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Text of Email :

This message was submitted to the Library Commission.

subject: Commission mail, Disposal of old books

to: ccclibcommission@ccclib.org

comments: Perhaps, when the inevitable time comes when a book must be laid to rest and let another, more enivigorating one, take its place, you might consider this approach.

Six months, or so, before the final disposal, put a price on the book that is displayed and printed on the check-out slip of a customer who checks out the book during this period.

If you like the idea, this might be a better one.
A year before final disposal, activate a program that will take the assigned price of the book and, while the book is still around, and every month, the price is reduced by 10 percent, displayed and printed on the check out slip of a customer who checks out the book.

I am sure your staff can fine-tune such a concept to give the best results.

Name: Michael F. Sarabia
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Phone: 925.709-0751

Reply Date : 1/17/07

Reply:

Dear Michael F. Sarabia:

Thank you for your suggestions on how the library may dispose of old books. The library has an extensive annual book withdrawal program and a continuous weeding process to de-select titles that meet specific criteria. In order to maintain a current and useful collection, worn and obsolete resources are continuously withdrawn and discarded. Resources may also be withdrawn if they are little used, superseded, or replaced by a new edition or a better title on the subject. Systematic evaluation and weeding is necessary to keep the collection responsive to patron needs and make room for the influx of new resources that continuously provide replenishment.

It would be unusual for the library to withdraw a book that has the kind of use that you describe. Typically, we would not withdraw a book until it had not been borrowed for three years unless it met one or more of the criteria listed above--i.e., is damaged, dated etc...

All books withdrawn from the library's collection are first offered to the Library Friends groups for their book sales. This not only provides an opportunity to get low-cost books out into the community, but the Friends groups then use these funds to improve library service in a number of ways, including buying more books for the collection.

If the Friends groups do not feel that they can sell some of the books that are withdrawn, we have an annual book giveaway program. This is a wonderful opportunity for materials to be recycled back to schools and community organizations and finally the public.

Julie Italiano, Collection Development/Technical Services Manager
Contra Costa County Library

Additional Notes:

Thank you for you comprehensive and ideal answer. Yes, there is a Friends of Bay Point Library that I need to get more involved to see what other books I ought to read.
Most, if not all, of the best books I have read in my adult and senior life, I found by accident. "Providentially?" who knows.
Only a very few from a book description.

Thanks again.

Michael F. Sarabia
You may forward this email.
In a message dated 01/17/07 15:58:24 Pacific Standard Time,
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Anne Cain
County Librarian



December 21, 2006

Hercules Library Commission
111 Civic Dr.
Hercules, CA 94547

Dear Hercules Library Commission:

At the November 16, 2006 Library Commission meeting, the Commission asked that I congratulate you on the outstanding commitment you provided in bringing the Hercules Library to its successful completion and Grand Opening on November 11, 2006.

Your tireless advocacy for the new library and your commitment to all phases of the library project, from the focus groups and the community needs assessment to your assistance throughout the grant application, building and construction process, was exceptional. In addition, your publicity pieces, speakers bureau, and work with the Hercules Library Foundation helped raise funds and increase awareness of the new library within the community.

The strong partnership between the Hercules Library Commission, Friends of the Hercules Library, Contra Costa County Library, City of Hercules, and the Hercules Library Foundation has led to an extremely successful library that will be treasured by the community for years to come.

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Library Commission, I would like to thank you for your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Walter Ruehlig, Chair
Contra Costa County Library Commission

cc: Anne Cain, County Librarian
Brian Gyoerkoe, Deputy County Librarian
Nancy Herrera, Acting Branch Librarian, Hercules Library

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Peggy Lucke, President
Friends of the Hercules Library
1780 Pheasant Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Dear Friends of the Hercules Library:

At the November 16, 2006 Library Commission meeting, the Commission asked that I congratulate you on the outstanding commitment you provided in bringing the Hercules Library to its successful completion and Grand Opening on November 11, 2006.

Your tireless efforts to both fundraise for the Opening Day Collection--which raised more than \$25,000 for this effort--and to publicize the new Hercules Library, have been exceptional. In addition, spearheading the fund-a-shelf program, raising thousands of dollars for the collection, and issuing library cards to the community at various community events increased the awareness level of the new Hercules Library. The successful Opening Day is a reflection of the community's enthusiasm for this new library.

The strong partnership between the Friends of the Hercules Library, Contra Costa County Library, City of Hercules, and the Hercules Library Foundation has led to an extremely successful library that will be treasured by the community for years to come.

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Library Commission, I would like to thank you for your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Ruehlig".

Walter Ruehlig, Chair
Contra Costa County Library Commission

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December 28, 2006

Joanne Ward, President
Hercules Library Foundation
111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Dear Hercules Library Foundation:

At the November 16, 2006 Library Commission meeting, the Commission asked that I congratulate you on the outstanding commitment you provided in bringing the Hercules Library to its successful completion and Grand Opening on November 11, 2006.

Your fund-raising and advocacy efforts have increased awareness of the new library within the community and were extremely important to the Hercules building project. The private fundraising, endowments and memorials you oversee will be important to the long-term sustainability of the library.

The strong partnership between the Hercules Library Foundation, Hercules Library Commission, Friends of the Hercules Library, City of Hercules and the Contra Costa County Library has led to an extremely successful library that will be treasured by the community for years to come.

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Ed Balico, Mayor
City of Hercules
111 Civic Dr.
Hercules, CA 94547

Dear Mayor Balico:

At the November 16, 2006 Library Commission meeting, the Commission asked that I congratulate you on the outstanding leadership and ongoing commitment you provided in bringing the Hercules Library to its successful completion and Grand Opening on November 11, 2006.

Your commitment to the grant application, planning, and building process was exceptional. The strong partnership between the City of Hercules, the Hercules Library Commission, Contra Costa County Library, the Friends of the Hercules Library and the Hercules Library Foundation has led to an extremely successful library that will be treasured by the community for years to come

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Library Commission, I would like to thank you for your accomplishment.

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cc: Mike Sakamoto, City Manager, City of Hercules
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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
651 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors:

At the November 16, 2006 Library Commission meeting, the Commission asked that I congratulate you on the outstanding leadership and commitment you provided in bringing the Hercules Library to its successful completion and Grand Opening on November 11, 2006.

Your support of the Proposition 14 grant application and agreement to provide funding to operate the new library is very much appreciated. You can be extremely proud of the efforts of the Contra Costa County Library staff throughout the entire grant-writing, planning and building process.

The strong partnership between the Contra Costa County Library, City of Hercules, Friends of the Hercules Library and the Hercules Library Foundation has led to an extremely successful library that will be treasured by the community for years to come.

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Library Commission, I would like to thank you for your accomplishment.

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