



## LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 5:30p.m.

Los Altos Main Library

13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

### ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent:

Also Present: Peggy Ford, City Staff Liaison; Jane Cronkhite, Community Librarian and Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian; Ida Cohen, Friends of the Library

### MINUTES

COMMISSIONER PERGA MOVED that the minutes of April 5th, 2011 be approved as is. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POULOS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### REPORTS

#### Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

In response to reductions in state and local funding and an increasing demand for library services, on April 28th the Santa Clara County Library District Joint Powers Authority approved an \$80 annual library card fee for non-residents of the District, effective July 1, 2011.

The Pacific Library Partnership & System Advisory Board Breakfast, "Celebrating Library Advocacy" will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Stanford Park Hotel, Menlo Park. Keynote speaker will be Deborah Doyle, Chair, California Library Association Legislative Committee. Seating is limited. To register contact Kathy Krause at [krause@plsinfo.org](mailto:krause@plsinfo.org).

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Santa Clara County Library JPA Board will be held on **Thursday, June 2, 2011** at 1:30pm at the Library Administration Offices, 14600 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos. JPA agendas and minutes will be posted on the Library website the Friday before each meeting. [www.santaclaracountylib.org](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org)

#### Jane Cronkhite, Community Librarian

#### **Notable Events:**

Thank you to the Friends of the Los Altos Library and Community for the 16 new CD cases. Thank you also to "Handy" Andy Cammisa and "Super" Steve Stewart, who assembled and installed the CD cases. You guys rock!

Congratulations to the Friends for their cover feature in the Town Crier on April 5!

The Los Altos Library Endowment held "Speaking Volumes," featuring Skip Horack, on April 15, which was well received. Thank you to LALE, who purchased a new lectern microphone for the Library in April.

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All-staff meetings were held at Los Altos and Woodland on April 27 to discuss budget updates with Melinda, Derek, and Nancy.

Matt Lorenzo and Cheryl Chelemer have been making collection and display changes at Woodland, including weeding, adding core and classic titles to the teen collection, and making room in the J collection. They are planning new programs and outreach for upcoming months.

Jane met with City Councilmember and JPA Board member Val Carpenter in April regarding how the library can be active in the community and shared the Strategic Plan survey results.

### **Children's Events:**

**Happy Birds**, Wed 5/4, 3:30 pm. Happy Birds return with a delightfully fun performance featuring six parrots that love to show off! Children K and up.

**Reading Buddies**, Sat 5/14, 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.  
Families are welcome!

**Spring Into a Good Book Club**, Wed. 5/18, 4 pm. We will discuss Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos, available at the Children's Reference Desk. For 4-6 grade.

**Book Bugs Club**, Thurs. 5/19, 4 pm. For 2-3 grade.

**Jazzercise with Jerome**, Wed 5/25, 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:**

**Whodunit? Mystery Readers Group**, Wed 5/4, 10:15 am. Read and discuss Still Life by Louise Penny.

**World Affairs Council**, Wed. 5/4, 7:30 pm. "The Arctic: Homeland or Frontier?"

**Great Books Club**, Tues 5/17, 6 pm.

**Los Altos Senior Book Club**, Thurs 5/19, 1 pm. Read and discuss I'm a Stranger Here Myself by Bill Bryson.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**, Fri 5/20-Sun 5/22. Preview for members only on Friday at 6:30.

**Master Gardeners**, Tues, 5/31, 7:30 pm. Turn kitchen scraps into plant fertilizer with the help of worms.

**Facilities:** The Los Altos adult reference desk remodel, carpet and paint plans continue to progress well.

### **Ida Cohen - Friends of the Library**

On May 20, 21 and 22nd, the Friends of the Library will have a book sale at the Hillview Community Center. Books have been disappearing from the ongoing book sales section as well as the book cart. 300 books total have been lost over the month of April. Other Friends organizations at other County Libraries report similar losses.

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

The Community Librarian, Jane Cronkhite will give a tour of the Library to the LALE Board. The next meeting of NCLA will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm at the Neutra House.

## **BUSINESS**

## **DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### Follow-up on Letters to Local Representatives Regarding Library Funding

Continue to report on this item in future meetings. Commissioners should also continue to do what they can to enlist help of local representatives for the cause of library funding.

### Follow-up on Annual Meeting with Council

Peggy Ford, City Staff Liaison will follow up with City Manager regarding next steps for Library Traffic Report and report back at the June Library Commission meeting.

### Follow up on Joint Powers Authority Meeting

At the April 28 JPA meeting the Board voted unanimously to implement a non-resident fee. Commissioners and Library staff discussed at length the depth of consequence and decrease of circulation when the non-resident fee is put into operation come July 1st. Members of the public also commented about their concern for the non-resident fee; these were: Elayne Dauber and Pat Johnson. Jim Lai was also in attendance, but declined to speak.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Set June 7th Meeting Agenda**

## **ADJOURNMENT – 7:20 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Peggy Ford, Senior Recreation Supervisor

Liaison to the Library Commission