MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 5, 2013
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.
SIGN UP FOR A FALL WORKSHOP!
Learn Letterpress and Bookbinding. Expand your skills. Jump start your art. Get creative! There is a great selection of workshops to sign up for this fall, with printing, binding, and arts workshops of every stripe filling the light filled and spacious SFCB studios at 375 Rhode Island Street. Click here to see all the fall workshop listings, and sign up today. Bring a friend and expose them to the art of the book.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY ROADWORKS STEAMROLLER PRINTING FESTIVAL
Sunday/ September 29/ 11am - 4pm/ FREE
Using a three-ton construction steamroller and an unlikely letterpress bed – Rhode Island Street (between 16th and 17th Streets) – a team of artists will publicly produce a series of ten three foot square linoleum block prints during the San Francisco Center for the Book’s 10th annual Roadworks Steamroller Printing Festival.

The September 29, 2013 event is free to the public and offers live music, children’s activities, delicious food, and a cadre of artistic vendors lining the street and sidewalk with their wares.

Inside the San Francisco Center for the Book, teaching artists will hold mini-workshops and demonstrations of letterpress printing, hand bookbinding and related book arts.

The exhibition gallery will feature a group show entitled Superstition 13 which will explore the ways in which superstitions affect our lives. The exhibition opens on Friday, September 13, 2013, and the fun will continue through the closing party on Hallowe’en – Thursday, October 31, 2013
Guest commentary: Walter Ruehlig: There's much to celebrate at the Contra Costa Library

By Walter Ruehlig For the Contra Costa Times Contra Costa Times

Like God, the public library has been declared dead. You may have trouble, though, convincing those who will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Contra Costa Library system on July 21 at Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill. The affair, held from noon to 5 p.m. will feature music, special performances, and arts and crafts.

It is easily argued that the subject is, in fact, alive and well. In fiscal year 2002-2003 the County Library passed the vaunted five million circulation mark. This last year it eclipsed seven million circulated items. Along the way it has posted some stirring milestones.

The system boasts self-check out; research databases; Snap & Go smartphone applications; on-line tutoring; real-time electronic question-and-answer chats with librarians; a potpourri of workshops and seminars; e-books; and the Library A-Go-Go, the nation's first automated public place vending machines.

There's the Discover and Go Program, which allows patrons to get free or discounted tickets to some 40 museums, theaters, zoos and concert venues from Santa Rosa to Santa Cruz.

Noteworthy, the Library is one of 56 participating in a collective called Link Plus, wherein you can draw books from library systems in California and Nevada, thus expanding our "collection" to 31 million volumes. The system has a 90.5 percent fulfillment rate, books can be found on the Internet catalog, arrive free of charge in two to six days, and can be held for 21 days, with one extension.

This is only a sampling, but gives you a hint why the County Library was one of only 10 institutions nationwide in 2012 to receive a coveted medal from the National Institute of Museum and Library Services recognizing exceptional contribution to museum or library service.

If you haven't been by a library for however long, you'll surely be pleased and surprised in reacquainting yourself with the 21st century version, a dynamic crossroads of tradition and technology.

Visit ccclib.org or drop by one of 30 locations to see why we're celebrating.

Walter Ruehlig is Antioch representative, CCC Library Commission.
During our Reading is So Delicious! Summer Reading Festival, Contra Costa County Library partnered with the California Library Association (CLA) to collect donations for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County. Collection bins were present at the 100th Birthday Celebration and also inside the Hercules, Moraga, Walnut Creek, and Ygnacio Valley community library locations.

Our generous library users donated 925 pounds of food this summer, including nearly 300 pounds at Walnut Creek Library alone! Thank you for helping CLA reach its goal of 10,000 pounds of donations from California libraries.

OverDrive Updates the User Experience

OMC 3.0 for Android and iOS

The latest release of the OverDrive Media Console (OMC) mobile app is now available. Download and enjoy the Library's OverDrive EPUB eBooks and MP3 audiobooks on your mobile device. Highlighted features include a redesigned user interface; sync bookmarks and reading progress across multiple devices, and variable speed playback for iOS. Click here to install OMC.

Spanish User Interface

The Spanish translation of the OverDrive user interface is now available from the Library. You will see the drop-down menu in the upper-right corner of the site on your computer. On mobile devices, the menu is located in the footer.
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100 Years of Bringing People and Ideas Together

Remember & Go: Memories of a Lifetime in Contra Costa County Library Embarks on a Local History Digitization Project

August 8, 2013 – Pleasant Hill, CA – Contra Costa County Library is the recipient of a $49,000 Library Services and Technology Act grant awarded by the California State Library to create Remember & Go, a database of historical photographs, artifacts, and other important items related to County history. As part of the project, the Library will hire a professional photographer to travel to Contra Costa County community libraries to take multi-view photographs of art objects such as the 24 Western Art sculptures, including Frederic Remington reproductions, donated by the Dean and Margaret Lesher Foundation and housed in multiple library locations.

Remember & Go will launch by spring 2014 with the Library kicking off the project by showcasing its art collection and continuing to expand the database with artifacts from local historical societies and other partnering institutions. Each item in the database will include a link to a map allowing users to locate an artifact’s physical location.

The Library’s new Facebook page, Memories of a Lifetime in Contra Costa County, currently provides residents and local history buffs a way to preserve their stories and share their knowledge with the community. Memories of a Lifetime will link to Remember & Go, highlighting special collections and featured items in the database.

Contra Costa County Library’s mission is bringing people and ideas together, and serves over 902,000 residents of urban, suburban, and rural communities through 26 community libraries, 3 Library-a-Go-Go book dispensers, and online library services available 24/7 at ccclib.org. The Library circulates over 7 million items annually with over 3 million virtual visits to the Library website each year. The Library is considered a leader in technology and access to information and is the winner of numerous awards, including the 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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