

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Wednesday, October 13, 2010
Fairfax Library

- - PROPOSED MINUTES - -

- (1) CALL TO ORDER
The meeting started at 7:10 p.m.
- (2) ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Present

Judy Anderson	Bill Crandall
Joel S. Fugazzotto	Ed Duggan
Cal Kurzman	Martin Perlmutter
Meredith Parnell	

Absent with Notification

Richard Gamble	Reggie Winner
David Fickbohm	Lori O'Connor
Alison D. Howard	Leslie Plant

Also Present

Gail Haar, Director of County Library Services
Scott Bauer, Deputy Director of County Library Services
Edna Guadiana, Sr. Secretary
Gail Wiemann, Branch Manager, Fairfax

- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA
M/S/C Duggan/Fugazzotto – Agenda approved as submitted.
- (4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
M/S/C Kurzman/Fugazzotto – Minutes approved as submitted.

- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION
None
- (6) READING AND CORRESPONDENCE FILES
The reading file was circulated for all to read.
- (7) FAIRFAX BRANCH REPORTS

Gail Wiemann, Branch Manager of the Fairfax Library gave a brief report on “What’s Happening at the Fairfax Library”.

SUMMER READING

- Children
 - Highest number of participants ever this summer
 - Game and prizes were simplified, making it easier for staff to manage, while children and parents were still happy, especially with the T-shirt grand prize
 - Programs included 3 afternoons of Read to a Dog
 - Children’s Librarian Carolyn Potter did some of her school visits jointly with an intern from San Anselmo Library – we share a school, and this is a nice opportunity to work together with our neighbor library
 - Librarian Angela Wawryznek made a large paper-mache crocodile with a beach towel and an inner tube to greet Summer Reading participants. It now resides in the Children’s Room, near the giant caterpillar she made for a previous summer program.
- Teen
 - Participation about the same as last year
 - Done entirely online
 - Programs, especially the end of summer gaming party, were well-attended, but mostly by younger teens. It’s been very difficult to attract the older kids.
- Adult
 - Our first summer presenting an adult summer reading program
 - Participants were few but enthusiastic. One woman sent us a letter at the end of summer, raving about the program and how it got her reading again after many years. She also talked her mother and her brother into signing up!

OTHER PROGRAMS

- May-September, we presented a series of 6 lectures on Ayurvedic medicine. They were among the best attended adult programs we’ve ever had.
- On November 4, consumer advocate and car buying expert Linda Lee Goldberg will present a program called, “The Easy Way to Buy or Sell a Car.”
- On November 30, a docent from the Asian Art Museum will present, “Beyond Golden Clouds: Five Centuries of Japanese Screens.”
- On-going programs, also very popular, are
 - Knitting group that meets once a month
 - Monthly book discussion group, facilitated by Fairfax Friends

- Writing workshops presented 3-4 times per year
- Coming up for Teen Read Week, we are offering teens raffle tickets for a chance to win a teen book from the excellent donations we've received.

COLLECTION

- Transition to shared collection (floating materials) has been mostly smooth. Most comments from users have been positive; they notice and appreciate the new materials they see on our shelves, especially in the smaller, heavily used collections like Large Print and audiobooks.
- We reduced our print reference collection by more than 1/3.
- At the end of September we retired the dwindling collection of audiobooks on cassette, which were no longer repairable or replaceable and were seeing rapidly diminishing use.

FACILITY

- We added 2 highly visible Library Parking Only signs to the parking lot. The lot is now full on many days, and we needed to crack down on non-library users using the lot for carpools and hiking.
- The County finally completed a several months long project to realign the bike path through our parking lot to make it an accessible pathway for people in wheelchairs who access our building from Sir Francis Drake Blvd or the bus stop.
- Coming soon – relocated Teen area, featuring a purple wall and new furniture, purchased by the Fairfax Friends.
- In December, new carpet throughout the building.
- Fairfax Friends have agreed to purchase new upholstered chairs for the window alcoves and the magazine area.

OTHER

- Art exhibits in the meeting room continue. The staff member who had been coordinating the shows for longer than anyone can remember retired in March, but they've become such an important service to the art lovers in the area that we will continue to offer the walls to local artists. It's a great connection to our community.
- SanAnselmo-FairfaxPatch is a new online newsletter that started in July, covering news and events in Fairfax and San Anselmo. They have already published two articles about Fairfax Library. One was in August, covering the results and impacts of the June library ballot measures and featured an interview with me. The other was a September feature article on Children's Librarian Carolyn Potter and her preschool storytimes. At the end of the article a reader commented: "I wish they had grown-up storytime."

After a quick tour of the newly relocated teen area (featuring a purple wall), and a brief question and comment period, President Anderson thanked Gail for her presentation.

- (8) NEW BUSINESS
- a. Restructuring of Executive and Nominating Committees– President Anderson proposed the elimination of the nominating committee by making the Executive Committee take on the duty of the nominating committee. M/S/C Kurzman/Fugazzotto – Item approved as long as Library Commission by-laws allow this.
- (9) REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OTHER COMMITTEE LIAISON
None
- (10) OLD BUSINESS
- a. Collection Development Statement: M/S/C Kurzman/Fugazzotto – Item approved with the following additional revisions: Paragraph 3 reordering of the existing sentences.
- b. New Committee Assignments: President Anderson announced that Edna would be emailing out updated Committee Assignments for 2010-11 with next month’s meeting packet.
- c. Advisory Committee for Measure A: Director Haar distributed a copy of “Measure A” -- Resolution No. 2010-09 – Library Calling for an Election to impose a special tax upon parcels located within the county of Marin for the purpose of providing essential funding to protect and maintain library services. Director Haar is in charge of forming an independent citizen oversight committee, and would like to use the outline of this document as this year’s Action Plan. Haar thought this group would meet possibly twice annually (group can work together with staff to see this through and advisory committee meeting possibly in March and a report back in June). After discussion with the Commission and consensus that the Commission would like to be involved as the Advisory Committee, Director Haar will explore further and update the Commission at a future meeting.
- (11) PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2010
NONE
- (12) DIRECTOR OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2010
Director Haar distributed a forced choice survey to all Commissioners, and asked them each to fill out. Haar apprised the Commission that the Branch Managers had completed this same survey at their most recent Branch Managers meeting. Deputy Director Bauer relayed the results to the Commission, and will report on the Commission results at a later meeting.

Director Haar announced that the Snap Shot Day results are included in this month's Commissions Reading Folder. The results will be posted on a statewide website in the near future, and will continue again next year. Director Haar will send out URL, once statewide website is up.

Innovative will be upgrading the catalog early next. The upgraded catalog will contain a new jar file to combat an ongoing problem with viruses.

Director Haar reminded everyone that next month's Library Commission meeting will be a 2 hour ethics training session. Haar asked if the Commission would like to start the meeting at 6:30 instead of 7pm. Everyone agreed to start the meeting at 6:30.

(13) ANNOUNCEMENTS
NONE

(15) ADJOURNMENT – M/S Perlmutter/Fugazzotto Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm