



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 3, 2003
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Thurber called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Thurber and Commissioners Gerich, Iskow, Lopez, and Dr. Takle Quinn.
Absent: McNulty Winkler
Also Present: County Librarian Melinda Cervantes, Los Altos Community Librarian Cheryl Houts, City of Los Altos Liaison Donna Legge and various high school students.

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER THURBER MOVED that the minutes of May 6, 2003 be approved. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ISKOW AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Los Altos Community Librarian

Cheryl distributed the monthly public suggestions and comments. Her announcements included upcoming events and library attractions. She announced that Adult Program Librarian, Susan Yipp will be retiring on August 4, 2003. Cheryl will be on vacation from June 27 to July 14. Cheryl made a presentation to the Los Altos Rotary Club. The library information will be included in the fall/winter brochure. It was recommended that the Teen Services Librarian Larry Condit make his presentation to the commission at the September meeting.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Melinda announced that the Saratoga Library would be opening on June 21, 2003. Sarah Flowers is officially appointed as the Deputy Assistant to the County Librarian, effective May 26, 2003. Chairperson Thurber and Donna Drako of the friends attended the JPA Elections Sub-committee meeting. The Campbell Friends donated \$4,000 toward the election efforts. It was recommended that a fact sheet including how people can help be developed.

Dr. Karen Takle Quinn, LALE

Karen reported that the highly successful kickoff event of April 11th featuring Nancy Packer was reviewed and debriefed at the 13 May LALE meeting. Thank you e-mail notes and letters have been sent to those individuals who helped make this first LALE event a big success. The performance of the library sound equipment at the 11 April LALE event, has resulted in Bob Simon exploring (with others) how this equipment may be improved. LALE is working on a process to accept potential stock donations. Cheryl Houts reminded LALE directors that Vision 21 will sunset in another two years. LALE will begin planning to avoid any major impact on the library collection.

NEW BUSINESS

USA PATRIOT Act

Melida presented information on the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001. As a result of 911, it was determined that many of the terrorists utilized computers in libraries to communicate and conduct research. At this time, the Santa Clara County library system currently retains information about checked out materials until they are returned. The commission will be updated as this issue moves forward.

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

It was recommended that the Commission meet in August.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Teen Services Presentation – September 2003
2. Woodland Location for Commission Meeting – October 2003

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Donna Legge, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission