



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2009
5:30p.m., Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 5:29pm

Present: Chairperson Smith; Commissioners Struthers, Poulos, Tucker, Thurber, Gerich and Lai

Absent:

Also Present: Peggy Ford; City Staff Liaison, Melinda Cervantes; County Librarian, Paul Miller; Community Librarian

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER THURBER MOVED that the minutes of December 2nd, 2008 be approved. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

Paul Miller, Community Librarian

LALE has given Paul a budget of \$30,000 to purchase a set of recorded lecture courses on DVD and CD for the Los Altos Library through the Teaching Company. Paul has negotiated the purchase price down to \$15,500, which includes about 270-280 recordings on various topics and will be available for circulation.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

1. The new Milpitas Library opened to over 3,754 visitors on Monday, Jan. 5th. Grand Opening ceremonies will be held on Sat., Jan. 10th.
2. The 5th Annual Library Friends and Commissioners Forum will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9:00am to Noon at the Library Administration Offices. A consistent theme each year is Library Advocacy and with the newly adopted *Santa Clara County Library Strategic Plan* what better time to advocate for libraries. And, as

requested, time has been reserved for roundtable discussions on topics of interest to Friends, Foundations/Endowments and Commissioners.

3. The 2009 Silicon Valley Reads Kick-off Event with *Not a Genuine Black Man* Author, Brian Copeland will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 7:30pm at the Campbell Heritage Theatre. Mr. Copeland will hold a talk and book signing at our Los Altos Library on Tues. Feb. 17 at 7pm.
4. Recruitment is underway to fill the Deputy County Librarian for Public Services position left vacant when Sarah Flowers retired in December 2008. Pat Lorenzo began work in mid-December as the Adult/Teen Services Manager, filling the position left vacant through the promotion of Nancy Howe to Deputy County Librarian for Support Services.
5. The next regular meeting of the Library JPA Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 1:30pm at the Library Administration Offices in Los Gatos. New JPA Board members include County Supervisor Dave Cortese replacing Supervisor Don Gage, Los Altos City Councilmember, Ron Packard replacing Megan Satterlee and Monte Sereno City Councilmember Lana Malloy replacing Erin Garner.

Friends of the Library

Judie Suelzle reported that in the last several weeks, book sales from the cart located in the Library and on line sales have reached new highs. The next Friends of the Library book sale will take place January 23-25, 2009 at the Hillview Community Center. FOL has quite a large quantity of books to sell for this book sale.

Commissioner Smith, LALE

LALE has purchased and donated books - three books each in memory of Graham Wallace and Lee Lynch to the Los Altos Library.

JPA Meeting

Next JPA meeting – January 22nd, 2009 at County Library Headquarters in Los Gatos.

NCLA

Commissioner Lai reported that the December NCLA meeting was cancelled and deferred to February. While reporting about NCLA, he also spoke about the new Gilroy Library, how the bond measure was passed and the work that was involved in getting the bond measure passed.

Commissioner Lai will invite Jay Baksa to attend the March Library Commission meeting to report how the bond measure was passed in order to build the new Library in Gilroy.

BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

1) Update/Discussion of Master Plan

Commissioner Tucker reported on the study session which took place on December 17. Next meetings to take place will be on January 23rd which is an advisory meeting, January 31 when three scenarios will be presented. February 10th there will be another study session from 5-7pm in Council Chambers.

2) Major Contributors

There will be a committee of three Library support groups totaling six committee members to implement ways to acknowledge major contributors to the Library. So far, there are two representatives from the Commission and two from LALE. Friends of the Library will also appoint two representatives to serve on the committee.

3) Organize to Accomplish Goal Three of Annual Report
(Prioritize list of Library Needs)

The Commission will work with County and community to prioritize a list of Library needs. The major goal is to encourage non card holders to acquire Library cards. The Community Librarian, Paul Miller would like Commission members as well as Library support representatives to speak with organizations about Library books, events, as well as needs which will increase interest in the community about the Library. The Woodland Library will be renovated next fiscal year. It will require a closure for six months time.

4) Nominations for Chair and Co-Chair for 2009

COMMISSIONER POULOS MOVED that Commissioner Lai become the Chair and Commissioner Struthers become the Co-Chair. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GERICH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set February 3rd Meeting Agenda

ADJOURNMENT – 7:03p.m.

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