



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 5th, 2010 5:30p.m.

Los Altos Main Library

13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Struthers called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

Present: Chairperson Struthers, Commissioners Smith, Gerich, Tucker, Poulos; Suelzle, and Perga

Absent:

Also Present: Peggy Ford; City Staff Liaison, Jane Cronkhite, Community Librarian

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER GERICH MOVED that the minutes of September 7th, 2010 be approved as is. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian (Report Provided by Jane Cronkhite)

The last installation of RFID equipment requires that the Cupertino Library close for 1-2 days on Oct. 25-26. This will complete an 18 month RFID implementation project to enhance the user experience when checking materials out of the Library. Self-service using RFID is fast, convenient and fun to use.

Tuesday, Oct. 5th, the Library participated in Snapshot Day, a program sponsored by the California Library Association (CLA) to collect usage data, photos, and patron testimonials. Snapshot Day will help CLA capture data to create a compelling picture of library services in California. The results, which will show how many people use California's libraries on a given day, will provide a critical and invaluable advocacy tool for us all. CLA will use the data to advocate with legislators at the state and local level, and to demonstrate the value and importance of libraries to California's citizens. We will also package the data so that you can use them in local advocacy efforts.

Silicon Valley Reads 2011 will kick-off on Wed., January 26th at the Campbell Heritage Theatre. ***The Year of Fog*** by Michelle Richmond is this year's Silicon Valley Reads book. A profoundly original novel of family, loss, and hope - of the choices we make and the choices made for us - **The Year of**

Fog beguiles with the mysteries of time and memory even as it lays bare the deep and wondrous workings of the human heart. The result is a mesmerizing tour de force that will touch anyone who knows what it means to love a child. Children's companion books include: ***Pouch!*** by David Ezra Stein, ***One*** by Kathryn Otoshi and ***Alabama Moon*** by Watt Key.

The next meeting of the Santa Clara County Library JPA Board will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 1:30pm at the Library Administration Offices, 14600 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos. JPA agendas and minutes will be posted on Friday, October 22, 2010.

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/about/jpa.html>

Jane Cronkhite – Community Librarian

Staff News: Los Altos welcomes Carolyn Bean to the Adult staff beginning October 5. Carolyn is filling in full time while Steve Fitzgerald is Acting SLAT at Cupertino.

Congratulations to Matt Lorenzo, the new P/T Adult librarian at the Woodland library. Matt will start by filling in on the Bookmobile until March.

- **Outreach and Events:**

Sarah Neeri, Jane Cronkhite, and Cathy May visited Egan and Blach Middle Schools on 9/22 and 9/29. 55 students signed up for library cards, as well as three teachers. Students were excited about the Jamba Juice and Mockingjay raffle incentives.

Los Altos and Woodland staff had Q&A sessions on September 23 and 28 with members of the Los Altos police force. They provided tips for dealing with mentally ill patrons and problem scenarios.

- **Children's Events:**

- **Tap Your Toes** Music & Movement, Tuesday 10/5, 3:30 pm
Toddlers, preschoolers, and big kids welcome!
- **Reading Buddies**, Saturday 10/9, 11 am. Grades K-5 are encouraged to come read to a dog. No sign up needed.
- **Observing Physics All Around You for Kids**, Wednesday 10/13, 4 pm.
For 3rd-5th grade: Learn about concepts like speed, mass, sound, rainbows, and more.
- **Fall Into a Good Book Club**, Wednesday 10/20, 4pm. Grades 4-6. Sign up and get a copy of your book at the Children's Desk.
- **Book Bugs!**, Thursday 10/21, 4 pm. Grades 2-3. Sign up and get a copy of your book at the Children's Desk.
- **Meet a Stormtrooper**, Saturday 10/23, 2 pm. Costumed characters will bring props for show and tell. All ages.
- **Fitness is Fun! With Jerome**, Wednesday 10/27, 3:30 pm.
- **Story times** continue at LA and WO.

- **Adult and Teen Events:**

- **Mystery Readers** discuss The Indian Bride on 10/6 at 6 pm
- The **Senior Book Club** discusses Let the Great World Spin on 10/14 at 1 pm at the Los Altos Senior Center

- **Great Books** meets 10/19 at 6 pm
- **Adults 50Plus** programs include “Is the Vegetarian Diet Right for Me?” on 10/4 and “Caring for Aging Parents” on 10/18, both at 2 pm.
- The League of Women Voters present **Water: A Public Policy and Environmental Dilemma** on 10/6 at 7 pm and a candidates debate with two candidates for the local water board on 10/16 at 3 pm.
- **Edible Landscaping**, cosponsored by Greentown Los Altos, is 10/12 at 7:30.
- The Post-Impressionist Masterpieces at the de Young **Art Lecture series** continues with “Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cezanne and Beyond” on 10/20, 10/27 and 11/1 at 7:30 pm.

Friends of the Library

Commissioner Poulos announced the upcoming Holiday Book Sale scheduled for November 20th, 2010 to take place at the Hillview Community Center in Hillview Hall and Room 2. The September Book Sale took in about \$18,700 in gross proceeds. The Friends of the Library have lost two long-term volunteers - Darlene Smith and Mary Jane Johnston.

Commissioner Smith, Los Altos Library Endowment

No report this month.

BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 1 Annual Report to Council – Finalize draft for joint meeting with City Council
Commissioners made corrections and changes to their annual report to Council in preparations for their Joint meeting on October 19th.
- 2 Los Altos Picnic – August 26th - Debrief
This year the picnic joined forces with the City’s Summer Concert Series and was the culminating event of the summer. The Community Librarian, Jane Cronkhite; Karen Dougherty, library clerk and Commissioners Poulos and Smith were present to provide library card applications and summer reading program information to any and all participants.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set November 2nd Meeting Agenda

ADJOURNMENT – 7:16p.m.

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