

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD



Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of January 2, 2014 To Be Approved

- Call to Order** A REGULAR meeting of the Library Board was called to order by Chair Kathie Sheldon, at 7:00p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2014 at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.
- Roll Call**
- PRESENT:** Vice Chair Ken Blackwell, Boardmember Ken Breisch, Boardmember Gene Oppenheim, Chair Kathie Sheldon and Boardmember Bryce Snell
- ABSENT:** None
- ALSO PRESENT:** Brooke Snell, community member; Lauren Beal, community member; Wright Rix, Acting City Librarian and Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst
- Public Input** No report.
- Approval of the Library Board Minutes** Motion by Boardmember Ken Breisch seconded by Boardmember Bryce Snell, to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of December 5, 2013. The motion was approved by the following vote:
- AYES: Vice Chair Ken Blackwell, Boardmember Ken Breisch, Boardmember Gene Oppenheim, Chair Kathie Sheldon and Boardmember Bryce Snell
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None
- Report from the Friends of the Library, a Library Support Group** Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst, reported on the activities of the Friends of the Library. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) adjustor has received the Friends' responses to the follow up questions on the form 1023. The Friends were informed that there is a new proposed revenue procedure that will set the parameters of granting reinstatements and for the effective date of reinstatement. The IRS adjustor handling the Friends' reinstatement is waiting for that procedure to be determined.
- Update on the Planning for the Pico Branch Grand Opening** Saturday, April 12 has been selected as the date for the grand opening of the Pico Branch Library. The event is scheduled to last from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The grand opening is designed to be a community celebration with festival overtones. The day's events will include the official ribbon cutting; brief comments by City officials and key stakeholders; live performances of spoken word, music and dance; tours of the branch; and interactive festival booths that will include demonstrations and promotion of

the Library's new interactive web site, Share SANTA MONICA; children's crafts; promotion of The Big Read community reading program for 2014; and more.

Nationwide Current Library Trends - Review of Library Journal Articles

Vice Chair Ken Blackwell pointed out that there is a pop up library on the corner of 14th and Grant Streets in Santa Monica. The Board discussed pop up libraries.

Boardmember Bryce Snell shared the article *Moving Beyond Same Old* from American Libraries November/December 2013 which discussed outreach to young adults.

Secretary's Report

Update on Library Services and Programs

Wright Rix, Acting City Librarian, reported on The Big Read. Copies of the selected titled *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea have been ordered in English and Spanish. The books are slated to be distributed at the Main Library and the Branches beginning March 1.

The Big Read program events are scheduled from March 29 – May 4 and include: public book discussions at libraries and a variety of public venues; workshops conducted by Santa Monica Museum of Art; film screenings; a panel discussion with noted authors and educators; and a musical performance and readings by Ruben Martinez and special guests. Staff is working to see if the author will be able to e-conference in to a discussion or a City TV hosted call-in show.

On December 17 the Library began charging \$2 for one hour of Internet usage. Library cardholders will continue to have up to 2 hours of free computer time per day and they will be able to purchase additional time. Those paying for Internet time will be able to reserve as many sessions as they would like.

Library staff is investigating adding Hoopla to the Library collection. Hoopla is a service that offers free streaming movies and videos to library patrons.

Update on Library Staffing

Several offers have been made to interview candidates for the Pico Branch staff. A Librarian I has been hired to split time between the Pico and Fairview Branches. There are two vacancies at the Main Library in the Circulation department for Library Assistant II. Kathy Lo has been promoted to Librarian II in Reference. Currently there is an ongoing Page recruitment.

Update on Library Facilities and Equipment

Mr. Rix, Acting City Librarian, reported on the construction progress at the Pico Branch Library while the Board reviewed photographs of the construction.

- Completed the exterior stucco
- Interior ceilings have been painted in the Annex
- Furniture has been ordered
- The shelving order has been finalized
- Exterior scaffolding has been removed
- The completion date is set for February 4

Update on Library Security and Safety

Mr. Rix reported on Library security.

Library Statistics

Statistics will now be distributed on a quarterly basis.

What Are You Reading?

The Boardmembers discussed the books they are reading.

Agenda Building

The Library Board asked that the following items be included in the next Library Board agenda: tour of the Santa Monica History Museum, an update on programs scheduled for February and an update on the programs planned for The Big Read.

Adjournment

Chair Kathie Sheldon adjourned the meeting at 7:51p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Wright Rix
Acting City Librarian

Kathie Sheldon
Library Board Chair