MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 27, 2018
AGENDA ITEM #: 10.
ITEM: COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No Action Required.
COUNTY LIBRARIAN’S REPORT TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

EVENTS TO CALENDAR:
- Bay Area Library Information System (BALIS) Annual Forum, Pleasanton, Sept. 15
- Grand Opening of the NEW Brentwood Library, Brentwood, Sept. 29 at 9:30am
- California Library Association Annual Conference, Santa Clara, Nov. 7-11

PERSONNEL
- Actively hiring qualified candidates to stabilize branch staffing. Recent recruitments include: Librarian, Library Assistant-Journey Level, Senior Clerks and Clerk-Experienced.
- New appointments and reassignments: Nancy Kreiser, Deputy County Librarian; Rob Tygett, Senior Community Librarian/Walnut Creek Library; Dena Hollowood Senior Community Library Manager; Kevin Lee, Community Library Manager; Michele Krasowski, Librarian Specialist/Countywide Adults Services and Dougherty Station Library; Martinez Library; Megan Brown, Project Second Chance Manager, Tom Schween, Librarian.
- Promotions: Samantha Fithian, Administrative Services Analyst I has promoted to ASA III/Public Works.
- Retirements: Laura Seaholm, Project Second Chance Manager

FACILITIES
The Pleasant Hill Library building program and schematic design phases of the project will continue through summer 2018. Pleasant Hill City Council, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and Pleasant Hill Recreation and Parks finalizing agreements in July 2018.

The El Sobrante Library design is nearly completed. Construction will follow with a projected re-opening in spring 2019.

Update of Facility Refreshes scheduled for 2018:
In process:
- ANT – carpet, interior paint and meeting room furniture
- ESL – Complete gut, redesign and partial construction

Completed:
- CON – remodel public bathrooms
- ECL – carpet, interior paint and furniture
- KEN – interior paint and furniture (closed June 4-14)
- 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 installed

LEGISLATION / BUDGET

FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND FUNDING
FY 2019: House committee approves level funding for libraries
Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) funded. Under the bill, which originated from the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee, LSTA would receive $186.3 million for FY 2019 while IAL would receive $27 million.

**MLSA Reauthorization** - The Museum and Library Services Act of 2017 (S. 2271) has been introduced by Senators Jack Reed (D-RI), Susan Collins (R-ME), Thad Cochran (R-MS), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK). MLSA reauthorizes the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), showing congressional support for the federal agency. IMLS administers funding through the Library Services Technology Act (LSTA), the only federal program that exclusively covers services and funding for libraries.

**Net Neutrality** - This past December, the FCC voted to gut the net neutrality protections that limit the power of Internet Service Providers to slow websites, block mobile apps, or control the information we access.

**FDLP Modernization Act of 2018** - The bipartisan Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Modernization Act of 2018 (H.R. 5305) was introduced on March 15 following months of effort by the Committee on House Administration. The bill would modernize the FDLP and related programs that provide public access to government information. The FDLP Modernization Act was developed with input from the library community following a series of public hearings, in the Committee on House Administration in 2017, which included testimony from librarians. Prior to this process, it had been 20 years since Congress last held hearings or introduced legislation regarding the FDLP. You can learn more about the bill on District Dispatch.

**STATE LEGISLATION AND FUNDING**

GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNS 2018-19 BUDGET
On Wednesday, June 27, 2018, Governor Jerry Brown signed the 2018-19 State Budget. These items, included in the signed Budget, were part of the negotiation reached between CLA, the State Library, the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC), and the Governor’s Department of Finance:

- $2 million in one-time funding for broadband connection grants for public libraries to connect to the high-speed, broadband “backbone” operated by CENIC.
- $3 million in one-time funding to increase broadband capacity for libraries connected to CENIC that are in need of upgrading (e.g. from 1 gig to 10 gigs).
- $1.5 million in one-time funds for resource-sharing under CLSA (Intended to be earmarked for the Zip Books program and a program to digitally connect library catalogues.)
- $2.5 million in ongoing funding for family literacy.
- $500,000 for an E-rate coordinator position at the State Library, and to address Public Utility Commission imposed taxes and surcharges associated with the library membership in CENIC.

These items below are also included in this year’s 2018-19 Budget and were the result of requests by individual Assembliesmembers and Senators:

- $1 million in one-time funds for the “Lunch at the Library” program, which supports libraries in developing summer free-meal programs. “Funding will help libraries connect with meal sponsors and the USDA’s Summer Food Service Program and establish a free-meal program.”
• $1 million in one-time funds to support and expand the Career Online High School program.
• $1 million in one-time funds to support a two-year pilot project that will provide competitive
grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of establishing a student author book
publishing program. “The program would support 1,000 students from public housing
developments in writing short stories and publishing anthologies of the work.”
• $1 million in one-time funds to support completion of the Felton Library and Nature Discovery
Park.
• $500,000 in one-time funds to support operations of the Braille Institute Library in Los Angeles.

COUNTY BUDGET

• FY 2018-19 County Library Budget approved by Board of Supervisors: $32,567,684 (see
attached) http://agenda.cccounty.us/docs/2018/BOS/20180508_1100/33304_FY%202018-
19%20Recommended%20Budget%20for%20web.pdf

GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

Applications submitted since May 2018 for the following grants:

• $10,000 from the Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund to purchase new tables and chairs for the
children’s area of the Antioch Library
• $10,000 from California State Library to purchase bilingual and foreign language books.
• $10,000 from Keller Canyon Landfill Mitigation Fund to provide children’s books in Spanish for
the Pittsburg Library
• $100,000 from Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund to provide funds necessary to complete the
addition of restrooms to the Bay Point Library
• $329 one Silver iPad from the California State Library, designated for Project Second Chance
(PSC), the Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program, to use with learners and tutors.
• $11,661 in California Library Services Act funds for Link+

COMMUNITY OUTREACH / TRAINING

• Attended the Lafayette Library & Learning Center Foundation Annual Fundraising Event, June 2
• At the invitation of Commissioner Wilson, made a presentation about the Library to the Rotary
Club of Concord, June 15
• Attended the new Pleasant Hill Library Town Hall meeting on June 12. Participated in numerous
other planning, community engagement and design meetings with city and county agencies
• Participated in the El Sobrante Library restoration project discussions hosted by District 1
Supervisor John Gioia’ Office
• Serves as Vice-Chair to the Bay Area Library Information Systems; attended BALIS meeting in
Fremont, July 6
• Participated in the planning for the Bay Area Library Information System (BALIS) Advocacy
Breakfast on September 15

Respectfully submitted by Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian