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MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Wednesday, November 12, 2015
Room 410B/Civic Center
- - PROPOSED MINUTES - -

- (1) CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- (2) ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS
Present
Loretta Farley Ann Laner Kaplan Margaret Kathrein
Clifford Jacobs Joel Fugazzotto Linda Ward
Sally Hauser Tyrone H. Cannon Arthur Whitman-Bradley
Nick Javaras Alison Howard Barbara Schoen
- Absent with Notification
Linda Ward Anya Schandler
- Also Present
Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services
Scott Bauer, Deputy Director of County Library Services
Damon Hill, Library Services Manager
Edna Guadiana, Senior Secretary
Eva Patterson, Branch Manager, Civic Center Library
- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA
M/S/C – Fugazzotto/Kaplan agenda approved as submitted
- (4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES
M/S/C – Jacobs/Hauser minutes approved with the following revisions
on page 2: Add the word “new” before the word vacancy in the last
paragraph.
- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION
President Schoen shared with the Commission a copy of the San
Francisco Public Library Guidelines for Library Use which was
submitted by Bill Hale. President Schoen added an article submitted by
Commissioner Kathrein, from the NY Times entitled “Long line at the
Library” It’s Story Time Again to the reading folder for all to read.
- (6) READING AND CORRESPONDENCE FILE – Reading folder routed
for all to read.

(7) CIVIC CENTER REPORT

- a. Eva Patterson, Branch Manager of the Civic Center library, gave a brief branch report.

Eva commented that there is a children's book by David Shannon called No, David! that everyone can relate to. In it David does some normal, and not so normal kid stuff causing his mother to constantly say "no, David". This is one of Eva's favorite books, and she has said a familiar phrase to her nieces/nephews and staff over the years. She recently switched up and started say "yes David" more often to her staff. Saying yes has resulted in some fascinating ideas both big and small. Some examples are:

- Flowers on table for Measure A Thank you → flowers on table year-round
- Do something with deselected books →book tree → 3 book art programs
- Staff Holiday party → patron holiday party→ Fire Sign movie and fireplace, cider & water, cafe' tables
- Outside the Lines → game night and photo booth
- Great opportunity → Printing Press Museum on Wheels
- Outside the Lines v2 → Monster Mash → Request to make it an annual event → request for New Year's Eve party

This is just an entertaining way to explain that we have become an organization that says yes more often. Our staff now believes they can stretch creatively beyond what we normally thought of as library programming to find new ways to connect with the public. At the end of NO, Davis, his mother tells him that she still loves him, so that he is certain of that love even when he messes up. At the end of this book, Eva feels that her staff knows they have her support whether they're a hit or a miss.

After a brief question and answer period, President Schoen thanked Eva for her presentation. Director Jones gave the Library Commission a quick tour of the Civic Center Library. President Schoen requested that a report on the California Room be added to a future meeting.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Facilities/Capital Needs

Damon Hill, Library Services Manager gave a brief overview on what the various branch Facilities and Capital needs are. Raker Architects of Mill Valley was chosen to inspect our branches and prepare a report for us. The basic maintenance needs of the four (Novato, Civic Center, Fairfax and Corte Madera) buildings that the library owns are: **Civic Center** - electrical and seismic issues; **Fairfax** – electrical issues, roof replacement, replace shingle siding to exterior of building, HVAC is inadequate; **Novato**- tripping hazards, inadequate bathrooms, HVAC is inadequate, doesn't have a sprinkler system in the event of a fire, restroom replacement (ADA compliant), slab in entry needs to be replaced; Total to fix things at all 4 libraries will be somewhere between \$4 and \$5 million dollars; **Corte Madera** -- Biggest challenge (\$\$\$) because of the soil and design of the building – New roof (use consultant to help design), new HVAC, window replacement, wall and floor replacement. Next steps is to meet with DPW staff to discuss and get going with this sometime early next year.

(9) OLD BUSINESS

December Meeting/Holiday: Commissioner Jacobs suggested that everyone bring goodies to the December meeting. He will email a message out to everyone, and keep track of what everyone brings. Director Jones commented that we (library staff) would bring the drinks.

(10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER

- a. President Schoen reported that the Bank of Marin had donated \$1,000 for a pilot program in Marin City library to have 12 WIFI devices lent to 12 youths for the year. We also have another donor who will donate \$1,000 and hopefully our Foundation will donate as well. We will be working in conjunction with the Martin Luther King Academy who will identify families with the most need, for this program. Verizon who gave us a government rate and will offer free unlimited WIFI, will be our carrier. Barbara suggested that the library support the Bank of Marin by banking with them.
- b. We had our first Measure A Oversight Committee meeting prior to the Commission meeting. President Schoen requested that Commissioner Jacobs say a few words on the meeting. Jacobs reported that we recapped the 2010-15 Library expenditures, how it was spent, and how gaps (based on the Grand Jury Report) were closed. The group will meet 4 times per year prior to scheduled Library Commission meeting, and report back to the Commission.

(11) DIRECTOR OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Director Jones shared the following:

- a. Sara asked Scott to update everyone on how South Novato library move is going. Scott reported that they officially closed on November 10 at its pop-up location and reopened again on Wednesday, November 18 at the new campus across the street. A small scale grand opening is scheduled on Friday, November 20 at 11am with Judy Arnold, Board of Supervisor for District 5 scheduled to give a small speech.
- b. Sara gave a brief update on the Marin History Museum.

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

(13) ADJOURNMENT – M/S/C Bradley/Howard – Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 pm