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## MEETING OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION <u>Minutes</u>

DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2022

### 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Michael Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Alaura	Claire	Library Commissioner	CCC District 3	×		
DeFraga	Matthew	Library Commissioner	City of Martinez	×		
Dexter	Jim	Library Commissioner	City of Martinez (Alt)		х	
Dozier	Julia	Library Commissioner	City of Pleasant Hill	x		
Faye	Vivian	Library Commissioner	City or Brentwood (alternate)	×		
Ferree	Jacalyn	Library Commissioner	City of Clayton	х		
Fitzpatrick	Arnold	Library Commissioner	City of Oakley (Alternate)	х		
Fischer	Michael	Library Commissioner	City of El Cerrito	ж		
Garde	Shrikant	Library Commissioner	City of Orinda		х	
Gemmer	Nicole	Library Commissioner	Town of Danville	х		
Hildreth	Susan	Library Commissioner	CCC District 2			х
Hinton	Stacie	Library Commissioner	Central Labor (alternate)		x	
Hoisington	Mary Ann	Library Commissioner	City or Lafayette	х		
Huh	Dr. John M.	Library Commissioner	City of Antioch	х		
Koops	Barry	Library Commissioner	City of El Cerrito (alternate)	х		
LeFrak-Bellici	Zelda	Library Commissioner	City of Pittsburg	х		
Louie	Clifton	Library Commissioner	CCC District 3 (Alt)	x		
Lurvey	Heather	Library Commissioner	City of Walnut Creek (Alt)	х		
Mac	Ly	Library Commissioner	City of San Ramon	x		
Maher	Janette	Library Commissioner	Town of Moraga (Alternate)		х	
Masuda-Nash	Michel	Library Commissioner	City of San Ramon (Alt)	х		
Medrano	Antonio	Library Commissioner	City of San Pablo		х	
Molinelli	Jasun	Library Commissioner	City of Walnut Creek	х		
Morgan	Sarah	Library Commissioner	Town of Moraga	х		
Pena- Mendrek	Yolanda	Library Commissioner	City or Oakley	х		
Pursley	George	Library Commissioner	City of Pinole	х		
Robinson	Rich	Library Commissioner	CCCCD		х	
Rosekind	Rachel	Library Commissioner	CCC District 1	х		
Mackey	Lynn	Library Commissioner	Office of Education	х		
Sanguedolce	Robert	Library Commissioner	Town of Danville (Alt)	х		
Sendig	Linda	Library Commissioner	City of Brentwood	х		
Smith	Alan	Library Commissioner	CCC District 4			х
Smith	Tommy	Library Commissioner	City of Concord	х		
Swernoff	Michael	Library Commissioner	CCC District 2 (Alt)	х		
Thomas	Bryan	Library Commissioner	Central Labor		x	
Walker	Dorothy	Library Commissioner	City of Lafayette (Alternate)		x	
Wilson	Peter	Library Commissioner	CCC District 5	х		
Wysinger	Carolyn	Library Commissioner	CCC District 1 (Alt)		х	

With twenty commissioners present, a quorum was established.

Total Commission positions:			
Commission positions filled:	23		
Commission positions vacant:	1		
Commission quorum:	13		

#### 2. INTRODUCTIONS

One new commissioner attending this evening: Clifton Louie, ALternate Commissioner from District 3.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None this evening.

### 4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson stated that he had been present at the July meeting. Commissioner LeFrak moved to accept the minutes with Peter's edit. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by commission vote, 19 Aye votes, One abstention.

### 5. COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT -

- County Librarian Alison McKee introduced new commissioner, Clifton Louie (District 3 alternate)
- She also mentioned two commissioners who have left the Commission: Brian Campbell-Miller (Hercules) and Katherine Bracken (Pleasant Hill).
- The BOS has approved the MOUs necessary to move forward with the Library Foundation. Funds are now able to be used and progress should be forthcoming.

### 6. RECONSIDERATION POLICY/PROCESS -

Collection Development manager Deanna Lechman's PowerPoint is attached to these minutes.

### 7. SUMMERTIME AT THE CCC LIBRARY 2022 -

Youth Services Librarian Amy Mockoski's PowerPoint is attached to these minutes.

### 8.A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE -

Commissioner Hildreth submitted that due to a lack of anything going on in Congress over the summer, she had nothing to report.

### 8.B. LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE -

Vice Chair Gemmer gave a brief update on foundation happenings, including the approval by the BOS of the MOUs detailing how the funds can be used:

### 8.C. 2022 ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE -

Chair Fischer once again explained the annual report process to the commission and solicited help from any commissioners that would like to join him. He then gave an October 7 deadline to provide a list of specific tasks each commissioner had performed in their capacity as library commissioners. This info, once collected, will be the basis for reporting to the BOS in 2022.

### 9. FORMATION OF A NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICER POSITIONS IN 2023 -

Chair Fischer explained that it was time for the annual election of commission officers at the November meeting. To prepare for this, a temporary Nominating Committee will be formed tonight and will complete their task at the November meeting. The following commissioners volunteered to join the committee:

- Jackie Feree
- Linda Sendig
- Peter Wilson

### ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

**Commissioner Hoisington** spoke about the Lafayette library's SWELL program. It's a two month program during the summer for teens, 10am to 2pm 5 days a week. It provides a safe place to hang out and has been very well attended, especially by teen boys.

Commission Morgan suggested to all to encourage folks to get library cards.

Commissioner Pursley mentioned the Pinole Library is having a two-day booksale on 10/15 and 16.

**Commissioner Feree** mentioned that the Clayton Library will also have a booksale the last weekend in October. **Chair Fischer** mentioned again the likelihood the El Cerrito would end up with a new library as part of the BART transit Developent project going on there.

### 11. AGENDA SETTING FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE TOPICS -

Several commissioners voiced a desire for a budget update such as was provided last November.

Commissioner Mac suggested a review of Library safety protocols.

### 12. ADJOURNMENT TO THE November 18, 2022 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Walter Beveridge, Executive Secretary, Contra Costa Library

# Materials Reconsideration Process

DEANNA RABAGO LECHMAN

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS/TECHNICAL SERVICE MANAGER

## Reconsideration Process

- 1. A patron submits a request for reconsideration.
- 2. The Request is sent to Library Administration on the *same day* it is received.
- 3. The County Librarian sends a letter of acknowledgement to the patron within 24 hours of receiving the Request, providing an overview of the process and that a formal response will be made within 30 days.
- 4. A staff committee will be assigned to objectively evaluate the specific item and determine if it should remain in the collection or be moved to another area.
- 5. The committee will reach a consensus and draft a response. The response will address each specific point raised in the request.
- 6. The draft response will be submitted to the County Librarian, who will review and make a formal response to the patron regarding the Library's decision.

## **Evaluation Process**

What we ask

How was this material brought to your attention?

Are you concerned about the item as a whole or a specific part?

What specific objections do you have to the item?

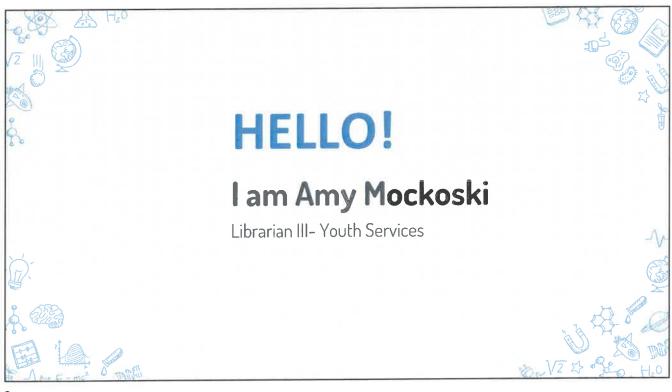
- Resolution 99/595 Contra Costa County Policy for Collection Development and Access.
  - Selection Guidelines
  - Reconsideration of Library Materials
- American Library Association Library Bill of Rights
- Contra Costa County Library Collection Development
   Plan

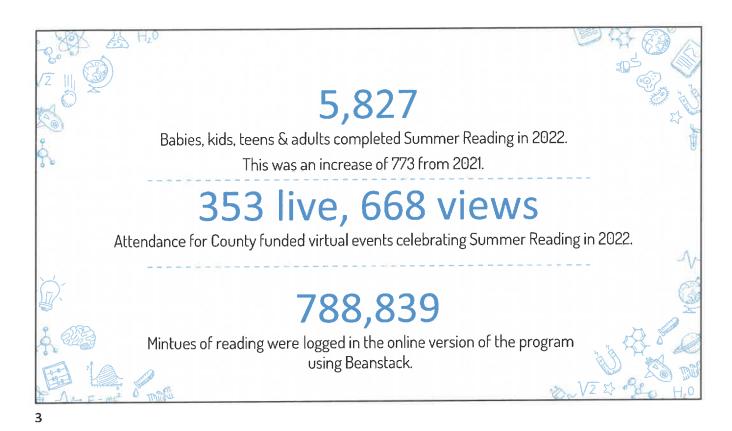
## Core Values

## Committee review process

- •Criteria for initial selection according to our Collection Development Plan.
  - Research reviews and criticisms.
  - Research the topic.
  - Research author or publisher.
- •With item in hand, review cover and summary, classification, and particular area of concern.
- •Are we following guidelines set forth in Contra Costa County Policy for Collection Development and Access?
- •Would removing it violate the principles set in the ALA Library Bill of Rights?









### **Summer Reading is a Key Library Services**

### Fights Summer Slide

Students that don't read over the summer "slide" back at least 2 months, and research shows that Summer Reading and access to reading materials helps combat the slide.

# Celebrates reading and summer learning

Summer Reading is the perfect opportunity to celebrate reading and STE(A)M learning.

### Promotes Good Early Literacy Practices

Baby Summer Reading is designed to promote talking, singing, playing, writing and reading.

### Levels the playing field

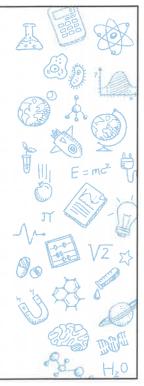
Access to free learning opportunities and books is especially important for lower-income families that are statistically more likely to suffer achievement loss over the summer.

# Encourages use of the library and collections

Summer is not break time for the public library! Libraries are busy and books are checking out.

## Positions library as the literacy center

Families recognize the library as partners in the educational journey of their children and teens.











During Summer 2022
Contra Costa County Libraries
served 5,640 meals and
provided 2,801 food boxes.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS



















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