

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
South Novato Library

- - PROPOSED MINUTES - -

- (1) CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- (2) ROLL CALL
- Present
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| Joel S. Fugazzotto | Ona Rotenberg |
| Lori O'Connor | Bill Crandall |
| Judy Anderson | John Kupersmith |
| Reggie Winner | Ed Duggan |
| Alison D. Howard | |
- Absent with Notification
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| Lyons Filmer | Barbara Madrid |
| David Fickbohm | Meredith Parnell |
| Leslie Plant | |
- Also Present
- Gail Haar, Director of County Library Services
Scott Bauer, Deputy Director of County Library Services
Edna Guadiana, Sr. Secretary
Donna Mettier, Interim Library Technical Services Mgr
- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA
M/S/C Kupersmith/Duggan – Agenda approved as submitted.
- (4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
M/S/C Duggan/O'Connor – Minutes approved as submitted
- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION
- (6) READING AND CORRESPONDENCE FILES
The reading file was circulated for everyone to read

- (7) **TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**
Donna Mettier, Interim Library Technical Services Manager gave a brief update on Technical Services. Mettier apprised the Commission that she had spent most of the afternoon at Novato Public Access TV interviewing Novato author Nafisa Haji, who wrote "Writing on my Forehead". Donna reported that the workload in Technical Services has now been separated out with Deputy Director Bauer supervising the tech support which takes care of all the staff and public site computers. Donna is supervising acquisitions, processing and cataloging, along with chairing the collection development team and Spanish services committee. The acquisition budget is \$550,000. We are currently in the process of changing the children's book vendor. Processing staff who now process books have taken on processing all periodicals as well. Staff is working on setting up an e-branch. We currently have in the databases on our webpage a service called Overdrive, which gives you downloadable e- books and audios. This works on blackberries, IPODS, Sony Readers, but unfortunately not Kindle, which is not made to use free library content. Over the next year, Mettier will be looking more at collection and floating more materials. Donna offered to give the Commission a tour of Technical Services at the end of the meeting. After a brief question and answer period, President Anderson thanked Donna for her presentation.
- (8) **BUDGET UPDATE**
Director Haar reported that we will probably be putting forth a flat budget for this year, and if the ballot measure does or doesn't pass, we'll need to go back to revise it. We had been projecting on 0% growths, but the actual number for growth is -2%.
- (9) **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OTHER COMMITTEE LIASONS**
a. A New Chapter for the Marin County Free Library Update: Commissioner Winner reported that the group has had several meetings, and is moving along. There were 12 to 15 people that attended yesterday's Board of Supervisor's meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for next week, where they hope to come up with names and contact information for endorsements. If anyone has names and numbers please let either Reggie or Barbara know. Leslie Webber will head up this committee. The fundraising is at around 70% of the \$250,000 they had hoped to raise. The group is starting to go out to the money people in the community. Director Haar reported that the length of the measure has been reduced from seven to five years. Haar apprised the commission that the online comments in the IJ haven't been too bad, and there were a few positive ones as well. Gail reviewed, and Copies of the handouts that were used in the BOS meeting for the library's ballot measure, were handed out to everyone.
b. Budget Committee: Director Haar announced that the Budget Committee had been scheduled on Tuesday, February 23 at 3:30pm in the Library Administration Conference room #414.
- (10) **NEW BUSINESS**
a) Commission Annual Report 09/10: President Anderson reported that included in the Commission packet is last year's 09/10 Library Commission Annual

Report for reference. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Director Haar would work with President Anderson to update this report, email a 2010/11 draft to all commissioners, and then bring back to the March Commission meeting for approval.

(11) OLD BUSINESS
NONE

(12) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2010
NONE

(13) DIRECTOR OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2010

MARINET: Director Haar announced that after a year in the making, MARINet has launched the Discovery Tool.

BRANCH NEWS –

NOVATO:

Thanks to much hard work on the part of Amanda Foust (Acting Librarian II) and her colleagues at the branch, Novato has received a highly competitive grant from the State Library to underwrite a science initiative for teens. They will host four “fun” afterschool science programs in March/April of 2010, in partnership with staff of the UC Berkeley Physics department and hope to include NUSD science teachers and local scientists as well. Two of the young UC staff in particular are very “cool” and hopefully will inspire Novato teens to consider a career in science. They will be increasing the library’s holdings in high-interest math/science books and AV materials for teens to check out as well as adding science kits to the library’s holdings to encourage individual interest in science and math both as a field of study and potential career. The Spanish Language Services Librarian will be especially promoting this program with Latino youth and will make translators available if there’s a need. Part of the process will be measuring student interest in math/science with pre- and post-surveys and the hope is that teens who participate in the afterschool programs will come away with measurably higher interest/enthusiasm for math and science—and be more likely to think seriously about future careers in the sciences.

ONE BOOK ONE MARIN: Michael Chabon’s The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay got lots of publicity this month. Book Passage’s winter newsletter had an informative article about the author and the book and the Marin IJ also ran a long article, including a nice interview with Elaine Petrocelli of Book Passage. The launch event was February 2nd at Book Passage and was a roaring success. No seats were to be had much after 6:30 for the 7 o’clock event and the audience was enthralled by the author’s folksy, down to earth manner. There are a number of

branch based events planned over the next couple of months and details are at <http://www.onebookonemarin.org/>. On Wednesday April 28th at 7 p.m., KQED host Michael Krasny will join Michael Chabon in a discussion of the novel at Dominican's Angelico Hall for a very special culminating event.

PERSONNEL: Although we had approved the applications of three Library employees to participate in the County's early separation program, in the end only one person ended up taking advantage of the bonus and filing retirement papers. That position will be eliminated in next year's budget and we'll be reworking schedules to fill in the hole. We are currently working on two recruitments one is for a Library Desk Supervisor in Novato and the other is for a Supervising Technology Systems Specialist in Technical Services. We made three temporary promotions this month – Amanda Faust to Librarian II, Electronic Services; Elizabeth Cobey to Community Library Specialist; and Tricia Cummings to Community Library Specialist. Amanda is filling a vacant position. Elizabeth and Tricia will be in charge of the Marin City and South Novato libraries respectively, reporting to a Senior Librarian and getting support from a regional library. This is the model that was suggested by our Staffing Study and we have taken the opportunity to pilot it for a few months.

(14) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Haar announced that author Michael Madrid (Barbara's brother) is giving a talk on his book "Super Girls", tonight at the Novato library.

(15) ADJOURNMENT – M/S Winner/Fugazzotto Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm