CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

AGENDA ATTACHMENT 7

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 25, 2018
AGENDA ITEM #: 8.
ITEM: COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action is required.
MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. COMMISSION
   - CCC Board of Supervisors 2017-2019 Triennial Sunset Review of the Library Commission was submitted to the Clerk of the Board in December 2017
   - Reconstituted Library Commission Composition and Powers was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 19, 2017
   - Final Draft of the Library Commission 2017 Annual Report and 2018 Work Plan to be approved at the Jan. 25, 2018 Library Commission meeting
   - Draft Bylaws Revision to reflect Library Commission Composition and Powers to be reviewed at the Jan. 25, 2018 Library Commission meeting
   - Orientation for newly seated Chair Miller and Vice-Chair Wilson held on Dec. 28, 2017

2. PERSONNEL
   - Actively hiring qualified candidates to stabilize branch staffing:
     - Nancy Kreiser, Senior Community Library Manager/San Ramon and Dougherty Station Libraries has accepted a Temporary Upgrade to Deputy County Librarian
     - Jessica Lilja, Youth Services Librarian/Walnut Creek Library has accepted a Temporary Upgrade to Community Library Manager/Martinez Library
     - Dena Hollowood, Adult Services Librarian/San Ramon Library has accepted a Temporary Upgrade to Senior Community Library Manager/San Ramon and Dougherty Station Libraries

3. FACILITIES
   - Brentwood Library construction began the week of May 22, 2017, furnishings have been selected and the tentative grand opening is scheduled for late summer 2018
   - Bohlin Cywinski Jackson (BCJ) Architects and Margaret Sullivan Studio continue to meet with city and library staffs and the community through February 2018 in preparation for the schematic design phase of the project
   - New carpeting was installed at the Oakley Library over the holidays and is scheduled to be replaced at the Orinda Library in March
   - Facility Refreshes for 2018:
     - ANT – carpet, interior paint and meeting room furniture (meeting room furniture and exterior paint already completed)
     - ECL – carpet, interior paint and furniture
     - ESL – new roof
     - KEN – interior paint
     - OAK – carpet, laptop bar, new seating area for teens
     - ORI – carpet
     - PRW – new self-check machine and increased space for new seating and tables.
     - YVL – new staff service desk, scheduled for installation on Jan. 15, 2018
4. LEGISLATION / BUDGET

The following information will be added to the CCC Board of Supervisors Legislative Platform scheduled to be adopted on January 23, 2018:

STATE

CENIC was funded in FY17 at $4M statewide, but not renewed for FY18. CCCL is participating in an evaluation this year to determine the degree to which this funding would upgrade our broadband network.

Please delete language about Transaction-Based Reimbursement as this program was eliminated a few years ago. PLF in on the books, but zero funded in recent years.

**CENIC connects California to the world**—advancing education and research statewide by providing the world-class network essential for innovation, collaboration, and economic growth. This nonprofit organization operates the California Research and Education Network (CalREN), a high-capacity network designed to meet the unique requirements of over 20 million users, including the vast majority of K-20 students together with educators, researchers and individuals at other vital public-serving institutions. CENIC’s Charter Associates are part of the world’s largest education system; they include the California K-12 system, California Community Colleges, the California State University system, California’s public libraries, the University of California system, Stanford, Caltech, the Naval Postgraduate School, and USC. CENIC also provides connectivity to leading-edge institutions and industry research organizations around the world, serving the public as a catalyst for a vibrant California.

FEDERAL

Support funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). In recent years California has received more than $16M statewide. IMLS is the federal agency that distributes funds to state libraries who in turn fund statewide initiatives and competitive Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants to public libraries. IMLS was at risk of being eliminated for FY18 and will likely be on the chopping block again this year. CCCL has received funding for Discover & Go, War Ink, STEAM, Career Online High School (COHS) scholarships, and numerous other programs and services over the years.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s approximately 120,000 libraries (link is external) and 35,000 museums and related organizations. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov).

5. GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

- One of the CCCL Career Online High School graduates will be honored at the January 23, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting.

• Awarded $75,000 from Sunlight Giving: staff spent the majority of the past fiscal year evaluating every community library’s early literacy space and made recommendations for their improvements. Based on those recommendations, Sunlight Giving awarded the library a grant of $75,000 to implement the recommended improvements at the following branches: Antioch, Bay Point, Concord, Crockett, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Martinez, Pittsburg, Pinole, Prewett, Rodeo and San Pablo. These branches were chosen based on the funders’ mission to benefit young children in low-income communities.

6. COMMUNITY OUTREACH / TRAINING

• Presentation to the Lafayette Library Foundation, December 13, 2017
• New Pleasant Hill Library planning, community engagement and design meetings/workshops: Pleasant Hill City Council, Pleasant Hill Library Steering Committee, Pleasant Hill Library Task Force Meetings, September 2017 through 2020
• Graduated from the California State Association of Counties Leadership Institute for Excellence in County Government, December 12, 2017
• Meeting with El Cerrito City Manager, December 18, 2017
• Meeting with Orinda City Manager and staff, December 18, 2017
• Serves on 2018 CENIC Program Committee; attended meeting on December 19, 2017
• BALIS Administrative Council Meeting, in Martinez on January 5, 2017
• Attended the Board of Supervisors Reorganization Luncheon hosted by BOS Chair, Karen Mitchoff, January 10, 2018
• Serves as Chair, CCC Board of Supervisors Cesar Chavez Celebration Committee; celebration will be held at 11:00am in the BOS Chambers on March 27, 2018

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