

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD



Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of March 8, 2012 To Be Approved

Call to Order	A SPECIAL meeting of the Library Board was called to order by Chair Ken Blackwell, at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Montana Avenue Branch Library, Community Room, 1704 Montana Ave., Santa Monica.	
Roll Call	PRESENT:	Chairperson Ken Blackwell, Boardmember Ken Breisch, Vice Chair Gene Oppenheim, Boardmember Kathie Sheldon and Boardmember Dan Stern
	ABSENT:	None
	ALSO PRESENT:	Greg Mullen, City Librarian; Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst
Public Input	No report.	
Approval of the Library Board Minutes	Motion by Vice Chair Gene Oppenheim seconded by Boardmember Dan Stern, to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of February 2, 2012. The motion was approved by the following vote: AYES: Chairperson Ken Blackwell, Boardmember Ken Breisch, Vice Chair Gene Oppenheim, Boardmember Kathie Sheldon and Boardmember Dan Stern NOES: None ABSENT: None	
Report from the Friends of the Library, a Library Support Group	Mr. Mullen, City Librarian, gave a report on the Friends of the Library February Board meeting. The Friends are planning another program in their science lecture series. The lecture being planned for late May is a presentation by Dr. Mark Clampin on extra solar planets. The Friends' Bookstore co-chairs, Kent Lewis and Martha Goode, held a meeting of the volunteers to discuss ongoing operations and get input on how the Bookstore can be improved. Friends' volunteers are beginning the City of Santa Monica volunteer process which includes signing a wavier and getting fingerprinted. The Friends' Board discussed incentives for membership and the new Bookstore cash handling procedures.	

**Update on Santa
Monica Citywide
Reads**

Mr. Mullen gave a report on Citywide Reads 2012 which has been ongoing for two weeks. The book selection of *The Lady in the Lake* by Raymond Chandler has been popular.

The kickoff event with authors Michael Connelly and Robert Crais drew an audience of 464. This is the highest single program attendance for a Citywide Reads event in the history of the program, with the exception of Khaled Hosseini's author talk at Santa Monica College in 2005.

City TV prepared a news report on Citywide Reads which began airing on *Santa Monica Update* and will run for two weeks. Following the two week run it will be available for viewing online at www.smgov.net/departments/CityTV.

The next two Citywide Reads programs are a local history-oriented program, Bay City and Beyond and a live reading of *The Lady in the Lake* scripted by Judith Freeman and featuring more than a dozen nationally-recognized authors.

**Library Work Plan
Fiscal Year 2011-13**

Mr. Mullen distributed the Santa Monica Public Library's work plan for fiscal year 2011-13. The work plan contains the Library's objectives and benchmarks for the second quarter, October – December 2011. The document is compiled by staff as part of the Library's budget process.

**Tour of the
Montana Avenue
Branch
Improvements**

The Board toured the recently renovated Montana Avenue Branch Library. The Branch reopened on February 25 following a six week closure. Renovations include new carpeting, a new circulation desk, self-check stations, new shelving, new paint and other interior improvements.

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

No report.

Secretary's Report

**Update on Library
Services and
Programs**

Beginning Friday, April 13 the Santa Monica Public Library Branches will be open from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. The additional day of branch library service will provide greater access to materials, computers, programs and public space within convenient distance to Santa Monica's neighborhoods.

The internet time allocation at the Main Library and the Branches has been increased by 15 minutes to two hours per day per patron.

Shana Johnson, Librarian II, Youth Services and Erica Cuyugan, Young Adult Librarian have started their Eureka Institute projects. Ms. Johnson's project provides outreach to children and families at Upward Bound House. Ms. Cuyugan is working with students at Olympic High school on an interviewing and oral history project.

The Library and Kiwanis organization hosted the 5th annual Seuss-ibration event for children and families. There were more than 400 people in attendance at programs throughout the day.

Update on Library Staffing

The new Principal Librarian, Vicki Terbovich, started on Monday, March 5.

Recruitment is beginning for the Library Service Officer Supervisor position. The exam process is under way with ten applicants.

Update on Library Facilities and Equipment

Mr. Mullen reported that the Pico Branch contractor recommendation is scheduled to go to City Council for approval on April 10.

Mr. Mullen distributed a modified annual report submitted by the Santa Monica History Museum.

The Library Board is scheduled to have a demonstration of the Museum's online image collection at their April 5 Board meeting.

Polaris, the integrated library system, is on schedule for the June 6 launch.

Update on Library Security and Safety

The new Library Service Officer Supervisor is expected to start in May.

Library Statistics

Staff distributed the January 2012 Library statistics. Board discussion followed.

What Are You Reading?

The Boardmembers discussed what books they are reading.

Agenda Building

The Library Board asked that the following items be included in the next Library Board agenda: a demonstration of the Santa Monica History Museum's online image collection and a report on Citywide Reads.

Adjournment

Chair Ken Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:



Greg Mullen

City Librarian

Ken Blackwell

Library Board Chair