MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2013
AGENDA ITEM #: 6
ITEM: ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Commissioners will approve or amend the minutes for the meeting of November 15, 2012.
MEETING OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, November 15, 2012

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER  
Commission Vice-chair, Shirley Peck (Brentwood), called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. COMMISSION BOOKSHELF  
Commissioners provided suggestions for current reading:

- Night train to Turkistan  
- The Brothers Karamazov  
- Journey of a Thousand Miles  
- Matiny – The True Events that Inspired the Hunt for Red October  
- No One Would Listen  
- Golden Dreams 1950-1963  
- Tales of San Francisco  
- Thinking Fast and Slow  

- Stuart Stevens  
- Victor Reuther  
- Lang Lang  
- David Hagberg  
- Harry Markopolous  
- Kevin Starr  
- Samuel Dickson  
- Daniel Kahneman

3. ROLL CALL

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Total Commission positions: 29  
Commission positions filled: 23  
Commission positions vacant: 6  
Commission quorum: 15

With 19 Library Commissioners present, a quorum was established.

VOTING:
According to the By-Laws of the Library Commission, in order for a vote to pass, a majority of the city representatives and a majority of the County representatives must approve it. Upon reauthorization of the Library Commission, the five special appointees to the Library Commission draw lots to determine whether their votes count with the cities or the County. Through June 2011 the special appointees will be counted as follows:
Three representative votes count with the County:  
- Friends Council  
- Contra Costa Council  
- Contra Costa Community College District
Two representative votes count with the cities:  
- Central Labor Council  
- Superintendent of Schools

4. INTRODUCTIONS
Lisa Chow, District IV Representative for Supervisor Mitchoff; Ed Birsan, Concord Friends of the Library; and David Nelson, Pittsburg resident

5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC
David Nelson, Pittsburg resident, shared his home base virtual bulletin board that he hopes will be a vehicle spreading the word of many services, including library services, throughout the communities.  
(attachement to the minutes)

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
Three corrections were made to the minutes from the September 27, 2012 meeting.

Commissioner Smith (District IV), page 2, item 6, line 49: delete the last sentence.

Also, corrected page 3, item 8, line 28: replace the word “Davis” with “Yolo”.

Commissioner Bracken (Pleasant Hill) corrected page 7, item 13, line 13: replace the word “Concord” with “Pleasant Hill”

Commissioners adopted the minutes with the above corrections as amended.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The Commission approved the agenda for the November 15, 2012 meeting.

Commissioners reviewed the times set aside for agenda items and agreed that the timing is accurate for
this meeting.

8. ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Tumin (Oakley) said that the Oakley City Council approved to relocate the library facility to a five times larger location. Now the community will begin raising money for the new 15,000 sq. foot space.

Commissioner Smith (District IV) announced that the new CLA President is Derek Wolfgram, Deputy County Librarian for Santa Clara County Library.

Smith highlighted a writing workshop that he attended at the November CLA Annual Conference and said that during the Conference, an announcement was made that CALTAC (California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners) changed their name to CPLA (California Public Library Advocates). The 2013 CPLA Workshop in library leadership, "Guerrilla Advocacy - It's a Jungle Out There", will be held on March 2, in Whittier (Southern California) and on March 16 at the San Mateo Public Library (Northern California). The keynote speaker at the San Mateo workshop will be John Chrastka, founder of EveryLibrary.org, and a national PAC advocating for public libraries. http://www.caltac.org/workshops/. Smith conducted a board effectiveness training for Yolo County as a representative of CPLA. He added that State Librarian, Stacie Aldridge, is moving out of California and that a new State Librarian has not been appointed.

The Friends of the Library in Fresno celebrated their 100 years of services and created a county book for the event. The book was not a financial success and there are many leftover books.

Commissioner Hoisington (Lafayette) shared the Lafayette Library and Learning Center program and event calendar with the group. (attachment to the minutes)

Commissioner Poulos (El Cerrito) mentioned that the City of El Cerrito will begin fundraising for a new library facility.

Commissioner Lum (Moraga) said that the Town of Moraga introduced the new Community Library Manager, Diane McDonnell, during the November 14 Town Council Meeting

Commissioner Burkhalter (Orinda) said that the Friends of Orinda Library book sale is scheduled for December 6 – 8.

Commissioner Peck (Brentwood) said that Brentwood Library Friends’ participation in the Festival of Trees fundraiser raised several thousand dollars last year and the Friends City-hopes to do the same this year.

Commissioner Faye (Brentwood alternate) mentioned the excellent e-readers presentation at the CLA Conference given by Liz Fuller, Brentwood Senior Community Library Manager.

The November CLA’s Annual Conference’s Keynote speaker, Brewster Kahle, was excellent. He runs an Internet archive and is trying to digitalize physical books and has two million searchable television hours online. He gets a million hits a month.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioners reviewed the correspondence in the agenda packet.

10. COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT

Barbara Flynn, County Librarian, reported that Library staff gave a presentation on the Discover & Go Program at the CLA Conference and shared a t-shirt displaying the Discover & Go logo that was given out by the vendor who worked with the Library on this program.
The Library has not received the report from LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) www.contracostalafco.org. The consultant was not able to present the report as planned, but she is expected to present it on to LAFCO during a public meeting on December 12 and then the report will be presented for adoption on January 9. LAFCO is commissioned by the State of California to study the way that services are provided to the population. LAFCO is looking at library services in Contra Costa County (including the Richmond Library which is not a member of Contra Costa County Library) and determining if libraries use their resources to do a good job for the communities served. The LAFCO report is a public document. A link to the report will be emailed to Library Commissioners when it is available. LAFCO encourages feedback from the community, and the public meetings are conducted at the County Board of Supervisor Chambers for those that wish to attend.

Barbara shared that she is a film buff and after watching the Red Shoes at the Lafayette Library and discussing the film with Vickie Sciacca, Lafayette Senior Community Library Manager, and other Library staff, Vickie encourage Barbara to do a film program. A committee was assembled (Bill Kolb, Beth Girshman, Vickie Sciacca, and Barbara Flynn), and the Contra Costa County Film Noir Series was developed. The afternoon programs will be at the Moraga Library. Films to be shown are: Force of Evil, January 23; On Dangerous Ground, February 6 and DOA on February 20.

On December 11 the Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution proclaiming 2013 “the Year of the Library” as the Library celebrates its 100th Birthday on July 21 with events throughout the year. There will be kickoff events beginning in January.

On November 14, Contra Costa County received the nation’s highest honor conferred on libraries and museums, the 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This is important not only to the Library, but also to each of our library communities and is something of which we all can be justifiably proud. The Library received the award for various technological innovations as well as its outstanding service to its communities. Using technology, the Library is able to reach out to the community and provide library service 24/7.

Barbara will send a letter to all County city and town councils information them about the IMLS National Medal. She plans to go to city council meetings to talk about the Library and the IMLS award, letting them know that this award belongs to all communities.

Susan Hildreth, IMLS Director; State Librarian, Stacie Aldridge; County Board of Supervisor Chair, Mary Piepho, and a Library staff Cathy Sanford, Gail McPartland, Paula Mackinnon, and Barbara Flynn, attended the IMLS Award ceremony in Washington DC, in addition to a Project Second Chance literacy student.

This award goes to all of the people who have made Contra Costa County Library what it is. During the Library’s 100th Birthday Celebration on July 21, the Library will invite former employees, (including County Librarians) to be recognized. The Library is honored to be a 2012 IMLS Medal winner and this is a great honor for the County.

Barbara closed her report with a quote from Joseph Howe, an 1824 painter: “My books are very few, but then the world is before me - a library open to all - from which poverty of purse cannot exclude me - in which the meanest and most paltry volume is sure to furnish something to amuse, if not to instruct and improve.”

11. NEW BUSINESS

HONORABLE CANDACE ANDERSEN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT II

Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II, spoke to the Library Commission. District II serves the
communities of San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Canyon, Rossmoor, Parkmead, Saranap and a portion of Walnut Creek.

Supervisor Andersen said that she has worked closely with Seng Loven, Senior Community Library Manager: Danville, over the years while she was a member of the Danville Town Council. Supervisor Andersen is a big fan of libraries and shared some of her experiences, mentioning that she received her first library card as a child in Kauai.

She is a mother of six children and they regularly access the wealth of primary sources through the Library’s website and through the great collection of books that is available at the community libraries. She reads e-books on her iphone and ipad and sometimes reads a book. She added that it is nice to go online and access library e-books and also to be able to go into the community library and find books waiting for her on the hold shelf.

She is proud of Contra Costa County Library’s recent IMLS award and is especially proud that Library is on the cutting edge of library technology. She thanked the Library Commission for donating their time to the Library to make it a better place.

PREDICTING SUCCESS GRANT
Commissioners received a presentation on the outcomes of the LSTA grant to apply market analysis principles to library programming. (attachment to the minutes)

Seng Loven, Danville Senior Community Library Manager: Danville, and Maureen Kilmurray, Senior Community Library Manager: Public Services, shared information about using market analysis in strategic planning and other library services.

The County has very distinct communities and one size does not fit all. There are changing behaviors in the communities that the County serves.

Consultant Mike Miller of Brown and Miller, who has won numerous awards, worked closely with the Library task team through gathering information on five pilot projects that represented different segments of the population: teens, tweens, young mothers, and seniors.

Through the several steps of the market analysis process, the Team interacted with the targeted audience for a direct understanding of what mattered to them most and to meet the needs of the library communities. The Team was taught to trust the data and be flexible. The data gathered was used to determine the answers as to how, what, when, where, and why.

The ‘how’ was accomplished through partnerships and promotions. Individuals, businesses, non profits, and other groups were key informants for the target audience as these organizations reach out to the same groups of the population and also benefited from the analysis. Partnerships were formed with these groups; these 65 partnerships will last beyond this initial research.

Getting the program or message out to the targeted community was the next step.

There are four promotional tools:
1) Fact sheet: a clear fact sheet is important. It should state why it is important and why the targeted audience should care.
2) Calendar release: should contain pertinent information and be brief to improve effectiveness; generally require four week lead time.
3) Press release: it is critical to list one or two contacts; dateline and headline should be a call to action and address the targeted audience’s ‘why’. This is distributed one week ahead of time.
4) Media alert and follow up with a phone call to the news service. The outline for this is clear as to
Feedback and results of the programs were all successful. New partnerships established and over 400 people attended the five pilot programs that were created with this market analysis process.

The market research was a challenge and an opportunity to learn valuable information about our communities. Making the initial contact was challenging, however once the contact was made and the right questions were asked, valuable partnerships developed. Success is when the Library understands and meets the needs and wishes of the targeted audience and provides an opportunity to plan programming around those needs.

The Team gave a similar presentation during the CLA annual conference in November. A tool kit was developed by the Library’s Task Team (Maureen Kilmurray, Seng Lovan, Alison McKee, Ann Miller, Andre Ambros, Ginny Golden, and Jana DeBrauwere) with guidance provided by Mike Miller of Brown Miller Communications. Copies of the toolkit were available at the conference and can be accessed at the Library’s website at online http://guides.ccclib.org/market_analysis. Barbara Flynn plans to share the Task Team’s tool kit with BALIS Administration Council.

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING DATES
Commissioners determined that the Library Commission meeting in May should be on May 23. Commissioners considered moving up the September meeting but did not change it. The 2013 Library Commission Meetings will be held on January 24, March 28, May 23, July 25, September 26, and November 21.

12. OLD BUSINESS

STATE LIBRARY FUNDING ISSUES
The CLA Legislative Committee has not presented a plan for funding 2013, as they last met prior to the passing of Proposition 30. The State Library has reported that there is funding for 2013 obligations with the passing of Proposition 30.

ELECTION OF 2013 LIBRARY COMMISSION OFFICERS
There were no additional nominations for 2013 Commission officers.

Commissioners elected Commissioner Peck (Brentwood) to Chair the Commission for 2013.

Commissioners elected Commissioner Fuller (Martinez) to Vice-chair the Commission for 2013.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2013 WORK PLAN
Commissioners reviewed the draft. There were no changes to the 2013 work plan. Commissioners Fuller (Martinez), Waterson (Concord), and Peck (Brentwood) will have their annual report worksheets added to the list of items. The 2012 Chair and Vice-chair will receive a final review request from secretary, which will then be sent to the Board of Supervisors to satisfy advisory body requirements.

13. AGENDA SETTING FOR NEXT MEETING and FUTURE TOPICS
Commissioners suggested items for future meetings:

Commissioner Smith (District IV) suggested that the Commission receive board effectiveness training as a part of a meeting. CPLA (California Public Library Advocates) past President, Deborah Doyle and himself, the Northern Regional Representative, may be interested in conducting the training at a meeting (http://www.caltac.org/resources/training.php)

Commissioners requested to receive a presentation at the January 24 meeting from County Counsel on
what advisory bodies can and cannot do as far as library advocacy as a Commissioner, or do they have to act as a private citizen. They would like this instruction as soon as possible as there is new State legislation that could benefit from extensive lobbying.

Other agenda items for future meeting include:
- Employment or career enhancement library assistance for job seekers
- Report from the State Library
- Look at ways the Library can meet the needs outlined in the State’s Demographic report
- Patriot Act Update
- Purpose and duties as a Commission and compare it to the Strategic Plan
- Strategic Plan update and clarification of current draft
- Information on special library collections, reference directories, newspapers, and periodical sets (i.e.: Walnut Creek’s Russian collection; Historical collection (climate controlled) and San Ramon’s jazz collection)
- Historical societies and the community library connections
- LAFCO report
- A County Counsel presentation to clarify the Commission’s role and what exactly they can do to help the Library as a Commission or what cannot be done as a Commissioner and must be done as a private citizen
- Ways to increase book donations and sales for Friends of the Library
- Demographic Report from the State Library. Look at ways the Library can meet the needs outlined in the State’s report

14. ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING
The meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m. Commissioners adjourned to the January 24, 2013 Library Commission Meeting.

Submitted by Corinne Kelly
Executive Secretary, Contra Costa County Library
This project was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

- Hercules – Alison Mckee
- Danville – Seng Lovan
- Walnut Creek – Jana DeBrauwere
- Pittsburg – Ginny Golden
- Lafayette – Ann Miller
- Virtual Library – Andre Ambrus
- Public Services – Maureen Kilmurray

- Early results from a programming study
- Goal/Purpose
  - Maximize programming resources
  - Use a planning process based on research
- Hired Consultant – Mike Miller, Brown Miller Communications

- October 2011 – Identify 5 pilot program libraries and Task Team
- February 2012 – Consultant begins training Task Team
- June 2012 – Programs implemented

- Business model for predicting the success of a product
- A process that is audience driven and based on research
- The model and process were applied to library program planning
Steps in the Market Analysis Process:

- Identify a "target" audience
- Gather statistical data
- Conduct "key informant interviews"

Steps in the Market Analysis Process:

- Design a survey
- Analyze the data
- Draw conclusions
- Promote program based on data and conclusions

Partnerships:

- Partnerships - What do you need? What's in it for them?
- Value of Partnerships - Contacts, Venues, Money, Manpower
- Value to Partners - Community Good Will, Reputation, Access to Audience

Phone call and coffee invitation

- Sales pitch, showcase the value of the program and ask for help
- Follow up - build a relationship, make a specific request, if rejected ask for suggestions

65 community partnerships established

100% of partners would like to be part of future programs

Over 400 people of all ages attended programs

Health Fair and Lectures
Zombies Go Wild!

Get There

After Hours at The Library

Relationship with Local Media
- Increase coverage for library events and news
- Foster and increase support, relevance, and goodwill in community
- Deliver your message to the target audience

The How?
- Who
- What
- Where
- Why
- When
- 4C strategy

Fact Sheets
- Media Guides
- Press Release
- Media Alert
- Teens were "...thrilled with the idea a program was designed just for them"

- (Discover & Go) attendees..."learned about ancient cultures and became familiar with the library's museum pass program"

- Partner organizations want to make these programs "annual events"
An opportunity and a challenge
Information-gathering phase is critical
Value of market analysis is determined more by the impact than the numbers
Need to be flexible

To be successful, libraries need to follow through on the whole process not just parts of it
The process provides legitimacy
Trust the research
The library does not operate in a vacuum

Create and distribute the "Tool Kit"
Develop training materials
Use the process in developing a strategic plan

Train staff in market analysis
Task Team mentor staff
Implement across Contra Costa County Library

You can find the toolkit on the Contra Costa County Library web site at this URL
http://guides.cclib.org/market_analysis

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California Reads in West County

"Searching For Democracy"

WHAT IS CA READS?

- State-wide initiative to promote 'civic engagement' around the theme of democracy
- Cultural 'celebration' of democracy and the humanities
- A grant sponsored by the California Council for the Humanities

West County Libraries

- Pinole
- Hercules
- El Cerrito
- El Sobrante
- Kensington
- San Pablo
- Crockett
- Rodeo
FEATURED BOOKS

Lost City Radio

FEATURED PROGRAMS

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Why: Because every community needs at least one, as the surrounding, dynamic life and times unfold.

When: Updated constantly -- often many times a day. Bookmark us and check in, often.

For Whom: The people of Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, The San Francisco Bay Area, California, The West Coast, The Nation and The World (why not?)

Mission: To help prolong life and enhance its quality by delivering, in one convenient place, timely and practical information which may not be readily available elsewhere.

Scope: • Opportunity alerts
   • Threat warnings
   • Action alternatives
   • If it's useful and/or interesting, it's on it's way here

Types of Information: E-News and vital links with City Hall, County, Regional, State and National Governments and Institutions; Public and private notices (urgent & routine); Vital civic procedures and dynamic information sources; maps; events; anything to help simplify the processes of good citizenship.

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www.CPLAdvocates.org
Affiliate of the California Library Association

Trustees, Commissioners, Friends, Foundations,
Library Advocates, and members of the library community:

SAVE THE DATES

CPLA (formerly CALTAC) - Workshops

Saturday, March 2, 2013: Whittier Public Library

Saturday, March 16, 2013: San Mateo Public Library

Keynote: John Chrastka, founder of EveryLibrary.org,
a national PAC advocating for public libraries

Welcome from Gerald Maginnity, Interim State Librarian

PANEL: Guerrilla Advocacy – It’s a Jungle Out There!

• New views on advocacy for Library Trustees, Commissioners,
  Friends and Foundations.

• “Advocacy is like cooking – if you follow a recipe of simple ingredients then
  you can achieve great things for your cause.” -- Ruth Chambers

The CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVOCATES (CPLA) invites you to attend a
workshop in which people who share your interest and concerns will gather to exchange
information and explore options on several important library issues.

Watch for more information.

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<td>Celebrate Game &amp; Puzzle Week with Games, Games, Galore for all ages! Drop in, stay as long as you like! Sponsored by the Friends of the LLCC. No reservations necessary</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
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<td>Meet award-winning Tehranese author Anita Amirrezvani and learn how the gift of an odd &amp; beautiful rug shaped her future and compelled her to write. no reservations necessary</td>
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<td>Science Cafe: Addressing Climate Change: Carbon Cycle 2.0 at Berkeley Lab</td>
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<td>The Many Faces of Gynecologic Cancers</td>
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<td>A panel of experts will offer insight into the latest information on early detection, family history and genetics, treatment options and cancer specific nutrition. to reserve call 677-5041</td>
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<td>Flights of Imagination - Join Gold Coast for a fundraiser benefiting their public school programs &amp; 2012-2013 artistic endeavors. Enjoy, shop, listen &amp; win! <a href="http://www.gcplayers.org">www.gcplayers.org</a></td>
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<td>How Could it be Pearl? The Japanese Surprise Attack of '41 - Wayne Kosrines &amp; Chuck Kohler will share the history of this momentous event. To reserve call 283-1848</td>
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<td>Come to a special storyline and celebrate cookies in all of their sugary glory! Learn the history of the holiday and decorate a sweet treat to take home. No reservations necessary</td>
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<td>Identity Theft Forum - Meet with Lafayette Police Detectives to learn the latest crime prevention strategies, including tips to avoid identity theft. No reservations necessary</td>
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<td>Young scientists will investigate how pond creatures survive and thrive in their watery habitat. Ages 3-6. <a href="http://www.lawrencehallofscience.org/library">www.lawrencehallofscience.org/library</a></td>
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<td>Will Durst: Elect to Laugh - After the waning of the 2012 election season, join the Emmy-nominated comic for a night of laughs &amp; bi-partisan bashing, commonwealthclub.org</td>
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<td>Join us as a docent from the Bedford Gallery share's an inspiring look at Walnut Creek's innovative Public Art Master Plan. No reservations necessary</td>
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<td>Walter Meyes, aka Walter the Giant Storyteller, will share stories that help us learn the importance of books &amp; the power of stories in our lives. No reservations necessary</td>
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Berkeley Repertory Theatre Docent talk - The White Snake
Wednesday, November 14th, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, LLLC Homework Center

A Berkeley Rep Docent will be on hand to discuss Mary Zimmerman's latest play, The White Snake. Hear how the mesmerizing Tony Award-winning director casts a spell with this classic romance from Chinese legend. As she falls for a charming young man, a snake spirit discovers what it means to be human. But a monk objects, and the bride must unveil her magical powers to save their love. With the alluring and hypnotic White Snake, Zimmerman unwraps another exquisite gift for the holidays.

Free. For reservations: reserve@LLLCF.org or 925-283-6513 x101

Out of Character: Decoding Chinese Calligraphy
Thursday, November 15th, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, LLLC Community Hall

An Asian Art Museum docent will join us to help us understand the drama beneath the surface of calligraphy, China's most revered art form. This presentation will teach us to decode the secrets behind the art. The exhibit, Out of Character, is a bold and unprecedented presentation of Chinese calligraphy which will compel you to look again at the pretty flower and bird on that Chinese painting, robe or vase. *A Program of the Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. www.lllc.org

For more information, a recent Contra Costa Times article provides wonderful insight into the exhibit, many of whose works come from the private collection of Yahoo co-founder Jerry Yang (see www.contracostatimes.com).

Free. No reservations required.

Friends of the LLLC Sweet Thursday - Anita Amirrezvani
Thursday, November 15th, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, LLLC Community Hall

Join us for a delightful evening with author Anita Amirrezvani! Anita was born in Tehran but grew up in the United States. When she was fourteen years old, her father let her choose a carpet for herself, and the old and beautiful rug she selected led her to imagine the lives of the people who might have designed and created it. Out of that experience came her first novel, The Blood of Flowers. Her second novel, Equal of the Sun, was named Great Read for June 2012 by the Indie Next List for Great Reads.

Buy your books in advance at the Storyteller Bookstore in Lafayette and 20% of the proceeds will go to the Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Free. No reservations necessary.