

# SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

## Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of January 2, 2003 To Be Approved

A REGULAR meeting of the Library Board was called to order by Chairperson, Gene Oppenheim, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 2, 2003 at the Main Library in the Conference Room, 1343 Sixth Street, Santa Monica.

**Call to Order**

**PRESENT:** Boardmember Breisch, Vice Chair Edwards, Boardmember Field, Dan Stern and Chairperson Oppenheim

**Roll Call**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councilmember Pam O'Connor; Wini Allard, City Librarian

Vice Chair Edwards reported to the Board that Jerry Rubin would like to attend the February Board meeting to get the Board's support for a creation of a Santa Monica Youth Commission.

**Communications from the Public**

Boardmember Stern made a motion to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of December 5, 2002. Boardmember Field seconded the motion. The minutes were approved in a unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of the Library Board Minutes**

The Friends are organizing two tours of the Dorthea Lange and Horace Bristol photography exhibits at the Getty on January 21 and January 29 at 1pm. Judy Keller, Curator of the exhibit will lead the tours.

**Report from the Friends of the Library – A Library Support Group**

Ms. Allard reported to the Board on the progress of the expansion of the Main Library.

**Main Library Expansion - Update**

The seismic report for the temporary building is due on January 8. The level of seismic retrofitting that needs to be done will be determined from the report.

At this time the Main Library is scheduled to close the first part of March. The Main Library is slated for demolition the end of March. The Main Library is still on target for completion in 24 months.

The City is finalizing the contract with Morley Construction.

The next step is a review of the plan, certification of the EIR and a parking variance by the Planning Commission on January 8, 2003 at 7pm in Council Chambers.

MRY is will hire a museum consultant to give input on what is needed for the Stanton Macdonald Wright Muriel.

MRY will be going before Council again on January 28.

Chair Oppenheim reported that the applications for the Library Board Photography Contest are available. A reception is being planned for February 27.

**Library Board Contest  
for Young Adults -  
Report**

Boardmember Field made a motion to go forward with the trial period for the collection of overdue materials. Boardmember Stern seconded the motion. The motion passed in a unanimous voice vote.

**Collection of Overdue  
Items by Unique  
Management Services**

Ms. Allard distributed the draft text for the signage regarding the Patriot Act that the Board directed staff to develop. *Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act gives the FBI the right to obtain a court order to access any records we have of your transactions in the Library. We will be required to give them the requested information. If you would like more information about the US Patriot Act or the full text of the Act, you may request that information at the reference desk.* Board discussion followed.

The Board asked that the following changes be made to the draft of the text:

- Attention Library Patrons added as the header to the draft
- Add of 2001 to USA Patriot Act
- Spell out the acronym for the Patriot Act – Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001

Vice Chair Edwards moved to approve the draft of the text as corrected and Boardmember Breisch seconded the motion. Motion passed in a unanimous voice vote.

The Board asked that the draft of the text be sent to the City Attorney's office for review.

The Board discussed an article on Internet filtering.

**Current Library  
Trends**

**Secretary's Report**

Ms. Allard reported on the Building Farewell/Holiday staff party that was held on December 13. She reported that she had a number of e-mails from staff stating how much they enjoyed the party.

**Staff Farewell/Holiday  
Party - Report**

Ms. Allard reported that the Montana Ave. Branch is open and comments from patrons have been positive.

**Branch Library  
Updates**

The Fairview Branch is expected to open on January 13.

At this point the move to the temporary Library is scheduled for March.

**Update on the  
Temporary Library**

Library staff will hold a meeting for the community where the design team will make presentations outlining plans for the new Main Library. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2003 at the Montana Ave.

**Community Meeting**

Branch Library.

The Library Board asked that the following items be included in next Library Board agenda: update on the Citywide Reads Program; update on the library expansion; and an update on the Patriot Act draft text.

**Agenda Building**

Vice Chair Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. Boardmember Field seconded the motion. The motion was approved in a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

**Adjournment**

Attest:

Approved:

Winona Allard

Gene Oppenheim

Secretary

Library Board Chair