



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES JANUARY 9, 2012

The Board of Library Trustees met in regular session in the Library Conference Room, 665 West Olive Avenue at 7:06 p.m. with Jill Shanmugasundaram presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Jill Shanmugasundaram
Vice Chair Ray Su
Boardmember Narendra Pathak

ABSENT: Boardmember Tom Flaherty
Boardmember Judi Miller

Council Liaison: Councilmember Jim Griffith (present)

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa G. Rosenblum, Director of Library and Community Services
Katherine Gaidos, Adult Services Librarian

Vice Chair Su moved, and Boardmember Pathak seconded, to excuse Boardmember Flaherty's absence from the January meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Boardmember Pathak provided the Board with an overview of the Guinness World Record event he attended on Friday, November 18. Sunnyvale Library supporter, Sai Manapragada, holds the fastest piano record.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1) Approval of Draft Minutes of 11/07/11

Boardmember Pathak offered an amendment to revise the minutes to reflect Saturday, November 4, 2011 in the public announcements section.

Boardmember Pathak moved, and Vice Chair Su seconded, approval of item 1 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vice Mayor Griffith provided the Board with an overview of the Council Liaison for Boards/Commissions program. Councilmembers are assigned to Boards/Commissions for a six month period with automatic rotation. Councilmembers were assigned alphabetically by Board/Commission name and numerically by council seat number. Therefore, Vice Mayor Griffith will serve as the Board of Library Trustees Council Liaison for the next six months.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS:

2. Eureka! Leadership:

Director Rosenblum introduced Adult Services Librarian Katherine (Kate) Gaidos. Director Rosenblum mentioned that Librarian Gaidos was one of thirty two librarians selected to participate in the Statewide Eureka! Leadership program. Librarian Gaidos provided the Board with an overview of the Eureka! Leadership institute she attended in San Jose, CA. during the month of September. The program provides each library a \$5k Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant. The Sunnyvale Public Library project grant, Lawyers in the Library: Intellectual Property, will allow the Library to offer half-hour counseling sessions, for eight months with attorney volunteers and offer programs on patent, trademark and copyright matters.

Chair Shanmugasundaram opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimonies, closed the public hearing.

3. Ebook Reader Petting Zoo:

Director Rosenblum thanked the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library for funding the Library ebook "Petting Zoo". Librarian Gaidos provided the Board with an overview of the Library "Petting Zoo" project which allows customers hands on experience with the various ebook devices available in the market. During fiscal year 2010/11, approximately 12,000 ebooks were downloaded. Since July 2011, approximately 11,000 ebooks have been downloaded. Staff continues to monitor trends and adjust the collection budget accordingly. Cost for ebooks is comparable to hardback books.

Chair Shanmugasundaram opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimonies closed the public hearing.

4. Finalize Workplan Calendar for 2012:

Director Rosenblum provided an overview of the workplan calendar for 2012. The Board inquired if the May 7 meeting would be canceled due to the special meeting scheduled for May 21. Director Rosenblum indicated that all regularly scheduled meeting dates are listed, however, meetings may be canceled if there are no public hearing items.

Chair Shanmugasundaram opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimonies, closed the public hearing.

Boardmember Pathak moved, and Vice Chair Su seconded, approval of the 2012 workplan calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

• FRIENDS OF THE SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ORAL COMMENTS

President Kathy Broquard noted the following:

- The November and December Book Sales were a success.
- The next Book Sale is scheduled for January 21 and January 22, 2012. Boardmembers interested in volunteering at book sales should contact President Broquard via email/phone.

• BOARDMEMBERS ORAL COMMENTS

Chair Shanmugasundaram informed the Board that the Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions did not support the Boards request to change the Board of Library Trustees meeting location to the Library Conference Room. Meetings will continue to be held in the Library Program Room.

Council Liaison Griffith provided the Board with an overview of the current Council Policy regarding meeting locations for Board and Commissions.

- **STAFF ORAL COMMENTS**

Director Rosenblum noted the following:

- The Library has been very busy! On January 3, 2012, after being closed for four days, over 3,900 people came to the Library, about double an average day. Circulation of materials on that day topped 17,000, when the daily average for December was just over 7,000 items per day.
- Children in grades 1-5 are developing storytelling techniques with help from props, acting and a librarian storytelling coach at a series of after-school programs. The Young Storytellers Group last met on 12/6/11.
- The Library is now an Open Library partner of the Internet Archive, a non-profit organization that is building a digital library from books all over the world. More than 3 million texts and ebooks from digitized older books are available to researchers, historians, scholars and the general public through this source. The Library's website has a link to this source of about 100,000 ebooks.
- The third American Civil War program presented by Dr. Libra Hilde, professor at San Jose State University, drew 91 interested attendees in December. Dr. Hilde's next presentation will be at 7 p.m. on Wed., January 11, 2012, with a focus on Emancipation and Soldiers' Experiences during the Civil War.
- An ebook reader "petting zoo" has been set up by Adult Services staff so that the public can try out different ebook readers and obtain guidance on how to use several different devices.
- The Library received approval for a CA Reads grant from the California Council for the Humanities (CCH) and the California Center for the Book (CFB). With the grant, the Library will encourage the reading of Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston's *Farewell to Manzanar* and present programs about Japanese-Americans and the Japanese internment camps during WWII. Author J. W. Houston will talk about her book and her life at the Library on 4/18/12.
- Library staff learned much about current and future technology trends on Staff Development Day from Nate Hill, Web Librarian at San Jose Public Library. Some trends that he shared included; portable reading rooms (Uni project); Scan San Jose QR project and multi-use interactive work screens. The Adult Services staff introduced e-readers to other staff members and assisted with hands-on comparisons of the various devices.
- Emma Christensen and her Homebrewing 101 program delighted a large audience with her colorful descriptions of the beer brewing process. She is the author of the forthcoming brewing cookbook, *True Brews*. This program will be repeated
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6 at 7 p.m. in the Library Program Room.
- News articles were distributed.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa G. Rosenblum
Director of Library and Community Services