



## LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

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### Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2010 5:30p.m.

Los Altos Main Library

13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

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### ROLL CALL

Commissioner Lai called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

Present: Chairperson Lai; Commissioners Struthers, Smith, Gerich, Poulos and Suelzle  
Absent: Commissioner Tucker

Also Present: Peggy Ford; City Staff Liaison, Paul Miller, Community Librarian; Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

### MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED that the minutes of December 1st, 2009 be approved with changes. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POULOS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### REPORTS

#### Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

In addition to In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan, Silicon Valley Reads has selected three companion books for children: Carrot Soup by John Segal, Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens and Seedfolks by Newbery Medal- winning author Paul Fleischman. Janet Stevens will be at the Saratoga Library on Feb. 2 at 7pm. The complete Silicon Valley Reads program guide is available at [www.siliconvalleyreads.org](http://www.siliconvalleyreads.org) with printed copies available at each library.

The Annual Library Friends and Commissioners Forum will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010 from 8:30am-12:30pm at the Santa Clara County Library Administration Offices. Keynote Speakers, Adam Gay and Sandra Swanson of OrangeBoy, Inc. will present survey findings and will be available for a more detailed discussion of community results during a breakout session.

Santa Clara County Library is the first library in the U.S. to offer Bibliocommons, a new catalog that allows users to contribute content as well as search for titles. One patron called to say that the Library graduated from infancy to a Ph.D.! Nearly 20,000 patrons have already registered as new users. Check it out at [www.santaclaracountylib.org](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org).

The next meeting of the Library JPA Board will be January 28 at 1:30pm at the Library Administration Offices, 14600 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos.

#### Paul Miller, Community Librarian

The Los Altos Library is working to upgrade its current network with fiber optics. Work should be completed by spring. The upgrade should increase wireless capacity too.

#### Friends of the Library

On going book sales have brought in \$11,005.00 with a total of 4200 books being sold. The Friends of the Library Book Cart has brought in \$1500.00 in 6 months time with 6800 outgoing books. There has been a loss of \$190.00 in lost or stolen books. The next book sale is scheduled for January 29, 30 and 31.

#### LALE

Elections for officers of the LALE Board of Directors took place in December with Bob Simon being re-elected as President, Kent Peterson as Vice President, and Dick Duhring as Treasurer. Kris Salmon was elected Secretary. Lenelle Smith and Pat Johnson were re-elected to 3-year terms as Directors on the LALE Board.

#### NCLA Report

At the last NCLA meeting language was approved for the parcel tax measure. The next meetings of NCLA are January 16 and February 10, 6pm at the Nuetra House.

## **BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

#### 1. Speaker, Andy Cammisa; Circulation – Los Altos Library

Mr.Cammisa spoke about circulation at the Los Altos Library. Technology helps keep up with circulation through RFID – Radio Frequency Identification and Chip check out. The Los Altos Library circulation department is well staffed with library staff and a large volunteer core as long as the technology keeps working properly. When the machinery breaks down, circulation slows down.

#### 2. Commissioner Attendance at Santa Clara County Joint Powers Authority meeting on January 28

Commissioners Poulos and Struthers will be in attendance.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Set February 2nd Meeting Agenda**

#### **ADJOURNMENT – 6:40p.m.**

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