



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 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 5:35pm

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

Absent:

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

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED that the minutes of February 1st, 2011 be approved with corrections. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SUELZLE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

The Spring California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC) held its *Spring 2011 CALTAC Workshop* at the Milpitas Library on Saturday, February 26, 2011.

The Annual Library Friends and Commissioners Forum was held on Saturday, March 5. This proved to be a wonderful advocacy, networking and learning opportunity for all Santa Clara County Library support groups.

State Budget Update.

At the January meeting, the Library JPA Board held a public hearing to consider the purchase of real property, accepted staff reports on CLA Legislative Committee activities, projected State Budget impacts on Library revenues/resource sharing and the **Library Technology Improvement and Replacement Plan**. In February, the JPA accepted the Annual Audit and Five-Year Forecast reports.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Santa Clara County Library JPA Board will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 1:30pm at the Library Administration Offices, 14600 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos. JPA agendas and minutes were posted on Friday, April 19, 2011.

Jane Cronkhite – Community Librarian

Staff News: Los Altos welcomes Shoshana Francis from the Milpitas Library as our new librarian beginning March 7. We are excited to have her as part of the team! Thank you to all the outstanding candidates who interviewed.

Notable Events:

Jazzercise with Jerome continues to be a popular program. In February, 70 adults and children participated in this monthly family program.

St. Nicholas' kindergarten class visited the library on February 15 for a story time and a "behind the scenes" look at the automated materials handling system.

Cynthia Wilson ran the *Los Altos Community Reads* book discussion in partnership with the Los Altos History Museum. The selection was Life on Two Levels, the autobiography of Josephine Duveneck.

The library continues a shelving and shifting project, as furniture generously donated by the Friends of the Los Altos Library was delivered in February. The furniture will be used to showcase the Friends of the Library best sellers and new books in the library's front hall and to shelve our CD collection in one space for easy browsing.

Advocacy: Thank you to Commissioners Nancy Tucker and Darwin Poulos for their participation in Day in the District. Along with Jane Cronkhite and area library staff and supporters, they met with Assemblymembers Paul Fong and Rich Gordon to voice concerns about proposed State library cuts.

Thank you to the many Los Altos Library supporters who have written letters and made calls to legislators regarding State library funding.

Children's Events:

Reading Buddies, Sat. 3/12, 11 am. Grades K-5 is encouraged to come read to a dog. No sign up needed.

Afternoon Family Movie, Sat. 3/12, 2 pm.

In this animated feature, Gru is planning the biggest heist- to steal the moon! Can three orphaned girls stand in his way?

Irish Dancing, Wed. 3/16, 4 pm. Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with the Golden School of Irish Dancing. Director Maureen Golden will demonstrate traditional Irish dances and show off beautiful Irish costumes! All ages.

Fall Into a Good Book Club, Wed. 3/16, 4 pm. Read Savvy by Ingrid Law and discuss the book. For 4-6 grade.

Book Bug Club, Thurs. 3/17, 4 pm. Read Anna Marie's Gift by Janice Shefelman and discuss the book. For 2-3 grade.

Adventures in Art, Mon. 3/28, 10:30 am. The Community School of Music and Arts presents this spring program. Join the fun! For ages 2-4.

Jazzercise with Jerome, Wed. 3/30, 3:30 pm. Dance, move, stretch and enjoy the music! Come prepared to get fit! All ages.

Baby Lapsit Series from Fridays, March 4-April 15 at 11:30. For non-walkers.

Story Times continue at Los Altos and Woodland.

Adult and Teen Programs:

Los Altos Community Reads Tues. 3/1, 2 pm. Life on Two Levels by Josephine Duveneck.

Mystery Readers Book Group Wed. 3/2, 10:15 am. Read and discuss Angel's Flight by Michael Connelly.

Great Decisions series Mon. 3/7, 1 pm. "Responding to Financial Crisis."

What It Really Takes to Get Into Great Colleges, Wed. 3/9, 7 pm. Parent and high school student informational session on what colleges look for in prospective students and how to reduce the stress of the admissions process.

Great Decisions series Mon 3/14, 1 pm. "Germany Ascendant."

Great Books Club, Tues 3/15, 6 pm.

World Affairs Council, Wed. 3/16, 7:30 pm.

Senior Book Club, Thurs. 3/17, 1 pm. Read and discuss Devil in the White City by Erik Larson.

Art Lecture series, Wed. 3/23, 7:30 pm. Join us for a discussion of women artists.

Great Decisions series Mon 3/28, 1 pm. "The Caucasus."

Master Gardener series, Tues 3/29, 7:30 pm. Discuss the basic steps for the first year of vegetable gardening.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library February book sale made \$17,500 in gross sales.

BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Los Altos Library Endowment Report – Bob Simon

Bob reported that "LALE has determined to support four of the library priorities listed in the Library Commission's last annual report to the City Council and the attached prioritization report:

- 1) Take advantage of County Library's health and wellness program: with the Library, LALE is exploring use of the PlaneTree Health Library;
- 2) Library brochure: pay for design and printing of a directory/brochure;
- 3) Outreach: pay for publication of calendar of library events monthly in the Town Crier;
- 4) Facilitate use of library computers: pay for printing of instructions for common computer tasks

Traffic Sub Committee Report to Commission – Commissioners: Perga, Suelzle and Poulos

The traffic report, prepared by the sub committee will be given to the Traffic Commission no later than March 15th, so that the Traffic Commission can review it and give recommendations to the City Council. The sub committee's report will also be attached to the annual report to Council for April's joint meeting.

Follow-up on Letters to Local Representatives Regarding Library Funding

Commissioners discussed how they reached out to local representatives regarding library funding, responses they received, and other forums to voice concerns regarding potential state budget cuts.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED that Commissioner Suelzle be elected as Chair Person of the Library Commission and that Commissioner Perga be elected Vice Chairperson of the Library Commission. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TUCKER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Annual Report to Council

Commissioners reviewed their report to Council and made corrections/changes in preparation for their annual joint meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set April 5th Meeting Agenda

ADJOURNMENT – 6:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Peggy Ford, Senior Recreation Supervisor

Liaison to the Library Commission