



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 1, 2005
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Poulos called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Present: Chair Gerich, Vice Chair Poulos, Commissioners, Tucker, Thurber, Smith and Dr. Takle Quinn

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

Also Present: Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian; Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian; Danielle Madox, Friends of the Library; City Staff Liaison, Peggy Ford

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER TAKLE QUINN MOVED that the minutes of October 4, 2005 be approved. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TUCKER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

Two new librarians were hired. Los Altos Friends of the Library will host their annual Gift Book Sale on Saturday, November 12th in the Program Room of the Library. Children's Book Wee will be celebrated with a special after school program November 16th. Regular toddler, preschool and bedtime story times will take place all month long and special Thanksgiving story times are scheduled too. Adult programming will include a book discussion group led by Miriam Marr. The selected title is Snow Mountain Passage by James Houston. The Great Books and special art lecture program is scheduled for November 30th in the program Room. JPA approved expenditure of \$105,000 for Los Altos Library furniture. LALE has agreed to fund extra access points for Los Altos Library wireless network. The Los Altos Library now provides downloadable audio books.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

At their October meeting, the Santa Clara County Librarian Joint Powers Authority approved adding WiFi (wireless) access to all eight libraries. WiFi access will go live by spring 2006. the 2nd Annual Library Friends and Commissioners Forum will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2006 at the Library Administrative Offices in Los Gatos. All current and prospective Library Friends and Commissioners as well as JPA and other elected and appointed officials are welcome to attend. Silicon Valley Reads Program begins February 1, 2006 at the Heritage Theatre in Campbell. Books and Authors to be discusses are: *The Souvenir: A Daughter Discovers Her Father's War* by Louise Steinman and *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka. Santa Clara County Library is ranked #2 in the 2005 Hennen's American Public Library Ratings in the population category 250,000-499,999.

Dr. Karen Takle Quinn, LALE

An independent financial revue has been completed for proper notification of LALE Board member donations.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - Danielle Madox

Danielle Madox spoke regarding lack of space for book sale items. Commissioners held a brief discussion on space issues as well as ideas in order to create more space.

BUSINESS



CALTAC Training Discussion

Commissioners discussed at length new technology available for the County Library System, latest trends and databases available at other libraries surrounding Santa Clara County

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set December 6th Agenda

 **JOURNMENT** - Meeting  adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Peggy Ford, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission