



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 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 Perga, Smith, Gerich, Poulos, Tucker and Suelzle

Absent:

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

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED that the minutes of December 7th, 2010 be approved with changes. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SUELZE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian, Reported by Jane Cronkhite

Complete Silicon Valley Reads program calendar is now available online at:

http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/services/silicon_valley_reads/svr2011.html

Author Michelle Richmond will be attending an event in person in each of the 7 cities with Santa Clara County Library locations.

A staff work group called the Strategic Action Steering Group has been studying and discussing the final report of the Library's strategic plan research. The final report will be made available online during the month of January, and several focused staff work groups are being developed to develop specific initiatives:

- Family Reading (Those Who Read Together and Kids' Sake clusters)
- Outreach Tools and Techniques for reaching potential users in every community
- Services for residents 25-44 (The Borrowers and Free Agents clusters)

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Santa Clara County Library JPA Board will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2010 at 1:30pm at the Library Administration Offices, 14600 Winchester

Blvd., Los Gatos. JPA agendas and minutes will be posted on Friday, January 21, 2010.
<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/about/jpa.html>

Other upcoming dates:

- Wed., Jan. 26, 2011: Silicon Valley Reads author Michelle Richmond will be interviewed by Mike Cassidy of the Mercury News at the Campbell Heritage Theatre
- Fri., Jan. 28, 2011 and Fri., Feb. 4, 2011: California Library Association Legislative Day in the District meetings
- Sat., Feb. 5, 2011, 8:30-12:30: Santa Clara County Library Friends and Commissioners Forum at SCCL Administrative Offices, Los Gatos
- Sat., Feb. 26, 2011: Spring California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC) Workshop at the Milpitas Library

Jane Cronkhite, Community Librarian

Library News: For some, the end of the year is a time of quiet reflection. Not us at the Los Altos Library! We have been planning a collection shift for months, and it has finally begun. On December 29 we swapped the DVD collection location with the new book, bestseller and magazine location. The DVDs have more room and are easier to browse. The new books and bestsellers are in a prominent location near the self-check machines. In addition, shelving from the staff area was removed for cart parking and more space. The space feels brand new!

Thanks to the hard working Los Altos pages for their shifting, and Andy Cammisa and Cynthia Wilson for their work on the project. Thanks to Ross McDonald for the heavy lifting, Howard Hom and Christi Berger for helping to coordinate, and to the Cupertino Library for donating shelves.

As Co-Chair of the County Library's Strategic Action Steering Group, I look forward to sharing with the Commission the group's recommendations beginning next month. Our recommendations are based on the Library research report and focus our efforts on reaching current non-library users in the service area.

Children's Events:

Reading Buddies, Sat. 1/08, 11 am. Grades K-5 are encouraged to come read to a dog. No sign up needed.

Afternoon Family Movie, Sat. 1/08, 2 pm.

In this animated feature, Shrek suddenly finds himself in an alternate version of Far Far Away, where ogres are hunted, Rumpelstiltskin is king, and Shrek and Fiona have never met!

Adventures in Art, Fri. 1/14, 10:30 am. Ages 3-5 are invited to Adventures in Art presented by The Community School of Music and Arts. Come join the fun!

Behind the Scenes, Wed. 1/19, 4 pm. Follow a book from check in to check out! We will meet in the Children's Room and take a tour of the library. For preschool and school age children.

Jazzercise with Jerome, Wed. 1/26, 3:30 pm. Dance, move, stretch and enjoy the music! All ages.

The Year of the Rabbit, Sat. 1/29, 10:30 am. Celebrate Chinese New Year with an introduction to Chinese instruments such as the Sheng, Dizi, Zheng, Pipa, Yangqin, and the Erhu! All ages welcome.

Adult and Teen Events:

Whodunit? Mystery Readers Group meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Group Study Room.

Small Business series, Tues. 1/11 and 1/19, 7 pm. Especially for the budding entrepreneur, this series covers Exploring Careers in Franchise Ownership, Marketing Research, Clarifying Your Entrepreneurial Vision, Small Business Ownership- What Business Is Right for Me?

World Affairs Council, Wed. 1/12, 7:30 at the Youth Center. Dr. Erica Weinrich, M.D., Founder of the Global Health Research Foundation, presents “Integrating Technology and Cultural Understanding to Improve the Health of Underserved Populations”

Tips and Tricks for Searching the Catalog, Sat. 1/15, 9 am. Learn how to search for library materials, place holds and renew, add reviews, ratings, tags and lists to the catalog.

Senior Book Club, Thurs. 1/20 1 pm in the Senior Center Room 12. This month we discuss The Year of Fog by Michelle Richmond.

Master Gardeners, Tues. 1/25, 7:30 pm. Now is the perfect time to plant fruit trees. Learn the recommended way to plant them!

Art Lecture: Ansel Adams, Wed. 1/26, 7:30 pm. Explore the man who photographed the west with lecturer Kaye Payne.

Job Search Tips for the Mature Worker, Wed. 2/2, 7 pm. Presented by NOVA, a full service connection to job search assistance, business services, training and labor market information.

Facility: Los Altos and Woodland both updated their fire extinguishers.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the library will have four major book sales per year now – February, May, September and November.

LALE

Jim Lai was elected to the LALE Board. LALE has adopted a new vision statement having to do with what distinguishes LALE from other fundraising organizations.

BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 1 Discuss Increase of Outreach to Community
The Community Library will be working with the Commission to look for continued ways to create more outreach opportunities to the community. There is a new plan coming via the strategic plan. This will be a continuing item on the Library Commission Agenda.
- 2 Traffic Sub Committee Report to Commission – Commissioners: Perga, Suelzle and Poulos
Nothing new to report, but will be observing Parking Lots of the Civic center and taking notes.

- 3 Schedule for Council meeting Attendance for commissioners 2011/2012
Reviewed the schedule and determined what to do if Commissioners could not attend meetings. It is appropriate to ask another commissioner to attend in his/her place.
- 4 Letter to Governor-elect Gerry Brown Regarding State Funding for Libraries
Find out if permission is needed from Council to send a letter to the Governor voicing support for the Los Altos Library.
- 5 Annual Report to Council – Date Change to April
The Commission has planned a special meeting for March 15th to address the Annual Report. Commissioners Poulos, Suelzle and Struthers will write the report for April as a sub committee. The commission will meet at the special meeting in March to review the report and prepare it for the Council packet.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Set February 1st Meeting Agenda

ADJOURNMENT – 6:52p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by
Peggy Ford, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission