for your leadership and support.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Melsch
Walnut Creek Library Commissioner
Chair, Contra Costa County Library Commission

cc: Senator Ted Gaines, Member, Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Education Finance
Senior Rod Wright, Member, Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Education Finance
David Twa, Contra Costa County Administrator
Barbara L. Flynn, Contra Costa County Librarian
Contra Costa County Library Commission
The Honorable Susan Bonilla  
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee Number 2 on Education Finance  
State Capitol, Room 2188  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0011

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Dear Assemblywoman Bonilla,

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cc:  Assemblyman Bill Berryhill, Member, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance  
Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, Member, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 2 on Education Finance  
Assemblyman Brian Nestande, Member, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 2 on Education Finance  
Assemblyman Sandre Swanson, Member, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 2 on Education Finance  
David Twa, Contra Costa County Administrator  
Barbara L. Flynn, Contra Costa County Librarian  
Contra Costa County Library Commission
Subject: Commission mail, Problems at the El Cerrito Library

This message was submitted to the Library Commission.

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to: ccclibcommission@ccclib.org

comments: Dear Commission,

I have experienced technical difficulty on the computers with a slow bandwidth and certain websites that I frequent not being able to load. Although this is rare when I use CCLib.org branches it has occurred a lot lately and the excuse is always we have a slow bandwidth. Please look into why certain computers. It appears as if someone at central doesn't want some people using certain sites. Please look into who was monitoring what computers at this time and see if the bandwidth can be updated.

Name: mark stewart

emailaddress: jackin.theham@gmail.com

Assigned to: Sanford, Cathy (Deputy County Librarian: Support Services)

Reply:

June 27, 2012
To: Mark Stewart
From: Cathy Sanford, Deputy County Librarian
Re: Bandwidth at the El Cerrito Library
Cc: Library Commission

Hello, Mark.

Regarding the bandwidth issues at Contra Costa County libraries, particularly the El Cerrito Library, the Library acknowledges an ongoing problem with connectivity speeds due to increasing bandwidth demands (such as video) and an inability to address the issue due to a significantly reduced budget for the past four years. With assistance from the Contra Costa County Department of Information Technology and federal discounts called e-rate funds, the Library is currently moving forward with a network upgrade plan over a three year period.

The Library does not monitor Internet usage nor does it filter adult workstations; children’s workstations, however, are filtered. In your email you state that you were at El Cerrito Computer #71 which is a children’s workstation. There are known issues with some web sites that we think may be caused by the filtering software. The IT staff has noted the site in question, http://worldcarfans.com and is reporting to the software company. We have tested the adult public workstations with no problems; it is not actually blocked on the children’s workstations, rather the page will simply not load.

You should be able to view the web site on any designated adult public workstation. Thank you for contacting the library.

Kind regards,
Cathy Sanford

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emailmessage: This message was submitted to the Library Commission.

subject: Commission mail, "Let's Talk Month"

to: ccclibcommission@ccclib.org

comments: Each year the month of October is designated "Let's Talk Month" to encourage parents and children to talk about the sensitive issue of sex and sexuality. Multiple studies have shown that family communication regarding sex and sexuality can help teens to delay sexual activity, and to make responsible decisions regarding birth control and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) prevention when they do become sexually active as young adults.
I am the Parent-Child Communication Program Manager for Planned Parenthood Shasta Pacific, based in Concord. I would like the opportunity to meet and discuss with the commission some modest ways in which (at low or no cost) our public libraries can encourage Parent-Child communication, especially during the month of October. It's not too early to plan for October, so I'd like to meet and discuss this as soon as possible.
Thanks!
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