MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 15, 2018
AGENDA ITEM #: 9.
ITEM: COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
No Action Required.
EVENTS TO CALENDAR:
  ➢ BCJ Architects Design Development Town Hall Meeting, Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill: Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm
  ➢ American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA: January 25-29, 2019
  ➢ American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC: June 20-25, 2019

PERSONNEL
New appointments and reassignments:
  • Noelle Burch, Community Library Manager; Martinez Library
  • Geneva Moss, Interim Senior Community Library Manager, Antioch and Prewett Libraries
  • Leah Coffin, Library Assistant-Journey Level – Librarian-Teen Services, San Ramon Library
  • Julia Wiswell, Librarian-Adult/Teen Services, Pittsburg/Bay Point Libraries
Promotions:
  • Rob Clima, Information Systems Supervisor, Automation
  • Stacie Deng, Senior Business Systems Analyst, Automation
  • Kim Ballie, Network Administrator I (TU)

FACILITIES
The new Brentwood Library celebrated its Grand Opening on Saturday, September 29, 2018. It’s estimated that over 5,000 people visited the library and joined in the festivities.

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 are moving forward with plans for site development including the design for a grand boulevard on Monticello Street.

The El Sobrante Library schematic design is nearly complete. Principal Architect ROBERT WEST in partnership with BRW ARCHITECTS and Project Manager David Ruiz, MS Commercial, Incorporated are working closely with CCC Public Works Department to design and construct the new El Sobrante Library for a projected opening in spring 2019.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND FUNDING
SCOTUS Ends Court Battle Over Obama’s Net Neutrality: The Supreme Court on Monday put an end to a legal battle over the Obama administration’s net neutrality rules, refusing to hear an appeal of a lower court ruling that upheld the 2015 regulations. While the Supreme Court’s order is a win for net neutrality supporters, the fight over how internet access will be regulated is still far from over. The FCC voted 3-2 along party lines last December to repeal the rules, a decision that is facing a separate challenge from net neutrality supporters before the D.C. Circuit. The repeal went into effect in June, and Monday’s order will have no immediate bearing on the current state of the rules. It leaves in place a high court ruling that the FCC has the authority to regulate broadband like a public utility. —The Hill
Read more here.
INITIATIVES
The *Project Equitable Access* initiative to eliminate overdue fines and revise the Fines and Charges Schedule Policy has been scheduled for a public hearing on December 11, 2018. With the support of the Library Commission, the Board of Supervisors will consider setting the December 11, 2018 public hearing at their November 6, 2018 meeting. Also on December 11, 2018, staff will be requesting that the Board of Supervisors consider discharging uncollectible debt for outstanding fines and charges for all accounts.

GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS
The following grants have been awarded since September 2018:

- $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
- $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+
- $15,000 from Pacific Library Partnership 2018-2019 PLP Grant, *Readers Initiative: Creating the Evocative Library*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH / TRAINING

- Participated in a *Creating a Respectful Workplace* workshop on October 30, 2018
- Attended the CCC & FirstNet Workshop hosted by County DoIT on October 24, 2018
- Kicked off our Annual Staff Development/Training Day on October 8, 2018
- Speaker at the grand opening of the new 22,000 sf Brentwood Library, designed by FOG Architects and Mark Davis Interior Design, opened on September 29, 2018
- On September 27, 2018 toured the new 22,000 sf San Mateo County Library/Half Moon Bay Library, designed by Noll & Tam Architects, opened on August 17, 2018
- Various meetings with the City of Pinole to discuss increasing open hours to 35 hours per week
- Various meetings with the City of Pleasant Hill to discuss the design and timeline for construction of the new Pleasant Hill Library

*Respectfully submitted by Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian*