CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3

MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2014
AGENDA ITEM #: 9
ITEM: CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- None
April 24, 2014

Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Contra Costa County
651 Pine Street,
Martinez CA 94553

Subject: Support Library Strategic Plan

Dear Supervisor Mitchoff,

Thank you for the long standing support of Contra Costa County public libraries from the Board of Supervisors.

At the March 27, 2014 Library Commission meeting, Deputy County Librarian Gail McPartland, made an in-depth presentation of the proposed 2014 Library Strategic Plan.

The Library Commission took an active part in the planning process, including having been the first focus group. After the presentation conclusion and discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend its adoption by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

The plan reflects the goals of the library community in the county. We look forward to working with library staff to help support its implementation.

Again, thank you for your support of libraries.

Sincerely,

Shirley S. Peck, Ph.D.
Chair, Contra Costa County Library Commission

cc: District 1 Board of Supervisor, John Gioia
District 2 Board of Supervisor, Candace Andersen
District 3 Board of Supervisor, Mary Piepho
District 5 Board of Supervisor, Federal Glover
David Twa, County Administrator
Jessica Hudson, County Librarian
Library Commission members
April 24, 2014

Karen Mitchoff, Chair
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
651 Pine St.
Martinez CA 94553

Subject: 2014-15 Contra Costa County Library Budget

Dear Supervisor Mitchoff,

Thank you for the on-going support of libraries from the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

At the March 27, 2014 Library Commission meeting, Interim County Librarian Cathy Sanford presented a thorough review of the proposed 2014-15 Library budget. After discussion, the Library Commission voted unanimously to recommend its adoption by the Board.

The budget will allow the continuation of at least 35 hours of service in communities where the city provides facility maintenance, and will continue Project Second Chance where 262 adults are learning how to read through 10,358 volunteer hours, along with the other award winning services the Library provides.

On behalf of the Library Commission and the residents of Contra Costa County, thank you again for your support of libraries.

Best regards,

Shirley S. Peck, Ph.D.
Chair, Contra Costa County Library Commission

cc: District 1 Board of Supervisor, John Gioia
District 2 Board of Supervisor, Candace Andersen
District 3 Board of Supervisor, Mary Piepho
District 5 Board of Supervisor, Federal Glover
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Library Commission members
Email Log Entry

Your changes have been saved. The status has changed. If this issue was assigned to anyone, they also received a copy.

Ticket # 2192

Date of original Email: 4/4/2014

Text of Email:
Commission mail, lost book halo.
to: cccilibcommission@ccclib.org
comments: i didn't lose this book, and i'll pay for it in small amounts, if i can arthur holden
Name: arthur holden
emailaddress: surfboy925@gmail.com

Assigned to: Circulation Administration ()

Status: Closed


Reply Date: 4/8/2014

Reply:
Hello Mr. Holden,

Our records indicate that "Halo" was due 10/8/2013 and returned on 10/25/2013. There is an overdue fine charged of $4.25 posted to the library card account. You are certainly welcome to make small payments for this overdue fine. As long as the amount owed to the library remains under $10.00 and there are no overdue materials on this library card account, the account will remain in good standing.

In addition, the staff at the Walnut Creek Library have been trying to reach you in regards to another item, the CD, "Liz Phair." The case was returned, but there is no CD inside. Please contact the staff at Walnut Creek Library, 925-977-3340, to make arrangements to connect the missing disc back to the case, so it can be cleared from this library card account. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me directly at 925-927-3256. Thank you.

Regards,

Additional Notes:
The staff at Walnut Creek did show him the empty CD case today and he is now aware of the missing CD. I think staff blocked his account, as they had been unable to reach him by email or by phone. I have removed the soft block, which will once again allow him access to library services, as long as the missing CD is returned.

Last Updated: 4/8/2014
-----Original Message-----
From: alex@cocotax.org [mailto:alex@cocotax.org]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 10:46 AM
To: Library Commission
Subject: Commission mail, Library Funding

This message was submitted to the Library Commission.

eemailmessage: This message was submitted to the Library Commission.
ssubject: Commission mail, Library Funding
to: ccclibcommission@ccclib.org
ccomments: Dear Commission,

I urge the commission to post its budget and expenses on the website.

Thank you.

Name: Alex Aliferis
eemailaddress: alex@cocotax.org
spambegone: Library
phone: 925-289-6900

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 4

MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2014
AGENDA ITEM #: 10
ITEM: REPORT FROM COUNTY LIBRARIAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
• None
MEETING DATE:  Thursday, May 22, 2014
AGENDA ITEM #:  11 A
ITEM:  STATE LIBRARY FUNDING ISSUES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commissioners will address State Library funding.
TO: CLA MEMBERS/SYSTEMS/NETWORK CONTACTS

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

RE: News From The Capitol

SB 1455-DeSaulnier (Library Bond) - Letters Needed For Fiscal Committee

As recently reported, SB 1455 by Senator Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) has passed both the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. Now, the major library construction and renovation bond measure, sponsored by CLA, will head to the Senate’s fiscal committee, known as the Senate Appropriations Committee. CLA members and library supporters are encouraged to send letters to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee and the two Senate Leaders. (see below)

The Senate Appropriations Committee will be a more challenging committee for SB 1455, as all bills with state General Fund costs exceeding $150,000 are automatically sent to the committee’s so-called “suspense file.” The “suspense file” is a way for the committee to prioritize all fiscal matters to determine which pieces of legislation make the best policy and fiscal sense for the state. A bond measure, for example, will impact the state’s General Fund significantly, it requires millions of dollars in bonded indebtedness repayment over many years. There has been some minimal conversation in the Senate about whether there should be a general discussion about setting priorities for all of the current competing bond proposals (e.g. parks, schools, libraries, affordable housing, etc.) to determine what are the state’s most pressing needs. The major focus at this time is the effort to build a bi-partisan consensus around the 3 competing water bonds.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear SB 1455-DeSaulnier on Monday, May 19th. After the bill is sent to the “suspense file,” the Committee will then vote on hundreds of “suspense” items on Friday, May 23rd and will decide whether or not to move SB 1455 forward to the Senate Floor for vote or “hold it in committee,” where it would likely be dead for the year.

We would like to applaud library directors, numerous city and county governments, and Friends groups for your thoughtful letters in support of SB 1455. As our previous reports indicated, we have been able to use several of the examples you have provided in your letters, during our testimony before committee and in our meetings with legislators and staff.

Please take a minute today to write the following four individuals, who will be key in the discussions surrounding SB 1455’s disposition in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Thank you, in advance, for your help.

CLA’s official “support” letter can be found on the CLA website here.

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| Senator Mimi Walens, Vice-Chair |
| Senate Appropriations Committee |
| State Capitol, Room 3086 |
| Sacramento, CA 95814 |
| Fax: (916) 651-4937 |

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| The Honorable Bob Huff |
| Senate, Republican Leader |
| State Capitol, Room 305 |
| Sacramento, CA 95814 |
| Fax: (916) 651-4929 |
SUMMARY

SB 1455 would place a bond measure on the 2016 statewide general election ballot to fund library construction and renovations. SB 1455 would also require the California State Library to conduct a needs assessment on construction and renovation of library facilities.

BACKGROUND

Public libraries are a vital part of the educational system. They provide resources and services for all residents of California, including preschoolers, K-12, and college-aged students. Today's libraries are offering essential public services such as online homework tutoring, computer-based resume building, job search programs, and literacy tutoring. Public libraries are reporting the highest level of patron attendance that they have seen in years.

In March 2000, voters approved Proposition 14, a $350 million library bond. Due to overwhelming demand, the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board was forced to deny approximately 75 percent of all applications due to lack of additional bond funding.

It has been over a decade since the state conducted a needs assessment for libraries. In 2007 the California State Library conducted a needs assessment that estimated that the current need for statewide public library construction, renovation, and retrofit exceeds well over $8 billion.

In new communities, residents are demanding library facilities, and in older communities, many libraries are woefully inadequate and are in desperate need of rehabilitation or seismic retrofit upgrade. Several libraries lack the physical infrastructure to allow them to benefit from modern broadband technology upgrades.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

AB 222 (Corbett) of 2003 - Held Asm. Appropriation
SB 40 (Alpert) of 2003 - Held Sen. Appropriation
SB 1161 (Alpert), Chapter 698, statutes of 2004
SB 156 (Simitian) of 2007 – Held Sen. Appropriation
SB 1516 (Simitian) of 2008 – Held in Asm. Appropriations

THIS BILL

SB 1455 would place a General Obligation Bond measure on the 2016 statewide general election ballot to fund library construction and renovations. Under the bill, proceeds from the bond, if approved by the voters, are deposited in the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Fund of 2016 for competitive grants to be awarded by the State Librarian for the construction of new public library facilities and the remodeling of existing public library facilities. Local agencies that obtain a grant will contribute 35 percent of a project's cost with the state contributing to the remaining 65 percent.

The bill would also require the California State Librarian to conduct a comprehensive assessment on the statewide need for the new construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of public libraries, and submit a report to the Governor, the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before August 15, 2015.

STATUS

Senate Governance and Finance – Hearing set for April 30th

SUPPORT

- California Library Association (Co-Sponsor)
- Altadena Library
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
California Special Districts Association
California State Association of Counties
City of Burbank
County of Shasta
Friends of the Goleta Valley Library
Friends of the Petaluma Library
Friends of the Sacramento Public Library
Friend of the Salinas Public Library
Palos Verdes Library Districts
Pleasanton Library District
Pleasanton Library Commission
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (If Amended)
San Rafael Public Library
Santa Clara County Library

OPPOSITION

None on File

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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