

# CITY OF SANTA MONICA LIBRARY BOARD



## Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of May 19, 2016 To Be Approved

<b>Call to Order</b>	A SPECIAL meeting of the Santa Monica Library Board was called to order by Chair, Marc Morgenstern, at 7:02 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.
<b>Roll Call</b>	<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Boardmember Victor Davich, Chair Marc Morgenstern, and Vice Chair Bryce Snell</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Boardmember Ken Blackwell and Boardmember Kathie Sheldon</p> <p><b>ALSO PRESENT:</b> Roger Kelly, Youth Services Coordinator; Robert Graves, Librarian I, Public Services; Lucien Plauzoles, member of the public; Erica Cuyugan, Assistant City Librarian; Maria Carpenter, Library Director; Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst</p>
<b>Public Input</b>	None.
<b>Approval of the Library Board Minutes</b>	Approval of the April 14, 2016 minutes was tabled for the next Library Board meeting.
<b>Report From Staff on the Plans for the 2016 Kids and Teens Summer Reading Program</b>	<p>Roger Kelly, Youth Services Coordinator reported on, <i>Read for the Win</i>, the kids and teens 2016 Summer Reading program. The program in its 86<sup>th</sup> year kicks off on June 11 with the Foothill Force Jump Rope Team in the North Entry Courtyard at the Main Library.</p> <p>Summer reading lasts for 10 weeks and during that time there will be over 300 programs held system-wide for kids and teens. For kids, there will be sports themed programs, magic shows, storytellers, music programs, animal shows, movies, Legos, craft programs, and gaming. For teens, there is the annual Teen Writer's Workshop, young adult author events and crafts. Staff distributed samples of the reading logs, bags and prizes given out during Summer Reading.</p>

The youth services staff at all Library locations have been busy getting youth excited about Summer Reading. They have visited elementary schools and made presentations to students, as well as getting the word out to the middle schools and high schools.

This year, the SAMOHI summer book is Kekla Magoon's *How It Went Down*. The Kiwanis Club has made it possible for the Library to giveaway 564 free copies to SAMOHI students who sign up for the teen summer reading club.

Summer Reading begins Saturday, June 11 at all library locations for babies through teens and runs to August 20. The program encourages children and teens to read over the summer thus keeping up their reading skills and avoiding the summer slide.

**Report From Staff  
on the Plans for the  
2016 Adult Summer  
Reading Program**

Robert Graves, Librarian I, Public Services reported on the fourth year of Adult Summer Reading at Santa Monica Public Library. The adult theme is *Exercise Your Mind, Read*. This Library will be offering author talks, concerts, movie screenings, and more. Participants can register for the program at any Santa Monica Public Library location or online at [summerreading.smpl.org/](http://summerreading.smpl.org/) beginning June 11, then submit the completed form by August 20 to be eligible to win prizes for summer reading activities. This year's prizes include a Fitbit fitness bracelet and book store gift cards.

**Wrap Up Report on  
Santa Monica  
READS Program**

Robert Graves, Librarian I, Public Services reported on Santa Monica Reads 2016. Santa Monica Reads celebrated its fourteenth year of community reading with the featured book *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. The program took place between March 12 and April 16.

The special events drew 684 attendees and 131 attended book discussion groups. Staff curated a "Museum of Civilization" similar to the one the characters created in *Station Eleven*. The Santa Monica Reads program closed with an author discussion featuring Emily St. John Mandel.

**Wrap Up on Santa  
Monica Public  
Library's Fierce  
Friday Event Held  
in Conjunction  
With YALLWEST**

Robert Graves, Librarian I, Public Services reported on Fierce Friday held at Santa Monica Public Library on Friday, April 29 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. The preview event held in conjunction with the second annual YALLWEST allowed fans to meet their favorite authors and get books and memorabilia signed.

Approximately 600 people attended the event sponsored by Fierce Reads, the young adult brand of Macmillan Publishing. Six of the twelve featured authors were Fierce Reads authors. The lineup included bestselling authors: Rainbow Rowell, Leigh Bardugo, Kami Garcia, David Levithan, Jenny Han, Soman Chainani, Adam Silvera, Marie Rutkoski,

Emmy Laybourne, Mary Pearson, Alex London and debut author Harriet Reuter Hapgood.

**Update of the  
Fairview Branch  
Renovation Project**

Erica Cuyugan, Assistant City Librarian, reported to the Board on the ongoing renovations at the Fairview Branch Library. The Branch is scheduled to open on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

Staff are in the building unpacking, putting the collections on the shelves and setting up the Branch for opening. The self-checkout stations have been delivered and the public computers are being set up.

The new Fairview Branch Manager is Ashley Kagan.

Staff has been publicizing the opening of the Fairview Branch via many different avenues.

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

No report.

**Secretary's Report**

**Update on Library  
Services and  
Programs**

Ms. Cuyugan gave an update on the strategic plan implementation and programs associated with the implementation. The majority of the Launch Pad ideas have been approved and are moving forward. Launch Pad is a way for staff to be engaged in the strategic planning process by proposing and executing their own ideas.

Ms. Cuyugan reported on programs held at the Main and Branch libraries.

The Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library voted to fund several new programs on an annual basis.

On Saturday, April 30 the Pico Branch welcomed over 1200 parents and children to the Arts and Literacy Festival, which was an opportunity for families to explore literacy in different ways.

Sunday June 5, 2016 is Coast an open streets event produced by the City of Santa Monica and presented by Metro. The Ocean Park Branch will open from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Library will have booths on the lawn to support Summer Reading and the How-To Festival.

**Update on Library  
Staffing**

Ms. Cuyugan reported that Ashley Kagan started as Fairview Branch Manager. Stephanie Archer was promoted to Montana Branch Manager. Recruitments are ongoing for the Librarian I in Public Services and a Library Assistant II at the Pico Branch.

**Update on Library Facilities and Equipment**

Ms. Cuyugan reported that the broadband improvements including networking switches and more wireless access points to improve wireless connectivity and the quality of the internet service have been completed.

Staff are experimenting with new self-checkout stations at the Fairview Branch.

**Update on Library Security and Safety**

Ms. Cuyugan reported that there were 3 library suspensions. Library Service Officer, Lou Enriquez gave a safety awareness training for Periodicals staff.

**What Are You Reading?**

The Boardmembers discussed the books they are reading.

**Agenda Building**

The Board would like to include in the next agenda a report from the Foundation.

The June 2, 2016 Library Board meeting is canceled due to lack of quorum.

**Adjournment**

On the order of the Chair, Marc Morgenstern, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:



Maria Carpenter  
Library Director

Marc Morgenstern  
Library Board Chair

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