



## LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 5:30p.m.  
Hillview Community Center Room 2  
97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022

### ROLL CALL

Commissioner Suelzle called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

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

Also Present: Peggy Ford, City Staff Liaison; Jill Lakstigala, Children's Supervising Librarian and Derek Wolfgram, Deputy County Librarian; Ida Cohen, Friends of the Library; Karen Duncan' Prime Time Project

### MINUTES

1. COMMISSIONER PERGA MOVED that the minutes of the October 4, 2011 Library Commission meeting, be approved as is. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRUTHERS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### BUSINESS

### DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

2. Discuss What Library Commission's role is concerning governance of Los Altos Library  
The Commission discussed latest JPA meeting in which Library Governance was discussed with regard to Mayor Ron Packard's and Jean Mordo's letter to the JPA. The JPA has given guidance to the County Librarian to respond to both mayors.
3. Review Copy of Thank You Letter to City Council  
Commissioner Suelzle submitted a copy of the letter she wrote to Council members in appreciation of action taken regarding Library traffic concerns. There was unanimous approval to submit the letter with minor modifications.

### REPORTS

Derek Wolfgram, Deputy County Librarian Reported for Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian  
Provided monthly report of County Library happenings

Jill Lakstigala, Children's Supervising Librarian, Reported for Jane Cronkhite, Community Librarian

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Provided monthly report regarding Los Altos Library events and programs

Friends of the Library

Ida Cohen of Friends of the Library reported that the dates for the November Library book are November 11, 12 and 13.

The Prime Time Project, Karen Duncan

Karen Duncan reported on the status of the study of library governance by the Prime time Project and agreed to attend the December 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 meeting of the commission to report on the Prime Time Project's findings.

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

LALE is funding the way finding signage at the library and library staff continues to work with Wendy Welsler to create signage.

There is no report on NCLA – next meeting is to take place on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Set December 6th Meeting Agenda**

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:26p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Peggy Ford, Senior Recreation Supervisor

Liaison to the Library Commission

November 2011: Los Altos & Woodland Libraries, Jane Cronkhite

## Los Altos Library Renovations Sort Room & Children's Room: Before and After



The Los Altos Library reopened on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> after a week of renovations that included new carpet and paint, linoleum and sound proofing in the staff area, furniture remodeling, and improved cabling of public computers. The Los Altos and Woodland staff did an extraordinary job of preparations and continuing library services at Woodland throughout the closure. Many staff from headquarters was of incredible assistance as well. A couple of products are on back order but will not require further closure. A celebration will be held when final renovations are completed.

**October Highlights:** Story time continues to grow at Woodland with new faces and families. Baby Lapsit with Stay and Play is scheduled to begin Mondays at 1:15 in late November or early December.

Matt Lorenzo is working with Los Altos High School students on a collaborative art project using repurposed damaged and discarded library books.

Nick Clayton's Facebook 101 program was a huge hit in October, with 50 people in attendance. The program will be part of a Social Media program series.

The library's collaborative program with the Los Altos Recreation Department, Light Sabre Basics, was a success, with 97 children and adults in attendance.

The "Shaped by Water" art exhibit in collaboration with the Los Altos History Museum opens November 1 at the Los Altos Library. Please visit the fantastic and informative exhibit at the Museum as well.

**Los Altos Library Endowment:** LALE approved a proposal to install an internal public wayfinding program designed by Wendy Wilsher. LALE Board Chair Bob Simon will serve with Los Altos Adcore and Derek Wolfgram on the client team, and a LALE Advisory Group

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

**Reading Buddies**, Sat 11/12, 11 am, grades K-5. Come read to a dog or cat. No registration required.

**Afternoon Family Movie**, Sat 11/12, 2 pm. Join Disney's irresistible talking puppies as they save the world from Warlock the Magician in this Halloween movie!

**Jazzercise with Jerome**, Wed 11/16, 3:30 pm

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

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

**Art Series: A Day in the Life of the Renaissance**, Tues 11/1, 7:30 pm.

**Whodunit? Mystery Readers Group**, Wed 11/2:15 am. Read and discuss The Likeness.

**Woodside Native Plant Garden: A 20 year Perspective**, Wed 11/2, 7 pm.

**The Vision 21 Book Club**, Mon 11/7, 7:30 pm. Discussing iCon: Steve Jobs: The Second Greatest Act in the History of Business. This book club discusses how business, technology and science interact in our world and change the planet.

**Reflections on Water: Multimedia Art Exhibit Reception**, Tues 11/8, 6:30 pm

**Art Series: Pissaro's People**, Wed 11/9, 7:30

**Facebook 101**, Tues 11/15, 2 pm.

**Flickr 101**, Tues 11/22, 2 pm.

**Los Altos Senior Book Club**, Thurs 11/10, 1 pm.

**World Affairs Council**, Wed 11/30, 7:30 pm. Pakistan and Afghanistan: Where We Are Now & The Road Ahead.

Library Commissioners Report  
Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian  
Santa Clara County Library  
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- ✚ The Library has greatly expanded our electronic book collection with the recent addition of Kindle eBooks. In September, Overdrive and Amazon launched Kindle compatibility to approximately 11,000 United States public and school libraries in its network. On a related note, circulation of eBooks for children and adults increased by well over 1,000 percent from 2008 to 2010.
- ✚ The Santa Clara County Library JPA Board discussed several aspects of the non-District resident library card fee at their October meeting, including concerns expressed in letters from Los Altos and Los Altos Hills city councils. At the next meeting of the Library JPA Board on January 26, 2012 at 1:30pm at the Library Administration Offices, 14600 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos, staff will present recommendations to:
  - provide free WiFi services to all visitors
  - establish a fee for daily use of the Library's networked computers
  - exempt Library volunteers who meet certain eligibility guidelines from paying the non-District resident fee
  - review the funding formula in the JPA Agreement, which received its last comprehensive review in 2001JPA agendas and minutes will be posted on the Library website the Friday before each meeting. [www.santaclaracountylib.org](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org)
- ✚ Administrative Services Manager Gay Strand will be retiring effective December 2 after thirteen years of service to the Library. A recruitment for her successor will be initiated very soon.
- ✚ During the past two months, both Campbell and Los Altos libraries have undergone renovations to update furniture, enhance computer and electrical wiring, install new carpeting, and paint interior walls.
- ✚ Over the summer, the Library implemented online credit and debit card payment of fines and fees, which has been very well-received. Over the next several months, SCCL will also be installing cash/credit/debit self-payment stations in each library.
- ✚ At the California Library Association's (CLA) Annual Conference in Pasadena on November 11-13, Patricia Lorenzo, the Santa Clara County Library Service Manager for Outreach and Public Awareness, will receive the prestigious Outstanding Librarian in Support of Literacy Award for her work managing The Reading Program. In addition, at the same conference, Deputy County Librarian Derek Wolfgram will be sworn in as Vice President/President-Elect of CLA.

↓ Silicon Valley Reads celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012 kicking off on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Campbell Heritage Theater in Campbell. Two authors, Sumbul Ali-Karamali and G. Willow Wilson, whose books on what it is like to be both Muslim and American have been selected for Silicon Valley Reads 2012, the regional program that asks everyone in Santa Clara County to read the same books, at the same time, and talk about them. Santa Clara County Library is one of three co-sponsors along with the San Jose Public Library Foundation and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

*The Muslim Next Door* by Sumbul Ali-Karamali and *The Butterfly Mosque* by G. Willow Wilson present two perspectives on their experiences as young American women who are also Muslim. Their stories provide insight into Islam including misconceptions about the faith and cultural traditions.

Silicon Valley Reads companion books for younger readers are: *It's OK to Be Different*, a picture book by Todd Parr, *One Green Apple* by Eve Bunting (K-2), *My Name is Bilal* by Asma Mobin-Uddin (grades 3-6) and *Skunk Girl* by Sheba Karim (grades 7 and up).