MEETING OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2014

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

2. COMMISSION BOOKSHELF

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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:

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### INTRODUCTIONS

None.

### ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Commissioners* approved the March 27, 2014 Meeting minutes.

*Recorded votes –

- Joyce Atkinson, City of Clayton; Cip Ayalin, City of Hercules (Alternate); Katherine Bracken, City of Pleasant Hill; Kathy Fuller, City of Martinez; Katie Diamond, Town of Danville; Barbara Gomez, City of Concord; Mary Ann Hosington, City of Lafayette; Mary Joseph, City of Oakley; Rodger Lum, Town of Moraga; Lynn A. Meisch, City of Walnut Creek; Charlene O’Rourke, City of Pinole; Dr. Shirley Peck, City of Brentwood; Walter Ruehlig, City of Antioch; Alan B. Smith, CCC District 4; Dr. Premod Vaid, CCC District 3; Janice Woo, City of El Cerrito

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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioners* approved the agenda for the meeting of May 22, 2014.

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8. ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Meisch (Walnut Creek) mentioned that the City Council of Walnut Creek recently met to discuss their 2014/16 budget, including potential cuts to library hours as well as the Clarke Memorial Swim Center. The City Council originally decided to decrease both Walnut Creek Library hours to 44 per week but reopened the issue due to community input in a following City Council meeting and subsequently voted to fund full hours in the 2014/15 year. Meisch encourages community members to attend Council meetings and support their community libraries.

Commissioner Ruehlig (Antioch) shared the April/June quarterly issue of Delta Living magazine and highlighted his article titled My First Time Meeting Kindle.

Commissioner Faye (Brentwood) attended the May 10th grand opening of San Francisco’s North Beach Library, and described her visit to the new facility including its technology and reading areas.

Commissioner Smith (District IV) mentioned that Gail McPartland, Deputy County Librarian: Public Services, spoke about the Library’s Strategic Plan at the Concord City Council meeting in April and Jessica Hudson, County Librarian, will speak at the Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference in June. Smith attended the annual BayNet (San Francisco Bay Area Library & Information Network) conference on May 5th in San Francisco. The topic was “Getting it Right: Evaluating Library Spaces & Services”. Smith shared information from the conference and added when planning library spaces, it is wise to gather input from kids. The 2015 CPLA (California Public Library Advocates) workshop on March 28th will feature our State Librarian, Greg Lucas (www.cpladvocates.org). Smith was appointed President of the California State Library’s Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) User Advisory Council. The BTBL User Advisory Council is charged to educate legislators and the public about the BTBL’s services.

Commissioner Hoisington (Lafayette) shared the May – June Lafayette Library program calendar (attachment to the minutes).

Commissioner Woo (El Cerrito) said that Commissioner Panas (El Cerrito) was inducted to the City of El Cerrito’s Wall of Fame for his longtime service to the City.

Commissioner Bracken (Pleasant Hill) said that the City of Pleasant Hill’s proposed budget includes funding to increase hours from 35 to 43 per week, adding Monday hours.

Commissioner Gomez (Concord) requested to be informed if it is known that the Library will be discussed at any council meetings.

Commissioner Hoisington (Lafayette) had questions regarding the letter to Friends’ Presidents that is in the Library Commission agenda packet. She understands that the Commission seat for a Friends Council representative will soon be vacant and had questions regarding the importance of having that seat on the Commission. The Friends Council used to meet regularly but has not has as much impact recently and has been less successful in bringing the Friends groups together.

Jessica Hudson, County Librarian, suggested a possible discussion amongst Commissioners could be on an agenda to discuss ways to generate higher participation and attendance by Friends groups.

Commissioner Faye (Brentwood) suggested networking and outreach to the community to fill the vacant Commission seats; some have been vacant for a long time (i.e.: Central Labor Council and Contra Costa Council).

Commissioners viewed the April 29th, 2014 presentation that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Committee gave to the Board of Supervisors thanking the County, the community libraries, and library staff for the high quality of professional assistance they gave through the partnership. The ACA Committee presented the Library with a letter of acknowledgment from Congressman George Miller recognizing the
Library as a valued contributor.

9. CORRESPONDENCE
Commissioner Bracken (Pleasant Hill) suggested that the Chair respond to the inquiry from a citizen about posting the Commission’s budget and expenses on the Library’s website. The Chair of the Commission will respond to the inquiry.

10. COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT
Jessica Hudson, County Librarian, introduced herself to the Commissioners. She joined the Library on April 14, 2014. Her most recent position was as the County Librarian in Nevada County and she gave a brief description of her professional and personal background.

Commissioners viewed a video presentation of the Library’s budget presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Ma’ 6th, 2014: http://contra-costagranicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=aa07e85f-26ce-1032-aaea-c81612164a42

Jessica Hudson, County Librarian, provided an update on the library facilities:

- The City of San Pablo has identified a larger space for their library and started architectural plans.
- The City of San Ramon is moving forward with a remodel of the San Ramon Library. The current building houses the Library on the main floor and a community room on the second floor that also houses a drop-in day care. The remodel may include a mezzanine space on the second floor and the day care is moving to a new location.
- The Pinole Library is having their parking lot repaved.
- The City of Brentwood is planning a new library, as they are currently in a temporary space. The City has a potential construction timeline.
- There is no library at this time in North Richmond. The City of Richmond recently provided a furnished space for a library as a joint venture with the City, however there is no funding for library services. Outside funds will need to be identified to provide for staff, hours, and a collection. The Library is working with the County’s Administrative office and elected officials to identify sustainable funding sources.
- The Ygnacio Valley Library is getting new exterior landscaping.
- The El Sobrante Library is getting a new mini-park with stadium seating. This is in partnership with the City and the Spawners. (The Spawners mission is to protect the San Pablo Creek Watershed and inspire community appreciation and stewardship through advocacy, education, and habitat restoration)

Commissioner Joseph (Oakley) said that the Friends of the Oakley Library tried fundraising and found that there was not enough community support. The current Oakley Library is jointly located with a school library at Freedom High School. The current space has been identified as too small for the community and that they were at some point supposed to get a new facility. The Library will research the status on the Oakley Library facility.

Commissioner Faye (Brentwood) said that the Kings Beach Library is a nice facility that serves a small population and they have an active Friends group.

The Antioch City Council determined that the City cannot pay their facility maintenance costs of
$112,812 for the 2014/15 fiscal year. The Antioch Library on 18th Street will have its open hours reduced from the current 35 hours a week to 28 per week due to this decrease in funding. Prewett Library is a City-owned facility and the City pays maintenance costs so this location will not see a decrease in hours.

There have been a number of security issues at the Antioch libraries. The Library has a security task team working on this and recently hosted library security consultant, Warren Graham, who visited all library work locations and conducted a security audit of all public and staff areas. Some issues are straightforward to correct, such as mirrors in corners while others will take more time and funding to study.

The County’s hiring restrictions have been lifted and the Library has begun work to fill 44 vacant positions. There are four community library manager vacancies (Antioch, Moraga, Pittsburg, and Pleasant Hill) in addition to many vacancies in the Library Assistant Journey classification.

The Walnut Creek City Council initially decided to decrease open hours over the next two fiscal years at both of the Walnut Creek Libraries from the current 56 per week to 44 per week. On May 20th, the City Council voted to fully fund 56 hours for the 2014/15 fiscal year. The Library will work with the City, Friends, and Foundation over the coming year to look into funding for the 2015/16 fiscal year.

The City of Pleasant Hill is considering additional Monday hours for the Pleasant Hill Library.

The 2014 Summer Reading Festival (SRF) will be held June 14 – August 23. The theme for this year is “Paws to Read”. Name badges with photos of personal pets are being created for staff to wear. These badges are a great icebreaker to open communications with community members about the SRF.

Information about the SRF on the Library’s guide at http://guides.ccclib.org/srf. There is a reading program for everyone: Babies (birth – 24 months), Kids (2 years – 5th grade), Teens (grades 6-12th), and Adults (age 18 – and up). The 2014 SRF author event is scheduled for August 7 and will feature Pulitzer Prize winning author Jane Smiley. The author event will be held at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

The War Ink Project Director will speak about the online Veteran Memorial Tattoo Art project at the July 24th Commission meeting.

11. OLD BUSINESS

STATE LIBRARY FUNDING ISSUES

Commissioner Smith (District IV) said that state funding has been increased in the current proposed State Budget. There is support for keeping this increased funding due to strong library supporters in the Assembly.

Smith said that he had the opportunity to enlighten legislative candidates about library services and how these services are financed. He added that it is important to get the support of our legislatures early in their terms.

Smith said that he spoke to the newly appointed State Librarian Greg Lucas about the economic value of libraries. Lucas strongly supports SB1455 and if SB1455 passes, the state will conduct a statewide needs assessment with the help of a newly formed communications team at the State Library level.

Smith testified on behalf of libraries in SacramentoSB1455, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2016, has moved to the Suspend File. There is no opposition to SB 1455 at this time.

Smith said that after Gail McPartland, Deputy County Librarian: Public Services, spoke about the Library’s Strategic Plan during an April 2014 Concord City Council meeting, he worked with the Concord Mayor to send a letter of support to the Senate supporting SB 1455 (attachment to the minutes).
Smith encouraged Commissioners to send letters to their legislators as private citizens supporting library legislation. He suggested adapting his letters to the specific community needs. (*attachment to the minutes*).

12. NEW BUSINESS

**THE BROWN ACT & BETTER GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE**

The County conducted the 2014 Annual Training for Advisory Bodies on May 1st. Commissioners were reminded of the new California legal requirement for recording specific votes by committee members in the meeting minutes. It is important that advisory body representatives view the Brown Act Training Video, which is on the County’s website. Library Administration maintains record of Commissioners who have viewed the videos and the signed Training Certificates.


13. AGENDA SETTING FOR NEXT MEETING and FUTURE TOPICS

War Ink will be presented at the July 24th meeting.

Commissioner Meisch (Walnut Creek) would like to know how Commissioners could begin promoting library services to their communities, since promotion is one of the four goals of Library’s new Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Hoisington (Lafayette) questioned the value of the soon to be vacant position of the Friends Council member on the Commission. The Commission’s By-laws have the five special appointees to the Commission, one being the Friends Council representative. She suggested that the Commission could discuss ways to help the Friends Council, which is made up of the presidents of the Friends of the Library groups and Foundation Presidents.

Other items that Commissioners would like to learn about at future meetings include:
- Contra Costa County Historical Society
- Discussion on generating participation of Friends groups on the Friends Council
- 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 (ie: John Muir Collection at the Martinez Library, the historical collection (climate controlled) and the San Ramon Library’s jazz collection). The San Ramon jazz collection will be shared after the San Ramon Library’s renovation is complete.
- Ways to increase book donations and sales for Friends of the Library
- How Commissioners can get the word out in the community about library services

14. ADJOURNMENT TO THE July 24, 2014 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Submitted by Corinne Kelly
Executive Secretary, Contra Costa County Library
Lafayette Library Programs May-June 2014

Contra CostaPerformingArts Society Presents Jazz Piano Concert

Friday, June 6, 7:30 pm Community Hall
Join us for a very special Jazz Piano Concert presented by the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society. A variety of performers will play standards and new favorites. This is a free event sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Free program; register at tinyurl.com/ jazzpianojune

Travels with Frank Rainer: Libya
Tues, May 6, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm, Arts & Science Room
World traveler Frank Rainer will join us for a special travel program entitled "Libya: Love it and Leave it." Two thousand years ago, Libya was the breadbasket of the Roman Empire. Even today its ancient cities house more elaborate Roman ruins than those in Italy. In 2011, Frank toured many of these and camped in the Sahara only to have to flee prematurely when Arab Spring broke out around him in Northern Africa. Frank has presented his unique travel slideshows at libraries across the Bay Area to much acclaim, and has visited 300+ countries in his forty years of travels.

Free program; register at tinyurl.com/frankrainer

Distinguished Speaker Series: Kelly Corrigan and Katie Hafner
Sun, June 8, 5 pm Community Hall
The LLLCF Distinguished Speaker Series welcomes bestselling authors Kelly Corrigan and Katie Hafner, in conversation on the topic of mothers and daughters. Corrigan is the New York Times bestselling author of The Middle Place. Her latest, Glitter and Glue, examines the nourishing and sometimes exasperating bond between mothers and daughters. In her memoir Mother, Daughter, Me, Hafner writes about the challenging and deeply binding relationship between mothers and daughters.

Purchase a ticket today: lafayettedlib.giveaccording.com/events/dss-kelly-corrigan

Yosemite Adventures with author Matt Johanson
Thurs, May 22, 6:30 pm, Arts & Science Room
Jump start your summer travel plans! Local author Matt Johanson will join us to discuss his latest book, Yosemite Adventures: 50 Outstanding Hikes, Climbs and Winter Treks. Whether you want to walk back in time among ancient, giant sequoias, backpack beside thundering waterfalls or test your climbing skills on glacier-carved granite, "Yosemite Adventures" suggests trips for every season and level of ability. Books will be available for sale and signing after the event.

Free program; register at tinyurl.com/yosemiteadventures

CC Master Gardeners: Composting Made Easy
Thurs, May 29, 6:30-8 pm, Arts & Science Room
This workshop will teach you how to start a compost pile, add the best ingredients, and produce rich humus for your plants. We will cover how composting works, compost containers, what and what not to compost, and techniques to encourage decomposition.

Free program; Registration: higginsierra@gmail.com

The Dolphins of Shark Bay
Pamela S. Turner
May 16, 7:00 pm, Community Hall NEW TIME!
Ride alongside the author Pamela S. Turner and her scientific team as they seek to answer the question: just why are dolphins so smart? And what does their behavior tell us about human intelligence, captive animals, and the future of the ocean? Turner, author of the Scientists in the Field series, will come to discuss her newest book, The Dolphins of Shark Bay. Pamela is a local author (Oakland) who has traveled the world, living in many parts of Africa, the Philippines and Japan.

Free program; refreshments provided. Register at: http://tinyurl.com/pamelaturnerdolphins

Library Hours: Mon—Thurs 10-8 Fri—Sat 10-5 Sun 1-5 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. ♦ 925.385.2280 ♦ ccclib.org
Adult Programs May-June 2014

Friends of the LLLC: Legion of Honor Docent Talk

Intimate Impressionism from the National Gallery
Tues, May 13, 2-3 pm, Community Hall (free)

A California Legion of Honor docent joins us to discuss the extraordinary exhibit, "Intimate Impressionism". The exhibit showcases approximately 70 Impressionist and Post-Impressionist landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, interiors, and portraits, from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

The docent will discuss the painter's process in capturing fleeting moments and personal places, highlighting some of the Impressionists' most iconic subjects, such as ballerinas and racehorses by Degas, still lifes by Paul Cézanne, and beautiful young women by Renoir.

Book Clubs at the Library

Lafayette Book Club
Wed, May 28 7:00pm Teen Center
Join our lively discussion group on the 4th Wednesday of each month. This month we are reading I Remember Nothing by Nora Ephron.

Classics Book Club
Mon, May 12 7:00pm Teen Center
Join us the 2nd Monday of every month and read or re-read amazing classic books. This month we will discuss The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie by Muriel Spark.

Pick up your book at the Information Desk.

Discover & Go: Free and Discounted Museum Passes

Interested in checking out the newest exhibit at the Asian Art Museum? Taking the kids or grandkids to the California Academy of Sciences? There are a variety of adult and family venues to visit for free this summer with Discover & Go!

Go to discover.cclib.org to browse venues, reserve dates, and print your tickets.

T'ai Chi at the Library
Every Tuesday
6:00 - 7:00 pm, Homework Center
Always curious about T'ai Chi, but not sure where to start? Looking for a low-impact way to improve balance and reduce stress in your daily life? Join us this ongoing class practicing the gentle Chinese martial art, T'ai chi ch'uan, with local instructor Robert Noha. Sensei Noha has more than 40 years experience teaching Aikido and T'ai chi ch'uan.
Free program; no registration required. Beginners welcome.

The programs and events at the library are made possible by partnerships with the Lafayette Library Foundation, Friends of the Lafayette Library, and the Contra Costa County Library.

Lafayette Library
Corner Book Shop
1/2 Price Book Sale!
Sat, May 17, 9-5
Proceeds benefit the Lafayette Library Learning Center.

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Computer and eBook Help

Our resident technology expert will provide answers to your computer questions every Monday from 11:00am-12:00pm in the Teen Center. Sign up in advance for a 30 minute one-on-one session. Or drop in Wednesdays at the Homework Center from 6-7pm; no appointment necessary.

Register Online or at the Information Desk.
May 13, 2014

Senator Kevin De Leon, Chair
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1455: California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2016 Notice of Support

Dear Senator De Leon:

As Mayor of the City of Concord, I urge you to support for SB 1455, Senator Mark DeSaulnier’s bill which would place a bond measure on the 2016 statewide general election ballot to fund much-needed library construction and renovation. In California there have been two successful state library construction and renovation bonds (1988 and 2000) which have helped build much needed new libraries, as well as renovate others.

In many communities, the demand for new and expanded/renovated libraries outstrips the local funds available. Concord’s existing library was built over half a century ago and was meant to serve a much smaller population, not the nearly 125,000 residents we have today. It does not adequately serve our community, particularly in the area of technology.

Today’s libraries are so much more than just books. Our residents demand and deserve expanded public internet computers to perform job searches and prepare resumes; as well as search for health insurance on Covered California, apply for benefits and find the information they need to make informed decisions.

SB 1455 provides funds to help reconstruct and expand existing libraries. Clearly, renovation and expanding existing public libraries is a wise use of public funds as good libraries are as much an integral part of our state’s infrastructure as good schools and roads.

Thus, on behalf of our residents who made over 200,000 visits to the Concord library in 2013, I urge you to support SB 1455. Thank you in advance for your strong support.

Sincerely,

Timothy S. Grayson
Mayor, City of Concord

cc: Concord City Councilmembers
Mary Rae Lehman, City Clerk

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