CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 2

MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 25, 2014
AGENDA ITEM #: 8
ITEM: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commissioners or Library staff may make announcements regarding the Library Commission and Library or Friends group activities of interest to other Library Commission members.
An Evening of Mystery

Join us at the Walnut Creek Library to benefit Project Second Chance

Thursday, October 9, 2014 — Tickets $15
6 to 8pm (Will Call opens @ 5:45)

Interactive Author Panel includes:
• Cara Black
• Laurie R. King
• Terry Shames

Assorted Desserts Provided
Books for sale by Orinda Books
Raffle for Prizes

Tickets on Sale beginning September 2, 2014 — Seating is Limited!

Send a check payable to:
Project Second Chance, Inc.
1750 Oak Park Blvd, Pleasant Hill CA 94523

For payment by Credit Card:
Please call (510) 918-4768

All tickets will be held at Will Call
“No Shows” will be accepted as a donation to Project Second Chance (PSC)
For more information, call the PSC office at (925) 927-3250 or visit ccclib.org/psc

Project Second Chance is the Contra Costa County Library Adult Literacy Program that provides free one-on-one reading instruction to adults who are conversant in English through trained volunteer tutors.

Special thanks to our sponsor, Fremont Bank
The Friends of San Benito County Free Library hosted a workshop on Saturday, Aug. 23. The featured speaker was Alan B. Smith, library commissioner, District 4, in Concord and past president of the California Public Library Advocates (CPLA). Smith, a former vice president of Bank of America, is a member of the State of California Public Library Advisory Board for services to the Blind and Visually Impaired. He also serves on the BART Advisory Board for the disabled.

There were 10 Friends and guests in attendance.

Smith led an interactive workshop on communicating and promoting the value of the San Benito County Free Library and enhancing that value through advocacy for the library. The Friends learned:

- The role of the State of California Library in promoting literacy
- How to create a library community that serves abled and disabled community members alike
- The Friends' role in communicating the value of the library with our elected representatives.

The Friends enjoyed a luncheon and participated in a workshop to define the goals of the Friends of the Library.

**The 2014-2015 goals are:**

- Communicating library value more effectively with the public, our members and our elected representatives
- Improving community outreach by regularly updating the Friends web site and working to link to other community web sites
- Improving public service outreach by regularly preparing and delivering presentations to our elected representatives and schools
- Improving the Friends' internal effectiveness through ongoing work on volunteering descriptions and stewardship.

Smith's presentation was a great overview of libraries in California and our own literary and library needs in San Benito County. The Friends got a call to action and specific work to complete.

The next meeting of the Friends of the San Benito County Free Library is Sept. 22, 5:30-7 p.m. at 470 5th St. in Hollister.