



## LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 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 5:31pm

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

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

### MINUTES

1. COMMISSIONER HILL MOVED that the minutes of the August 2nd, 2011 be approved as is. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POULOS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.
2. COMMISSIONER PERGA MOVED that the minutes of the special meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 be approved as is. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRUTHERS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### REPORTS

#### Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Provided monthly report of County Library happenings

#### Jane Cronkhite, Community Librarian

Provided monthly report regarding Los Altos Library events and programs

#### Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library netted \$13,401 from the August book sale. The Friends of the Library boasts a membership of 670 members currently.

#### 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 is working with Wendy Welsher to create signage. Also, LALE is looking into the possibility of joining the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

There is no report on NCLA

**BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- 3 Progress on Current Goals and future Goals  
Commissioners discussed progress on current year's goals.
- 4 E Books Presentation  
Librarian, Shoshana Francis reported to the Commission on E Books and how to access them through the County Library Website.
- 5 Library Traffic Follow up  
Library Commission Liaison, Peggy Ford reported to the Commission that the Library Traffic Report was going before Council at the September 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Commissioners Suelzle and Hill will attend and report back findings at the October meeting.
- 6 Commissioner Photos for Display in Library  
Deferred to October 4th meeting
- 7 Discuss Research of Pros and Cons of JPA Membership vs. City Management  
Discussed Pros and Cons of JPA Membership vs. City management. No action was taken. Continued discussion to October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Set October 4th Meeting Agenda

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:26p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Peggy Ford, Senior Recreation Supervisor  
Liaison to the Library Commission

**Library Commission Report September 2011:  
Los Altos & Woodland Libraries, Jane Cronkhite**

**News:** The Los Altos Library welcomes Raul Duran as our new janitor. Raul began August 21. We are excited to have him as part of the staff. We are also grateful for the excellent service provided by Adrian, Enrique and Benjamin from Atlantic Janitorial for the past several months.

Shelving for the new books and bestsellers was installed on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The shelves were purchased by the Friends of the Library. We have received several compliments on the new shelves already.

An all staff meeting was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We discussed the upcoming library closure in October and providing excellent customer service to the public.

The Los Altos Library will be closed Friday, October 7 and Wednesday Oct 19- Wednesday Oct 26 for repairs and remodeling. The Woodland Library will be open extended hours during the Los Altos Library closure. Flyers about the closure are available, and notices are going to the media, schools, city agencies, and area libraries this week.

Sarah Neeri is continuing to identify eligible volunteers in the community to serve as computer tutors. She will be recruiting teen volunteers through the Youth Commission and area high schools in coming weeks.

Nick Clayton compiled a thorough list of area computer and wireless public resources.

Cheryl Chelemer is beginning an 8 week Baby Lapsit series this month.

Matt Lorenzo has begun a Reads and Reels book and movie club at the Woodland Branch Library.

**Children's Events:**

**Take a Look Workshop: Tae Kwon Do**, Wed 9/7, 3 pm. Enjoy a free mini-session of activities, drills and games from the Los Altos Recreation Department and see what it has to offer! For ages 6 and up.

**Baby Lapsit**, Thurs, 9/9, 11 am. This is a 20 minute participation story time for non-walking babies with a parent or caregiver. Lapsit includes stories, action rhymes and songs. This is an 8 week series that ends November 4<sup>th</sup> with no class October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring a blanket and provide child care for siblings.

**Reading Buddies**, Sat 9/10, 11 am, grades K-5. Come read to a dog or cat. No registration required.

**Afternoon Family Movie**, Sat 9/10, 2 pm. In this animated movie, birds Blu and Jewel take off for an adventure in Rio de Janeiro!

**Book Bugs**, Tues, 9/13, 4 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited for this discussion group that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in September through November. Sign up at the Children's Desk.

**Fall Into a Good Book Club**, Wed 9/14, 4 pm. This book club for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders meets the second Wednesday of September-November. Sign up at the Children's Desk.

**Book Dudes**, Mon 9/19, 4 pm. *Woodland Branch Library*. Book discussion group for boys ages 9-12.

**Decorate your Bike**, Sat, 9/24, 8:30-9 am, Children are invited to decorate their bicycles and scooters for the Los Altos Pet Parade in the Los Altos Library back parking lot.

**Jazzercise with Jerome**, Wed 9/28, 3:30 pm

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

**Adult and Teen Programs:**

**Whodunit? Mystery Readers Group**, Wed 9/7, 10:15 am. Read and discuss Innocent by Scott Turow.

**Senior Book Group**, Tues, 9/8, 1 pm, This month we discuss Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi.

**Great Books Club**, Tues 9/20, 6 pm

**Master Gardeners: All About Lawns**, Tues, 9/27, 7:30 pm.

Library Commissioners Report  
Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian  
Santa Clara County Library  
September 2011

- ✦ In the first 6 weeks of the non-district resident library card fee, staff sold over 3,181 library cards (taking in \$255,000 and exceeding the \$240,000 projected for the full year). During the same period, 3,291 library cards were issued to students.
- ✦ The California State Budget signed by the Governor included \$15.2 million in State funds for public libraries. However, the funding is one of the so-called "trigger cuts" that will be eliminated in January if certain revenue targets are not met, so no money will go from the State to local libraries before the revenues are evaluated in December.
- ✦ The next meeting of the Santa Clara County Library JPA Board will be October 27, 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.  
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