

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD



Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of April 1, 2010 To Be Approved

- Call to Order** A REGULAR meeting of the Library Board was called to order by Chairperson, Edward Edwards, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 1, 2010 at the Administrative Conference Room, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.
- Roll Call**
- PRESENT:** Boardmember Breisch, Chairperson Edwards, and Boardmember Oppenheim
- ABSENT:** Boardmember Blackwell and Vice Chair Stern
- ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Mullen, City Librarian; Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst
- Public Input** The Board discussed an email communication from the editor of Change Links.
- Approval of the Library Board Minutes** Motion by Boardmember Oppenheim, seconded by Boardmember Breisch to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of March 4, 2010. The motion was approved by the following vote:
- AYES: Boardmember Breisch, Chairperson Edwards, and Boardmember Oppenheim
- NOES: None.
- ABSENT: Boardmember Blackwell and Vice Chair Stern
- Report from the Friends of the Library, a Library Support Group** Chair Edwards made a report on the Friends of the Library March board meeting. The Friends gave money to support a Library program called iCycle. iCycle is a festival of bicycles and cycling, featuring workshops on safety, repairs and maintenance; bicycle registration; gear and accessories demonstrations; children's crafts and bike parade; and entertainment. The event will offer free bike valet. For More Information visit www.smpl.org/icycle.
- The Friends' volunteer brunch was attended by 124 volunteers.
- Joint Meeting with the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library** The Board discussed holding a joint meeting with the Friends of the Library. The Boardmembers suggested that joint meetings be held around the planning of the new Pico Area Library Branch. It was also recommended that once a year the Friends of the Library Board make an annual report to the Library Board.

**Citywide Reads
2010 Wrap Up**

Mr. Mullen, City Librarian, reported on Citywide Reads 2010. The 2010 selection was Little Bee by Chris Cleave.

Highlights of Citywide Reads 2010 include:

- A staged reading of excerpts from the book
- Author event and Q&A with Chris Cleave
- Appearance by Storyteller Michael D. McCarty
- Screening of The Visitor
- Discussion of Incendiary by Chris Cleave
- City TV live book discussion with guest appearance by Barry Kibrick
- Inclusion by Simon & Schuster of our 2010 Citywide Reads book selection among the book's awards (paperback edition)

**Retirement of
Ocean Park Branch
Manager**

Celia Carroll the Branch Manager of the Ocean Park Branch is retiring after 34 years of service to the community. Staff is in the process of recruiting for the vacant position. Cynni Murphy, Librarian III, will temporarily head the branch until the position is filled.

**Update on the
Library Budget
Plan**

In March Library staff meet with the City Manager's Office regarding the budget. Tentatively the Library is scheduled to cut \$227,000 from the budget including an \$118,000 cut to library materials. Periodicals and online databases will bear most of the cut in materials.

The Library received the go ahead to proceed with the replacement of the integrated library system. This will be approximately an 18 month project. Staff is in the process of developing a request for proposal to send to vendors.

**2010 Annual Board
and Commission
Dinner and Video**

The 2010 Annual Board and Commission Dinner is scheduled for May 10. City TV will shoot the video report to Council on April 10 at the Montana Ave. Branch Library 50th anniversary celebration.

**Nationwide Current
Library Trends -
Review of Library
Journal Articles**

No report.

Secretary's Report

The stone floor is being installed in the museum space. Museum staff may move in ahead of the grand opening. The fabrication of the exhibit installations is pending.

**Update on the
Santa Monica
History Museum**

Facilities Report

On March 12 there was a small fire at the Fairview Branch Library. An electrical conduit rotted and shorted out a junction box causing the fire near the front door of the Branch. A passerby saw the smoke and flame and called 911.

The Branch was closed on Saturday, March 13 and reopened on Monday, March 15. During the closure an electrician inspected the circuits at the Branch. The electrician will also inspect the circuits at the Montana and Ocean Park Branch libraries.

Library Statistics for February 2010	Staff distributed the February 2010 Library statistics. Board discussion followed.
Update on the Pico Branch Library Project	City staff is negotiating the design contract with Koning Eizenberg Architecture. There is an issue with the indemnification clause in the city contract that is slowing down the process.
Library Service During the LA Marathon	The LA Marathon did not have a big impact on library service. There were perhaps 15-20% fewer patrons in the library on the day of the marathon.
Exploring E-book Services	The Board discussed electronic book vendors for libraries.
Agenda Building	The Library Board asked that the following items be included in the next Library Board agenda: update on the Santa Monica History Museum; an update on the Montana Branch 50 th anniversary celebration; update on the Pico Area Branch Library; report on the 2010/11 budget; and a facility report.
Adjournment	Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

Attest:

Approved:

Greg Mullen
City Librarian

Edward Edwards
Library Board Chair

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