



## LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

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### Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2011 5:30p.m.

Los Altos Main Library

13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

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### ROLL CALL

Commissioner Suelzle called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

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

Absent: Commissioner Struthers

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

### MINUTES

COMMISSIONER TUCKER MOVED that the minutes of March 1, 2011 be approved as is. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERGA AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### REPORTS

#### Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian – Submitted by Jane Cronkhite

The Santa Clara County Library has submitted four ULC Innovations Initiative Award applications in the areas of operations, user experience, organizational change and strategic planning, and positioning the library. 2011 Top Innovators will be contacted in late May and recognized at the ULC Annual Conference in New Orleans on June 25, 2011.

The California Library Association, along with other library advocates, will come together **Wednesday, May 18, 2011** at the State Capitol in Sacramento for the 2011 Legislative Day. The proposed 2011-2012 California budget eliminating \$30.4 in state funding of library programs. CLA recently fought to retain \$15 million in funding for public libraries, ultimately saving the CLSA, the PLF, and the literacy program from elimination.

Please join librarians and library supporters at the Stanford Park Hotel in Menlo Park for the Pacific Library Partnership Legislative Breakfast on **Saturday, May 21, 2011** at 9:00am. Senator Joe Simitian will be the Keynote Speaker and will honor Melinda Cervantes with a proclamation as the 11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, “Woman of the Year.”

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 will be posted on Friday, April 22, 2011.

#### Jane Cronkhite, Community Librarian

**Staff News:** We bid a fond farewell to Karen Black from the Woodland Library, who is retiring after a remarkable 35 years of service. Karen began working at Woodland shortly after it opened in 1976. Karen is very dedicated to the library and provided top-notch service to all ages throughout many changes. She is a valued member of the Los

Altos and Woodland team and we will miss her greatly. Karen, we wish you the best and thank you for your service!

### **Notable Events:**

The multifunctional device printers were installed at Los Altos and Woodland in March and has been going very well for the most part.

The Los Altos Library Endowment sponsored a very successful talk on “The Pleasures of Reading” by author and editor Lewis Lapham on Friday, March 25. The event was standing room only, and Mr. Lapham sold and signed many copies of his Lapham’s Quarterly for fans.

Jane met with James Walgren about the Los Altos Community Master Plan. The City is planning a survey to gauge voter support for Phase 1 of the plan, which could go on the ballot in November.

The Town Crier is writing a feature on the Friends of the Library that will be published next week. I would like to thank the Friends for their 50+ years of volunteerism and support for the Library. It is an honor and a pleasure to have such an amazing, hardworking group dedicated to the success of the Library.

### **Children’s Events:**

**Baby Lapsit Series** from Fridays, April 8 & April 15 at 11:30. For non-walkers.

**Reading Buddies**, Sat 4/9, 11 am. Children in grades K-5 are encouraged to come read to a dog! It is offered on a drop-in basis, so no registration is required.

**Afternoon Family Movie**, Sat. 4/9, 2 pm.

Everyone’s favorite talking Chihuahuas are back in this comedy that’s fun for the whole family.

**Fairies and Superheroes**, Wed 4/20, 3:30 pm. For preschoolers and K and up.

**Spring Into a Good Book Club**, Wed. 4/20, 4 pm. Read and discuss Scumble by Ingrid Law. For 4-6 grade.

**Book Bugs Club**, Thurs. 4/21, 4 pm. Read Buddy’s Files: The Case of the Lost Boy by Dori Hillestad Butler and discuss the book. For 2-3 grade.

**Jazzercise with Jerome**, Wed 4/27, 3:30 pm. Join Jerome Flowers and move, dance, stretch, and enjoy the music!

**Story Times continue at Los Altos and Woodland.**

### **Adult and Teen Programs:**

**Great Decisions series** Mon. 4/4, 1 pm. “Multi-Nationalism.”

**Whodunit? Mystery Readers Group**, Wed 4/6, 10:15 am. Read and discuss The Forgery of Venus by Michael Gruber.

**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 4/11, 1 pm. “Nuclear Tipping Point: Responding to the Warning.”

**Speaking Volumes**, Friday 4/15, 4:30 pm. Join us for the annual author event sponsored by the Los Altos Library Endowment. Our speaker will be Skip Horack, author of The Eden Hunter and a lecturer in Stanford’s Creative Writing Program.

**Great Books Club**, Tues 4/19, 6 pm.

**Los Altos Senior Book Club**, Thurs 4/21, 1 pm. Read and discuss Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese.

**Master Gardeners**, Tues 4/26, 7:30 pm. Start your own seeds for your summer vegetable garden.

**Beautiful Water Saving Lawn Care and Replacement**, Wed 4/27, 7:30 pm. Learn earth-friendly ways to manage the grass in your yard and what to consider when replacing turf with native plants.

**Facilities:** The Los Altos reference desk remodel and carpet replacement design process has begun with consultant Melissa Salamoff and is going very well so far.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library has received a large amount of donations recently and has made \$600-\$700 in on going book sales. It was also noted that the Friends of the Library would be featured in an upcoming issue of the Los Altos Town Crier.

Commissioner Smith, Los Altos Library Endowment and North County Library Authority Report

Speaking Volumes will take place on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Prize winning author, Skip Horack will be the featured author speaking this year. The event will take place at the Los Altos Main Library in the Program room 4:30-6pm. Patricia Lorenzo will attend the Next LALE meeting to support The Teaching Company. NCLA's next meeting will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Follow-up on Letters to Local Representatives Regarding Library Funding

This item will be discussed further at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Library Commission Meeting

Follow-up on report to traffic Commission- Commissioners Perga, Suelzle and Poulos

Commissioner Poulos attended the most recent Traffic Commission meeting to discuss findings from his report to the Commission and ways to mitigate traffic flow and parking problems in the Main Library parking lot. The Traffic Commission agreed with the Library Commission's findings listed in the report.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Set May 3rd Meeting Agenda**

**ADJOURNMENT – 6:12 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Peggy Ford, Senior Recreation Supervisor

Liaison to the Library Commission