MEETING OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES

DATE:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

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

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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 2016 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 Mitloff; Jill Ray, District II Representative for Supervisor Andersen; Joan Conley

5. Items from the Public
Joan Conley mentioned that group home students are being educated about government, legislative bills, voting and more. The students are provided with a packet of information (which includes a Contra Costa County Library bookmark about government). The students are also taken to the County’s election office so they can register to vote, if they qualify, and would like to register.

6. Acceptance of Minutes
One correction was made to the July 25, 2013 meeting minutes: Commissioner Smith requested on page 2, line 42, add an “M” after $4.7.

Commissioners moved approval of the minutes with the above correction as amended.

7. Approval of Agenda
Commissioners approved the agenda for the meeting of September 5, 2013 and confirmed the time allocation for each agenda item.

8. Items of Interest to the Commission and Announcements
Commissioner Hosington (Lafayette) shared Lafayette Library’s program calendar (attachment to the minutes). She mentioned that the Book Club of California’s September 9 program in San Francisco, about children’s collections, has outstanding book displays through December. She also thanked Commissioner Ruehlig (Antioch) for his article that was included in the September 5 Commission packet.
Commissioner Ruehlig (Antioch) attended Antioch’s August 20 Town Hall meeting. He commented on the quality of information gathered from the small group that attended.

Commissioner Lum (Moraga) announced that Moraga Library will open on Sundays from 1pm – 5pm. There will be a ceremony with the Mayor celebrating the new open hours on September 8, which is the first Sunday of the new hours. The County Librarian will be in attendance.

Commissioner Burkhalter (Orinda) said that the Orinda’s Town Hall meeting will be on October 5. She is assisting Senior Community Library Manager, Beth Girshman, advertise the meeting through the City’s media site, which has over 1,600 active citizens registered.

Commissioner Waterson (Concord) attended Concord’s Town Hall meeting on August 7.

Commissioner Atkinson (Clayton) attended Clayton’s Town Hall meeting on August 8.

Commissioner Faye (Brentwood) attended the Discovery Bay Town Hall meeting on August 19.

Commissioner McNeil (San Pablo) attended the San Pablo Town Hall meeting on August 13. This is his first meeting on the Commission. He served on the San Pablo City Council for 12 years. He is interested in working closely with the Friends of the Library groups and mentioned that October is National Friends of the Library Month. He will contact Cindy Haddon, who is the Friends Council liaison on the Commission.

Commissioner Smith (District IV) attended the second SCA 7 hearing in June and passed through, therefore something may go before voters next year. The California Public Library Advocates http://www.cpladvocates.org/ newsletter, “CALTATICS” has an article written by Senator Lois Wolk. Shows lots of support. There is also a nice article in Caltatics by Pleasant Hill Mayor, Michael Harris. The spring workshop will be held at the Castro Valley Library on March 16, 2014. The theme will be “supporting California Public Library Trustees.”

Commission Chair, Peck (Brentwood) was disappointed that the Commission was not able to confirm a quorum for a September Board Effectiveness Training with Deborah Doyle; hopefully the training can be scheduled in the near future.

9. CORRESPONDENCE
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10. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT
    Barbara Flynn, County Librarian, reported that the Library won a NACo (National Association of County) Award for its Veterans Connect program, which was developed by Chris Brown, Pleasant Hill Senior Community Library Manager.

    There has been no news from the State Library regarding the loss of LSTA funds due to the sequestration. The State Library’s facility renovation is complete and the building is spectacular.

    The 100th birthday celebration on July 21 was a great success. Over 1,000 people attended. The animal shelter had an adoption program at the celebration, and two dogs were adopted. A shelter staff informed that Library that it is rare to get more than one adoption at events.

    Commissioner Smith (District IV) added that Pleasant Hill Mayor, Michael Harris, gave a wonderful speech at the celebration, and during his speech, he held up his library card and said that it is the most important card in his wallet.
Cathy Sanford, Deputy County Librarian: Support Services, was able to secure the special reduced rate of $35,000 for the Library’s packaged databases for the fourth year; the cost of the database package is normally over $125,000.

Eniki, the Library’s ebook platform, is now being used by all eight BALIS libraries, with the exception of Richmond (Bay Area Library Information System libraries are Alameda (City) Free Library; Alameda County Library; Berkeley Public Library; Contra Costa County Library; Hayward Public Library; Livermore Public Library; Oakland Public Library; Pleasanton Public Library; Richmond Public Library; San Francisco Public Library). Eniki may open up to all Pacific Library Partnerships in the future.

The Library Town Hall meetings are going well and the level of enthusiasm and commitment to the process of attendees is encouraging. The final Town Hall meeting will be in Orinda, on October 5. Every participant’s comments will be posted online, as the Library’s consultant is working on ways to keep the community informed. The cities and the Library are making a sincere effort to assure that the County’s citizens are heard and their wishes are addressed; and we will do the best that we can to meet the needs of the communities that the Library serves.

The annual California Library Association Conference (http://conference.cla-net.org/new/) will be in Long Beach on November 2-5. The Library has staff making presentations at the Conference on the Enki program, the Veterans’ Connect program, Predicting Success, staff training, a poster session on the 100th Birthday. Library Commissioner Smith (District IV) will be presenting a workshop with CPLA.

Commission Lum (Moraga) wondered if State grants for funding an adult education literacy program would be available to the Library for working with former incarcerated community members. This might be something to consider for a future agenda topic.

Commissioner Marshburn (Office of Education) said that there is a statewide grant for educational services for parolees that would address literacy, drug abuse counseling, computer skills, parenting, and more. Information is available online. The Office of Education works with law enforcement with this specific population. Some of these services are mandated and some are not.

Barbara Flynn concluded her County Librarian Report with a quote from Walter Cronkite: “Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

11. OLD BUSINESS

A STATE LIBRARY FUNDING ISSUES

Commissioner Smith (District IV) said that Assemblywoman, Susan Bonilla, announced during a recent Mayor’s Conference that she is no longer Chair of the Sub Committee on Education. It is important for library supporters to assure that when the new chair is appointed to the Committee on Education, that person is updated and kept informed on library services and issues.

There will not be a CLA Library Legislative Day this year. Library supporters should continue to contact community leaders so that they understand that libraries need increased funding. The Library did attempt to schedule meetings with legislators in their district offices. Meetings have been scheduled with Assembly members Bonilla and Buchanan, and Senator DeSaulnier, but these meetings are related to the Strategic Plan as key informant interviews.

The Commission agreed to have the Commission Chair to send a letter to the Governor requesting increase funding and support for fiscal year 2013-2014- 2014-2015.

The Commission thanked Commissioner Smith for keeping the Commission informed about legislation that affects libraries and for all that he does for libraries.
12. NEW BUSINESS

A. RUSSIAN COLLECTION AVAILABLE AT THE WALNUT CREEK LIBRARY
Commissioner Meisch (Walnut Creek) shared information about the Walnut Creek Library’s Russian Collection. Walnut Creek is the only County Library that has Russian language cookbooks in the Cyrillic Alphabet.

There are no statistics on Russian speakers; however, there is a large, vibrant, Russian community in Contra Costa County and there is strong interest in the Library’s Russian collection.

Former Walnut Creek Library Assistant - Journey Level, Jana de Brauwere, started the Russian collection project for Walnut Creek in July 2010. She conducted a survey that identified the need for cookbooks, non-fiction, biographies, and children’s books. There are over 950 items in the collection, which were acquired through donations. There is a Russian volunteer who helps catalog the Russian collection of DVDs and books. The Russian community wants their children to learn Cyrillic, so as not to lose the ancestral language. Books are being donated through various sources. The Walnut Creek Library would appreciate receiving any Russian books that are donated to other friends groups, so they can be added to the Library’s Russian collection. There is a Bay Area Russian newspaper that regularly refers to the Walnut Creek Library. The collection is supported by the Friends of the Walnut Creek Library and Library Management, including Walnut Creek’s Senior Community Library Manager, Caroline Gick.

B. NEWPORT BEACH LIBRARY WEBSITE
Commissioners compared the Newport Beach Library system’s website homepage (http://www.newportbeachlibrary.org), which has four libraries, to the Contra Costa County Library’s website homepage, which has 26 libraries. Because of the difference in the number of libraries, and the space available on the homepage, which is “prime real estate”, it was apparent to the Commission that the homepage of the Library’s Website, is not the best place for Contra Costa County to list all of the library open hours and locations, in the same way that the Newport Beach Library system has them posted. This “prime real estate” is the same reason that the Commission’s suggestion made last year to appointing agencies of the Commission - to have a Library’s one-click button that would like to the Library’s website, was not implemented because most agencies doesn’t see library access as urgent as other services to have it listed on the homepage.

Commissioner Joseph (Oakley) questioned if the Library would consider a running banner across the homepage that lists the hours and locations; in addition to the link to the chart listing all libraries. The Commission agreed that a running banner may be visibly distracting.

The Library will continue to provide a link on the home page, which links to a chart of all 26 community library hours and locations. Commissioners were thanked for continuing to identifying the best ways to serve the community.

C. NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 LIBRARY COMMISSION OFFICERS
Shirley Peck, current Chair of the Commission and Kathy Fuller, current Vice-Chair, have both agreed to another term should they be reelected. There were no additional suggestions for officers to be considered. Commissioners will consider sending additional 2014 nominations to Corinne Kelly, Executive Secretary. Officers for 2014 will be selected at the November 21, 2013, meeting.

D. 2013 ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PLAN FOR 2014
The Commission reviewed the draft Annual Report and Work Plan included in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Hoisington (Lafayette) commented that this is a much better format having a draft ready instead of the worksheet as in the past.
Commissioner Faye (Brentwood) suggested including under the second Goal; outreaching for more culturally rich collections, similar to the model of the Russian collection in Walnut Creek.

No other suggestions of edits to the Annual Report or Work Plan were made.

Commissioners will submit additional items to Corinne Kelly, Executive Secretary (ckelly@ccclib.org), before November 8, 2013. The draft 2013 Annual Report and Work Plan for 2014 will be available for Commissioners' consideration at the November 21, 2013 meeting.

13. AGENDA SETTING FOR NEXT MEETING and FUTURE TOPICS
Commissioners will suggest items for future meetings, including:

- County historical society
- Remember & Go (November 21, 2013) digitizing historical collection
- Employment or career enhancement library assistance for job seekers
- Ways the Library can meet the needs outlined in the State’s Demographic Report
- Information on special library collections, reference directories, newspapers, and periodical sets (i.e.: Historical collection (climate controlled) and San Ramon’s jazz collection, Philippine collection)
- Ways to increase book donations and sales for Friends of the Library
- Update on the Library Lease Agreements
- Summer reading program’s prizes

14. ADJOURNMENT TO THE NOVEMBER 21, 2013 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Submitted by Corinne Kelly
Executive Secretary, Contra Costa County Library
## FALL PROGRAMS

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**Gennifer Choldenko has been Booked!**

Come hear the award-winning author, Gennifer Choldenko, share her newest book: "Al Capone Does My Homework." No reservations necessary.

**East Bay Chptr, SF Opera Guild**

- $40/5 lectures, $10/lecture
- Mephistopheles by Arrigo Boito - Simon Williams describes Boito's only completed opera, on the legendary subject of Faust's bargain with the devil. operphil@earthlink.net

**Contra Costa Master Gardeners**

- What Went Wrong in your Garden (and How to Fix It) - Tomato cracking? Zucchini shriveling? Learn common veggie growing problems & how to correct them. bigmomserie@gmail.com

**East Bay Chptr, SF Opera Guild**

- $40/5 lectures, $10/lecture
- A lecture on Tobias Pioche's Dolores Clathorne, Lecturer Lynne Morrow will speak about the composer, the librettist & the opera's musical context. operphil@earthlink.net

**Other Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)**

- Free OLLI @Berkeley Info Session in Lafayette! Meet faculty and OLLI members and learn about the compelling courses & workshops offered in Lafayette & Berkeley this fall. olli.berkeley.edu

**Gold Coast Chamber Players**

- $35 gen, $30 sr, $10 stfd
- Conservatory Strings - Hear the award-winning GCCP as they celebrate their 15th anniversary season with violonist Juliana Athaye, pianist Yana Reznik and more! gcpplayers.org

**Friends of the LLLC present**

- Free Contemporary Jewish Museum Docent Lecture - A docent will share highlights of their latest exhibit, "Beyond Belief: 100 Years of the Spiritual in Modern Art. m no reservations necessary

**The Commonwealth Club**

- $32 mbrs, $12 nonmbrs, 7 stlds
- Race to Nowhere with Vicki Abeles - The Dark Side of the Achievement Culture. Learn how the competitive climate across the nation is redefining childhood. commonwealthclub.org

**Friends of the LLLC present**

- Free Walkabout Northern California - Hiking Inn to Inn with author Tom Courtney - Join author & hiking expert Tom Courtney as he discusses his latest book, no reservations necessary.

**Savvy Social Security Planning**

- $15/Person, $25/Couple
- What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income. Get your pressing questions answered! Learn when to apply to maximize benefits & minimize taxes. reserve@LLLCF.org

**Science Cafe: The Art & Science of Animation**

- Free with Pixar's Danielle Feinberg - Pixar's Director of Photography for Lighting will reveal how math & science help imagined worlds come to life! reserve@LLLCF.org

**Lawrence Hall of Science: Spiders**

- $8/child
- Miss Ginny will read fascinating books about spiders during storytime & then LHS will arrive at noon to let us get up close with live tarantulas! Ages 3-6. reserve@LLLCF.org

**The World Affairs Council**

- $8 mbrs, $10 Nonmbrs, 5 stlds
- Understanding the Roots of the Chinese Growth Miracle - UCB Professor of Economics & Political Science, Gérard Roland discusses the world's second largest economy. www.worldaffairs.org

**"Life on the Rock" growing up on Aletraz Island**

- Free Come meet Phil Dollison and hear about his life growing up on Alcatraz during the 1960's. Hear stories about infamous crooks & criminals. no reservations necessary

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**Author JOYCE MAYNARD**

**Tuesday, October 22, 7:15pm**

**Tickets $20**

To reserve email: reserve@LLLCF.org

or call:

925-283-3x103
Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation
Home of the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium

Contra Costa Master Gardeners-
What Went Wrong in Your Garden & How to Fix It
Thursday, September 5th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, LLLC Arts & Science

Join Master Gardener Terry Lippert and she discusses common vegetable growing problems and how to correct them, including tomatoes cracking, zucchinis sometimes shriveling and dying, broccoli and cauliflower only producing tiny heads, and why onions often produce flowers and fail to develop good bulbs. Solutions to these problems as well as others will be discussed as well as suggestions for what vegetables to plant for the most reliable good results.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library.
$5/person. To reserve email: Higinissierra@gmail.comzzzz

The San Francisco Opera Guild, East Bay Chapter, presents:
A lecture on Tobias Picker's Dolores Claiborne, by Lynne Morrow
Wednesday, September 11th, 8:00 – 9:30 PM, LLLC Community Hall

Desperate. Passionate. Trapped. Dolores Claiborne is willing to do whatever it takes to save herself and her daughter - even if that means taking a life. One of the most compelling characters to emerge from the imagination of Stephen King, the feisty Maine housekeeper is a natural fit for opera - and specifically for the dark theatricality of American composer Tobias Picker, who "embraces opera as a populist art form" and "does so with undeniable skill" (The New York Times). Lecturer Lynne Morrow will speak about the composer and the librettist and the opera's musical context, and illustrate her talk with audio and visual examples.

Venue underwritten by Friends of the Lafayette Library.
Cost: $40 for the series of 5 lectures; $10 per single lecture.
To reserve call: (925) 945-7347 or e-mail: operaphile@earthlink.net

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - Lafayette Information Session
Thursday, September 12th, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, LLLC Community Hall

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Berkeley invites you to attend the fall Info Session at the LLLC. Meet Lafayette faculty and OLLI members and learn about the courses and workshops offered in Lafayette and Berkeley this fall, beginning September 30. The event will feature film expert Michael Fox, whose Oscar-nominated documentaries course runs on Thursday mornings, and musicologist John Prescott, who will teach a course on classical music Thursday afternoons at the library.

For more information and to reserve call: 510.642.9934, email: berkeley_ollis@berkeley.edu or visit the Website: www.ollis.berkeley.edu