CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 7

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2019
AGENDA ITEM #: 9
ITEM: COUNTY LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Commission members will receive a copy of the County Librarian’s Report.
INITIATIVES
The Project Equitable Access initiative to eliminate overdue fines and revisions to the Fines and Charges Schedule Policy was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 11, 2018. On December 18, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved discharging uncollectible debt for outstanding fines and charges for all accounts. We launched a public awareness campaign on January 2, 2019 that will continue for the next 6-12 mos. Already, in the first few weeks, over 500 overdue items have been returned and new and replacement library cards have been issued. Staff reports that the public is overjoyed, even tearful, that they and their families can now fully utilize the library once again.

FACILITIES
The Pleasant Hill Library building program and schematic design phases of the project will continue through summer 2019. 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 Pleasant Hill Library will relocate to a temporary library in August 2019 in preparation for the demolition of the former Library Administration/Pleasant Hill Library building. Site preparation and construction for the New Pleasant Hill Library will begin in September 2019. More information on the New Pleasant Hill Library Project may be found online at https://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/1226/Library-Project

The El Sobrante Library restoration project is under construction. In addition to Principal Architect DENNIS HUMPHRIES in partnership with BRW ARCHITECTS and Project Manager David Ruiz, MS Commercial, Inc., are working closely with CCC Public Works Department to design and construct the new El Sobrante Library for a projected opening in summer 2019. A significant change to the floorplan is the relocation of the meeting room to the opposite corner to allow for more natural light and to open the views of the park and amphitheater to library visitors. Other improvements include ADA compliant public restrooms near the front entrance, a larger children’s area and a new teen space. The public meeting room will be available during library open hours and county sponsored meetings/events. The redesigned El Sobrante Library Floor Plans are available for public viewing and comment in the Lobby of the San Pablo Library.

STATE LEGISLATION AND FUNDING
The CLA Legislative Committee has created a monthly advocacy plan. Each month there will be a new feature. February is the month for planning for Day in the District, which will be in March. Whereas there is no specific date in March/April to visit elected officials, CLA encourages California librarians and library advocates to show up in force in March to talk to their local, state, and federal electeds about the great work libraries are doing, invite them to an event or two, and talk about what resources libraries need to do more. Please see the handouts outlining Day in the District, tips for talking with legislators, engaging local support groups in the visits and legislative issues for 2019. Additional information may be found at https://www.cla-net.org/page/737

The State Legislature held hearings on Governor’s Newsom’s Budget in the last few weeks. Governor Newsom will also produce a “May Revision” of the State Budget in May, which will feature a more accurate revenue projection, taking into account April tax receipts. The Budget must be passed and sent to the Governor by June 15. CLA will provide updates as these issues progress through the legislative process. Website: https://www.cla-net.org/page/1094

PERSONNEL UPDATE
NEW APPOINTMENTS:
- Elaine Kociolek, Adult Literacy Program Manager, Project Second Chance

REASSIGNMENTS:
Lauren Boag, Library Assistant-Journey Level, Adult/Teen Services (20/40), Dougherty Station Library to Library Assistant-Journey Level, Teen Services (40/40), San Ramon Library

Rebekah Mraz, Clerk-Experienced Level (40/40), Children & Family Services, to Clerk-Senior Level (40/40) San Pablo Library,

Margaret Smith, Librarian – Youth Services (40/40), Ygnacio Valley Library to Librarian – Youth Services (32/40), Martinez Library

TEMPORARY UPGRADES:

Corrie Grimshaw, Library Assistant-Journey Level (P.I.), Public Services, to Library Assistant Advanced (40/40), Virtual Library, effective March 4, 2019

RETIREMENTS:

Robert Nelson, Library Assistant-Journey Level at Ygnacio Valley Library announced his retirement

COMMUNITY OUTREACH / TRAINING

Attended various meetings with the City of Pleasant Hill to discuss the design and timeline for construction of the new Pleasant Hill Library. Construction begins in early fall following the relocation to a temporary library in September.

EVENTS TO CALENDAR

- California Library Association Annual Conference, Pasadena, CA: October 24-26

GRANTS / DONATIONS / SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

We thank the many Friends, Foundations and other donors for their generous gifts to the Library.

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2019 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS (Pending approval of the Revised Library Commission Bylaws by the Board of Supervisors, the Library Commission will meet on the 3rd Thursday every other month beginning January 2019)

Thursday, January 17, 7-9pm at Library Administration, 777 Arnold Dr., Ste. 210 Martinez
Thursday, March 21, 7-9pm at the Concord Library, 2900 Salvio Street, Concord
Thursday, May 16, 7-9pm at the Concord Library, 2900 Salvio Street, Concord
Thursday, July 18, 7-9pm at the Brentwood Library, 35 Oak St., Brentwood
Thursday, September 19, 7-9pm at Library Administration, 777 Arnold Dr., Ste. 210, Martinez
Thursday, November 21, 7-9pm at Library Administration, 777 Arnold Dr., Ste. 210, Martinez

Respectfully submitted by Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian