



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 3, 2002
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Thurber called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Thurber and Commissioners Busetti, Iskow, Lamparter, McNulty Winkler and Takle Quinn.
Absent: Commissioner Lopez.
Also Present: Los Altos Community Librarian Cheryl Houts, County Librarian Julie Farnsworth, and City of Los Altos Liaison Donna Legge.

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Los Altos Community Librarian

Cheryl distributed the monthly public suggestions and comments. She announced that the teen movie "Lord of the Rings" attracted 70 youth. Two movies are scheduled for December. The Friends of the library has appointed new board members. The Friends have approved the appropriation of \$43,000 for the purchase of DVDs, sign lighting and new furniture for the library. The 50th Anniversary event attracted 1,800 people including 375 people who attended the three puppet shows. Cheryl will be working with Donna and the City's volunteer coordinator to seek volunteers to help maintain the library landscape.

Julie Farnsworth, County Library

Julie announced that the County was hoping to appoint a new county Librarian by December 1, 2002. The biggest focus of the new person will be on Measure A and property tax issues related to the library. The library employee union has made a firm limit on the number of non-benefited employees. As a result, "page" hours have been cut.

Karen Takle Quinn, LALE

LALE produced a brochure and was shared with the commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Goals and Objectives

The Commission discussed some areas to focus on throughout the next year:

1. Help with Measure A
2. Reports from Library Art Committee
3. Survey Focus Groups
4. Landscaping
5. Outdoor Reading Area

Julie recommended that staff get in touch with the young Adult County Librarian to share program ideas. She also mentioned that Saratoga has a model to teach the commission more about the databases being used in the library. Jim requested that Cheryl provide some financial information related to the library.

Recreation Brochure

Maura recommended that the library publicize their information in the Recreation Brochure. Donna will get prices to do additional pages in the brochure. Maura also discussed the success of the Philosophy Camp offered at Stanford as a model program at the library.

ONGOING BUSINESS

50th Anniversary Family Barbeque

Those who attended the 50th event discussed the outcome and its success for the city as well as the library.

ADA Parking and Re-striping Update

Donna announced that the ADA parking is currently out to bid. The re-striping project is anticipated to schedule in the next 3 to 6 months. Donna will keep the commission informed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Donna Legge, City of Los Altos Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission