



Library Advisory Committee

Meeting, Wednesday, October 30, 2017 at 1:00 PM
Buellton City Council Chambers
140 West Highway 246, Buellton, CA

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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AGENDA

October 30, 2017

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140 West Highway 246
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1:00 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order:** *by Chair, Supervisor Das Williams.*
- II. Roll Call:** *by Secretary*
- III. Public Comment:** *Public Comment period is set aside to allow public testimony on items not on today's agenda. The time allocated to each speaker will be set at the discretion of the Chair.*
- IV. Minutes:** The minutes of May 10, 2017 will be considered.

STANDARD AGENDA

- 1. Library Directors Zone Updates – Receive and File**
 - i. Zone 1 – Jessica Cadiente
 - ii. Zone 2 – Sarah Bleyl
 - iii. Zone 3 – Mary Housel
- 2. Management Partners (Library Consulting Firm)-Discussion**
 - I. Introductions
 - II. Review Work Plan
 - III. Discuss Expectations and Concerns
 - a. What Does Success Look Like for this Project?
 - b. What Issues Should we be Considering?
 - c. Where are the “Land Mines”?
 - d. Identify stakeholders
- 3. Member Reports/Roundtable Discussions:**
Library Advisory Committee Members may present brief reports on library issues, such as seminars, meetings, events and literature that would be of interest to the public and/or Committee, as a whole.

Adjourn.

The next Library Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on December 13, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Cachuma Lake Recreation Hall, 2225 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA.

To place an item on the agenda, please contact Natasha Garduno at (805) 568-2467 at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date.

MINUTES

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF
MAY 10, 2017**

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ACTION SUMMARY

May 10, 2017

Cachuma Lake Recreation Hall
2225 Highway 154
Santa Barbara, CA
12:30 PM

Meeting officially convened at 12:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Supervisor Das Williams, Claire VanBlaricum, Judith Dale, Laura Selken, Gaby Edwards, Pamela Holst, Holly Sierra, Patricia Kistler, Amelia Villegas, Alice Down, Marilyn Ayers, Shirley Stacy

Members Absent: Patricia Manuras, Barbara Raggio, Patricia Saley

Directors Present: Mary Housel

Directors Absent: Sarah Bleyl, Jessica Cadiente

County Staff Present: George Chapjian, Natasha Garduno, Darcél Elliott, Naomi Kovacs

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

I. Meeting Called to Order: *by Chair, Supervisor Das Williams.*

II. Roll Call: *by Secretary*

III. Public Comment: None was made.

IV. Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2017

ACTION: A motion was made by Alice Down and seconded by Gaby Edwards to approve the minutes of April 12, 2017. All approved. Motion passed.

STANDARD AGENDA

At this point Chair William moved to Item #2 in order to allow City of Santa Barbara staff time to arrive

2. Library Directors Zone Updates- Receive and File

The committee received and filed the Library Director Zone Updates.

1. Zone 1 Budget Per Capita Funding Allocation- Action

Mr. Chapjian, Director of Community Services, provided the committee with an update related to library issues that were discussed at the May 2, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Chapjian reported that the discussion centered on the 18% administrative fee that the City of Santa Barbara is currently proposing to charge the branch libraries as well as the per capita allocation formula. The Board of Supervisors voted to send the City of Santa Barbara a letter asking that the administrative fee be phased in with incremental increases over 2-3 years. The Board also decided to back the recommendation of the Library Advisory Committee which was to take the difference (12,144) between the historical total service population figure (92, 666) and the new total service population figure (68, 378) and add it to the City of Goleta's new total service population for 1 year for a total service population of (80,522).

The following members of the public spoke in regards to the allocation of the unincorporated funding as it pertains to the City of Goleta under this item:

1. Paula Perotte, City of Goleta Mayor
2. BL Borovay
3. Susan Epstein
4. Carin Ezal
5. George Relles

After a lengthy discussion the committee decided to take the following action.

ACTION: Motion was made by Judith Dale and seconded by Pamela Holst to request the City of Santa Barbara to remain status quo for this year in regards to the funding formula allocation method and that the administrative fee remain the same. All moved to approve. Motion passed.

Supervisor Williams agreed to draft a position letter to the City of Santa Barbara with the action taken by the Library Advisory Committee.

3. Member Reports/Roundtable Discussions:

None were discussed.

Adjourned at 2:18 P.M.

The next Library Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 10AM – 12PM at the Cachuma Lake Recreation Hall, 2225 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA.

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ITEM NO. 1

LIBRARY DIRECTORS ZONE UPDATES

RECEIVE AND FILE



STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 20, 2017
TO: Library Advisory Committee
FROM: Jessica Cadiante, Library Director, Santa Barbara
Public Library
CC: George Chapjian, Community Services Director, County of Santa
Barbara
SUBJECT: Zone 1 Report

All Zone 1 Libraries

- Director Cadiante met with Marc Bierdzinski (Buellton), Brad Vidro (Solvang), Dave Durflinger (Carpinteria), Carmen Nichols (Goleta), Pam Antil, Paul Casey, Bob Samario (City of Santa Barbara) and George Chapjian (County of SB) on 10/9/17. During this meeting the following items were discussed:
 - Decision points that must be made in order for Zone 1 to create draft budgets: Goleta withdrawal finalized, per capita distribution (post Goleta withdrawal).
 - New county agreement for FY19
 - Zone 1 branch estimated reserves: final reserve amounts for FY 17 have not been produced. That being said, no library (except for Goleta) will have enough reserves to cover the gap between expenditures and revenues for FY19. New revenue sources must be identified or a reduction in hours will be forthcoming.
 - Zone 1 administrative fee: fee will hold status quo at 13.5% for FY19.
 - Closure of libraries 12/23/17 – 1/1/2018: Central and Eastside will be closed for fumigation and all staff will be off this week. Due to this fact services such as I.T., courier, supervisor oversight, and accounts payable will not be available. As a result, Buellton, Solvang, Carpinteria and Montecito will also be closed during this week. Goleta will remain open as there is a supervisor on site for that branch.
 - Acceptance of contributions from support groups: City Managers from Zone 1 jurisdictions agreed that all support group contributions should be sent to the County.
- Santa Barbara Public Library was awarded a Big Read grant. Our Santa Barbara Reads! selection, *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, is made possible by the National Endowment of the Arts Big Read program. Running from November 1 through December 5, the Santa Barbara Public Library hopes that everyone in the community will pick up a copy and join in the conversation.

In addition to reading the book, or even instead of reading the book, there will be many different programs related to themes from *Station Eleven*, which is a near future novel wherein 99% of the world's population dies from a pandemic flu. It is also about, in the words of the author, "a traveling Shakespearean theatre company in a post-apocalyptic North America. It's also about friendship, memory, love, celebrity, our obsession with objects, oppressive dinner parties, comic books, and knife-throwing." *Station Eleven* was a finalist for the National Book Award.

The program kicks off with a community reading of Ian Doescher's *William Shakespeare's Star Wars* on November 1, where SBPL will be giving away copies of the book. There will be a film series, trivia night, pandemic lecture, game nights, book discussions, emergency preparedness programs, and the author will be giving a free talk on December 5. Book clubs should plan on reading the book in October or November and a full schedule of events will be coming out next month. Look for events and programs at all SBPL branches.

- Homework Center was expanded to include Eastside and Carpinteria branch libraries. The Homework Help Program launched at the Central Library in late 2012 and provides comprehensive learning support for families by matching K-6 students with trained volunteers who provide daily one-on-one learning experiences. Students can sign up for 20 minute individual sessions with trained tutors, who are combination of volunteers such as retired teachers, UCSB students, high achieving high school students, and library staff.
 - September all SBPL locations participated in the First Library Card Campaign in honor of national library card sign up month.
 - Librarian was a guest on Bill Smither's TV show "Our View". The Central Library's Centennial as well as branch programming was discussed.
 - Adult Literacy tutor training was offered nine times in September and October.
 - All staff participated a safety training at the Central Library that dealt with keeping the library safe and sane for all.
 - SBPL opened SBPL Works! a career training center that will provide basic computer skills and workforce preparedness training. This program is supported by a grant from the Adult Education Block Grant Consortium, which is administered by the California Community College Chancellor's Office and the California Department of Education for the purpose of implementing regional plans for adult education. All branches can refer users to this service.
 - Central Library received a bilingual book grant of \$10,000 and purchased books for the circulating collections at all branches.
 - The Senior Librarian for branch services has been hired. This position will lead the small branches in making personnel, programmatic, collection and outreach decisions.
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- The Assistant Director position has been filled by Vanessa Christman. Ms. Christman has administrative experience in Humboldt County, San Rafael, and Los Angeles County.
- Senior Librarian for Digital Services last day was 10/20/17. We will be recruiting for this position as soon as possible as it oversees all systems and technology for the system.
- In an effort to make more items available to all users in the Black Gold cooperative, jurisdictions of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Lompoc removed all Express titles from the collection, resulting in thousands of more items available to fill requests throughout the system.
- All libraries had special SRP performers, including: Ukulele Jim, Nifty Balloon, Nathalia, Michael Katz.
- All Santa Barbara Public Libraries participated in National Voter Registration Day.
- All branches would like to invest more funds in STEAM programming and would like to be able to purchase 3D printers, etc.
- CENIC (broadband internet)
 - Black Gold has cut over all of their data centers to CENIC, so they are currently sending OPAC and backend Polaris data out over a gigabit fiber connection.
 - To date, SB Central is the only branch in our system with pre-existing fiber infrastructure that CENIC can tap into. As our facilities enhance their fiber infrastructure, Black Gold will be cutting them over to CENIC.

Central

- The Centennial speaker series has been an overwhelming success. The history talks have included: talks on early 20th century architecture, Chinatown in Santa Barbara, architecture of the Central Library, exhibits held at the Faulkner Gallery, and the Edson Smith Collection of historic photographs of Santa Barbara.
 - The Central Library celebrated its 100th birthday on Sunday, August 27th with cupcakes, crafts, LEGO, a time capsule, building tours, and more!
 - The Central Library has also launched five adult book clubs, including: Nonfiction book club, Crime Book Club, YA for Grownups, History book club, and a B.Y.O (bring your own) book club where people can meet to discuss what they are reading and what they should read next.
 - The Santa Barbara Public Library is the new home of the Poet Laureate. Partnering with Santa Barbara's Poet Laureate brings poetry reading and writing events for all ages throughout the year—not just April, National Poetry month. Examples of past and current events and readings include a Teen Typewriter Poetry workshop, Favorite Poem Readings on the third Tuesday of each month, the well-established Poetry Series readings, and a new series of poetry readings developed by Santa Barbara's current Poet Laureate, Enid Osborn.
 - The Santa Barbara Poetry Series presented its first reading of the 2017-18 season on Sunday, October 15, 7-8:30 pm at the Faulkner Gallery. The evening welcomed two new books: Parable, poems by Peter Karoff, and To Give Life a
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Shape: Poems Inspired by the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, edited by David Starkey and Chryss Yost.

- The very popular hiking series continues at Central. This ongoing series of talks about our local hiking scene -- Think Globally, Hike Locally. Co-sponsored by hiking organizations interested in education, ecology, and enjoyment of the trails found in our nearby environment.
 - SBPL has a new, weekly Family Storytime at 5:30 pm. Family Storytime is designed to offer early literacy enrichment for preschool through second grade students, and offer a storytime option outside of the traditional work and school day. This class is designed for families, especially those with children of different ages, to participate in singing, talking, playing, reading, and writing activities to develop literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading.
 - Central hosted a panel discussion on protecting voting rights in California in September.
 - For Hispanic Heritage Month, Central and Eastside hosted author Jenn Torres, author of picture book *Finding the Music* and middle grade novel *Stef Soto, Taco Queen*, both of which explore and celebrate Hispanic and Latino heritage and culture. She presented two special storytimes, as well as a writing workshop for upper elementary school students.
 - The library partnered with What is LOVE, Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center, High School Wellness Connection Clubs, SBCC Wellness Connection, Casa Pacifica (SAFTY), and Community Counseling and Education Center to host a teen and parent workshop on teen dating violence, suicide prevention, bullying, and sexual assault, all topics depicted in the popular Netflix adaptation of Jay Asher's young adult novel, *13 Reasons Why*.
 - SBPL celebrated the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) Teen Read Week this October with a murder mystery pizza party where teens brought a story to life by playing a part in a murder mystery.
 - Virtual Reality: The Central Library recently acquired an Oculus Rift in the Tech Lab to examine cutting edge human interfaces to use as tools to create 3D worlds and objects and explore real-world places without leaving the library.
 - Ozobots for understanding robots and Coding Practice have been purchased and have started being used in the library's tech Thursday programs. These devices come with specialized apps to help participants interact and control the robots sensors, actuators, and robot brains.
 - Through a partnership with UCSB's Thematic Learning initiative the Central Library hosted Pico Iyer and a discussion on living a meaningful life.
 - The ADA entrance on Library Avenue has opened.
 - Santa Barbara Public Library was selected as a Student Success Initiative Pilot Site: Chosen pilot libraries will be paired with a mentor library. Monthly check-ins will be set up for continued support. Pilot sites will receive resources to help create a student success initiative, including templates of MOU's, sample agreements, narratives, and metrics, and models of collaboration. We will be
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identifying benchmarks, developing outreach strategy, etc. The goal is to better partner with school districts and get library cards into the hands of every child.

- The Central Library hosted the second annual Indie Author Day. The program kicked-off with a moderated discussion with successful authors, book buyers, librarians, and publishers who will talk about writing, publishing, marketing, and getting your books into the hands of readers.

Buellton

- In May the bilingual storytime was canceled due to low or no attendance.
- Mobile device tutoring on Tuesday evenings has had a steady increase in attendance.
- Monthly crafternoon program is popular, crafts have included paper fans, stained glass window hanging, yarn spinners and more.
- Family board game day is back and more popular than ever thanks to new games being available.
- Branch lead attended back to school nights at local Buellton schools in August.
- The branch needs new magazine display shelving as the current shelving is hard to lift and often comes unhinged.
- The A/C unit in the Buellton branch often runs out of steam on very hot days and temperatures have reached as high as 86 degrees in the building during heat waves. A new unit should be scheduled for purchase.
- A new copier/printer/scanner has been purchased and is being scheduled for installation.
- A new outside book drop is needed.

Carpinteria

- The Central Library partnered with What is LOVE, Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center, High School Wellness Connection Clubs, SBCC Wellness Connection, Casa Pacifica (SAFTY), and Community Counseling and Education Center to host a teen and parent workshop on teen dating violence, suicide prevention, bullying, and sexual assault, all topics depicted in the popular Netflix adaptation of Jay Asher's young adult novel, 13 Reasons Why. This program was also hosted at Carpinteria Library.
 - We are on the fourth recruitment for a bilingual librarian for the Carpinteria Branch. In the meantime continued support from staff from Central Library at various levels from Technician to Senior Librarian are being sent to Carpinteria to ensure the operations at Carpinteria Library continue to run smoothly and quality customer service is maintained.
 - Training sessions were held in preparation for the reopening of the Homework Center in the fall, with new hours, equipment, supplies, and staff and volunteers. The program will be ran in the same manner as the Central and Eastside Libraries offering a consistent program with more locations to choose from to
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receive help. Once a librarian is on board all after school programs and classes will be reviewed.

- Interviews were held and training has begun for new hourly Technicians for the Carpinteria Library which will soon increase staff support at the Branch.
- Class visits for SRP presentations occurred in June and the SRP program successfully transitioned to online signups.
- The Carpinteria branch has been undergoing a deep cleaning and organization effort by lead staff from Central Library. Staff are being retrained on proper policies and procedures of the SBPL system as well.
- New City of SB computer has been installed at the Branch, making enrollment in training, access to the City's Sharepoint, and access to the Library's shared drive much easier for staff at Carpinteria branch.
- Kristina Hernandez, Senior Librarian, met with Shirley Waxman from the Museum to possibly offer the Community Speakers series at the Carpinteria Library in the future.
- The current check-out desk is dated and not an efficient design. A new more user friendly and ADA compliant desk is needed.
- This Branch receives a large amount of holds daily. Both Staff workflow and customer wait time could be improved if they had feed and cut holds receipt printers, a self-check machine, and a self-pick up holds shelf. A self-check machine would also give patrons quick access to their accounts and allow payments via credit card without the need for a credit card machine at the desk.
- A new copier/printer/scanner has been purchased and has been installed.
- There is no A/C in the main library of this building and we received many verbal and written complaints over the summer from patrons.

Eastside

- Eastside hosted a SKILLS Night: School Kids Investigating Language in Life and Society. Students from local schools shared their research, community action, and creative expression projects about language in their lives. Spoken presentations in English and Spanish and included an interactive poster exhibit for the entire month.
 - Staff from all over the library system donated stuffed animals for the stuffed animal sleep-over at Eastside Library, making sure that all children could participate.
 - Eastside held a Mental Health First Aid class, which filled right away.
 - An ongoing Lotería event, is being held on Saturday afternoons. This is made possible by a California Humanities grant called Library Innovation Lab. Elementary school aged children and their parents are attending.
 - Homework help was initiated this month, two afternoons a week, to add to the afternoon programming offered two other afternoons a week by the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Eastside Library now has afternoon programming and support for school-aged children 4 days a week.
 - Mexican Independence Day event brought several hundred people to the Eastside library.
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- New bike racks and new exterior sign have been installed.

Goleta

- Goleta Library changed their operating hours effective 10/1/17 to:
 - Sunday 1pm-5pm
 - Monday 10am-7pm
 - Tuesday 10am-7pm
 - Wednesday 10am-7pm
 - Thursday 10am-7pm
 - Friday 10am-5:30pm
 - Saturday 10am-5:30pm
- The Goleta branch is fully staffed and all vacancies have been filled by staff from the Central Library.
- A letter outlining the cessation of services by the City of Santa Barbara on behalf of the Goleta Library has been sent to Goleta City Manager, Michelle Greene and Community Services Director, George Chapjian.
- New Baby n' Me programming continues to grow in attendance.
- Science Friday's has been very popular. Snap circuits and other experiments are worked on with participants.
- International Talk Like a Pirate Day was a huge success. Staff dressed up, there were plenty of photo opportunities for the patrons, and many tattoos, activity sheets, and pirate tchotchkes were given out.

Montecito Library

- A new internet modem was installed at the branch. The branch will be updated to a larger internet package soon which will be great for patrons, especially those who download material.
- Branch lead visited all Montecito Unified elementary schools to promote SRP.
- Facility improvements including a water bottle filling station, new exterior paint and carpet cleaning were completed in this quarter.
- Hourly staff at the Montecito library have been promoted to library technician and a new hourly library technician has also been hired.
- Montecito branch needs a permanent sign in front of the library to display hour and events. The temporary window signage was removed.
- The computer furniture currently in the branch is not an efficient use of space and smaller more flexible seating should be considered.
- WIFI use at this location continues to grow and as a result new seating and electrical outlets to accommodate people bringing in their own devices is needed in the Reppy Reading Room and the children's room.
- A new copier/printer/scanner has been purchased and is being scheduled for installation.

Solvang

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- The Solvang branch continues to offer a variety of programs such as: Manga Club, TED & Conversation, ReadAloud: A Midsummer Night's Dream
- The ReadAloud program was videotaped by Channel 17, for inclusion in a program celebrating Central Library's Centennial.
- Classes, from SYV Christian Academy and from SY Charter School, attended the Luce puppet performance. The latter toured the branch and received new cards before the program.
- The A/C needed to be serviced and a replacement should be scheduled.

Santa Ynez

- Three group visits were scheduled in July, two for the Museum's Wild West Campers and one for The Fun in the Sun campers.
- Heat is an issue in the summer months as temperatures reach well over 100 degrees. This reduces the amount of people coming to the location.

Los Olivos

- The Grange Hall was renamed to the Historic Grange Hall.
 - Heat is an issue in the summer months as temperatures reach well over 100 degrees. This reduces the amount of people coming to the location.
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STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 19, 2017
TO: Library Advisory Committee
FROM: Sarah Bleyl, Library Director, Lompoc Public Library System
CC: George Chapjian, Community Services Director, County of Santa Barbara
SUBJECT: Zone 2 Report

All Zone 2 Libraries

- All full time staff attended a Library Security training provided by Black Gold System on either Thursday, August 31 in Santa Maria or on Friday, September 1 in Santa Barbara.
- The Friends of the Library raised \$2100 during their July booksale.
- A new calendar of events program was purchased to use on the library's website. The Engaged Patrons tool is an upgrade from the previous program and allows patrons to text, email, and/or save events to their personal devices and receive reminders about upcoming programs.
- The Summer Reading Program increased in numbers all across the board: Almost 2,000 children, teen and adults signed up; 12,500 books were read; 1,240 meals were served; and over 3,500 people attended a program.
- The library was nominated for the Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize. A winner will be chosen in January 2018.

Lompoc

- The FY17-19 budget went through many iterations and was adopted on September 5, 2017. The final budget decreased funding to the library by approximately \$100,000.
- The Grossman Gallery was recarpeted in August 2017.
- Two new book collections have been created and are located near the California Collection. One collection was made available to the library through NASA's LIFTS program (Library Initiative for Teachers and Students) and the other is a Local Authors Collection.
- The library will be recruiting for a Library Manager in the next few months, as the current manager has resigned her position.

Village

- Two new endcap slatwalls were purchased for the Village Library through donations from the Vandenberg Village Association and the Turducken Group. These new endcaps allow staff to utilize the space for various displays.
- In addition to the highly successful book club, a guest speaker presented a program about Pluto and the New Horizons mission, with approximately 45 people in attendance. Future adult programs are in the planning stages.

Charlotte's Web Mobile Children's Library

- The bookmobile was re-wrapped in June due to issues with the previous wrap. The work was completed under the supervision of the Fleet Department.
 - The library recruited and hired a new Youth Services Librarian for the bookmobile. Rachell Frazian's first day of work was September 5th.
 - The bookmobile attended Lompoc's Old Town Market on Friday nights in June – August, with over 1700 visitors during the eight week event.
 - Bookmobile collections have been shifted to provide better access, as well as to highlight certain collections like the Youth Spanish collection. More honor books have been added to meet demand, and books in disrepair have been removed.
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STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 30, 2017
TO: Library Advisory Committee
FROM: Mary Housel, City Librarian, Santa Maria Public Library
CC: George Chapjian, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: Zone 3 Library Report

All Zone 3 Libraries

- Thanks to a new collaboration between the California State Library and Oculus VR, a division of Facebook Inc., the SMPL received virtual reality technology in June so library adult patrons can participate in experiencing virtual reality. Staff are working on a plan to offer monitored use to the public.
- Late last spring, the Woods Family Foundation awarded \$7,000 to the SMPLF for the creation of local history storyboards for each branch and a library history storyboard for main. Cuyama resident and AHC teacher Jane Slama is researching and compiling information and photos for each location.
- Library Foundation (SMPLF) grant funded (\$5,000) movie/public service announcements in English and Spanish advertise all library locations and were created by filmmaker Larry Nimmer over the last eight months. A marketing plan for distributing the movies to local media and social media sites is being developed.
- On May 31st, Library staff participated in a North Santa Barbara County First Five discussion and tour focused on "Seeing What Works for early childhood development." As a result, library staff connected with the Good Samaritan Shelter and reached out to offer the summer reading program at their site.
- The Library was voted "Best Place to Geek Out" for the second year in a row by *Santa Maria Sun* readers in July.
- The Library was awarded a \$7,500 grant from the California State Library's Immigrant Alliance Project for the purchase of bilingual children's books for all locations in July. The project supports library services to immigrants and their families with the goal of promoting family reading, literacy, and language skills.
- Three new self check machines and security gates were installed at the library in July. The equipment replaced old equipment installed when the new main library opened in 2008. One of the three new self checks was located in the Children's area and is a big hit with families. The other two are located directly on the Circulation desk to encourage patron self-service. Previous equipment did not have a payment system necessitating staff assistance. The new equipment includes credit card payment systems to enhance customer self-service. We look forward to eventually programming the new self checks to advertise upcoming library programs. The new gates include a people counter and an alert system that sends the title of any item not checked out back to circulation staff.

- The 2017 Summer Reading Program participation system wide was up nearly 15% from last summer for youth/teens. 911 youth and 93 adults participated.
 - Library staff attended a special CA State Library workshop August 16th about recruiting, rewarding, and retaining volunteers.
 - Library consultant Cindy Mediavilla led a conversation with seven librarians from the Central Coast area on August 30th at SMPL about librarian's goals and aspirations for CA libraries statewide.
 - A SMPL all staff training day was held on August 31, 2017. Library staff participated in teambuilding and communication exercises and received special training from consultant Steve Albrecht on Library Security tips.
 - The Santa Maria Library was selected by the California State Library to participate in an \$11,000 grant funded Zip Books Project for the period of November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018. The project will provide an alternative for obtaining items through interlibrary loan. Funds will enable the purchase of patron requested items from Amazon that are mailed directly to patrons and then donated to the library after use.
 - Black Gold (BG) has hired a consultant to work with member library directors toward evaluating the membership funding formula and the goals of the organization. A special retreat for directors will be held October 27. BG also added an additional interbranch delivery day to accommodate the increased circulation of materials brought about by the automatic renewal policy change.
 - Library staff attended and participated in two back to back California State Library workshops on October 16 & 17 in Sacramento. The workshops offered an opportunity to provide input on a Rural Library Strategic Plan and to learn better avenues for achieving 2018 Summer@Your Library Program goals.
 - The Library was one of ten total libraries accepted by the California State Library for participation in the *Starling Pilot Project: Helping Build Infant and Toddler Vocabularies*. The Starling program helps parents and toddlers acquire language through the use of Starling technology and staff will be receiving the equipment after participating in instructional webinars.
 - The Library and Discovery Children's Museum partnered with Allan Hancock College on their successful \$350,000 grant application to the California Community College Chancellor's Office for Makerspace funding. The Library will receive \$55,000 for the 2017-18 year to fund supplies and equipment such as sewing machines, photo digitization equipment, a 3 D printer and computers, woodworking, jewelry making and craft supplies. The Library Makerspace is currently open every Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will be expanding additional hours once grant funds are received. Maker Saturdays have been very popular with about 40 attendees each week. The 3D printer on loan from the Black Gold Cooperative Library System has been very popular since most visitors have never seen one. Plans for the Makerspace partnership with AHC and the Discovery Museum include a Holiday Maker Fair at the Library and Museum on Saturday December 9. Visitors can make holiday gifts and decorations. Additional grant funds (\$500) from Altrusa of the Central Coast and (\$1,100) from Energy Partners are funding Maker kits for use at all branch locations.
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- The Library's Hotspots for check out continue to be highly popular. The SMPL system has 20 hotspots for 7 day loans and up to ten devices can connect to one hotspot
- Additional County funding will provide \$50,000 to zone 3 to include \$15,000 for Guadalupe Library building rent Oct 1, 2017-June 2018, \$900 for an Orcutt rent increase this year, \$15,728 for 2 self check machines at SMPL, \$7,864 for a self-check at Orcutt, and \$10,508 materials for Cuyama, Guadalupe, and Los Alamos Branches.
- Mary will be attending a Library Director's annual forum and CA Library Association (CLA) preconference workshop in Riverside November 1 through 3rd. Librarian III Dawn Jackson will attend the CLA conference November 2-5.
- Staff are busy collecting statistics for the annual California State Library survey due October 30. The data will be used to benchmark comparable libraries in the state and identify the average per capita funding level in California.
- The Santa Maria Public Library Foundation is busy planning their next fundraiser, *For the Love of Books*, to benefit all library locations on February 11, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. featuring lunch with authors Wendelin Van Draanen and Mark Parsons.

Santa Maria Library

- The Library partnered with the Santa Maria Bonita School District to hold a bilingual end of school pizza night for families in Shepard Hall on June 13. Parents and children learned about the Summer Reading Program and the services of Central Coast Literacy Council.
 - U.S. Representative Salud Carbajal held a Citizenship Recognition program on July 15th in Lavagnino Plaza attended by about 30 new citizens from the surrounding area. He invited them to visit the library and get a library card.
 - The Library's Volunteer Coordinator position has been reconfigured with outreach duties added to increase the library's presence and profile at local events. She has attended a number of events at local schools, National Night Out, Vet's Stand Down, and the launch of a Little Free Library in Guadalupe.
 - Library staff participated with the Friends of the Santa Maria Public Library in distributing free books and library information to nearly 400 people at National Night Out on August 1st.
 - The BiLingo English-Spanish Conversation Club continues to be held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the Learning Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event is a partnership between the Library and Central Coast Literacy Council.
 - The library's door access system originally installed when the new main library opened in 2008 was recently upgraded at a cost of approximately \$16,000.
 - After School Homework Help for K through 6th grade at the Library in Santa Maria resumed with the school year. The Help Center is staffed with a paid staffer and volunteers. Hours are 4-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Learning Center.
 - A contract security guard began working August 28 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 2-6 p.m. (16 hours weekly) from the main lobby desk to increase surveillance of library problem patrons. Eventually the position will be filled with a City Park Services Aide employee.
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- The Library Eclipse program held on Friday 8/18 attracted 100 people who received solar glasses (thanks to NASA), instruction on the eclipse and how to create pinhole projector to safely view it.
- Friends of the SMPL received a \$10,000 donation for children's books from former library volunteer Lola Dorrity. Lola, a former library volunteer, recently passed away on 8/25/17.
- A CA State Library grant for approximately \$2,500 funded six hours of mental health counseling by a Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H) AmeriCorps counselor through September 28th. The counselor worked from the main lobby desk Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. During her 3 ½ month period working, she engaged 270 people and, of those, referred 63 to services. She entered 19 into the C3H Vulnerability Index. She continues to volunteer on Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm.
- Cameras which were added to provide supervision of the garage drive through book return area have eliminated vandalism and loitering in the garage.
- The Library was successful in receiving two CA State Library grants in September to fund two 3D printers for the Library, and a Veterans Connect Resource Center grant to fund informational resources for veterans.
- Library staff participated in the "Vet's Stand Down" event on October 21 providing free books to participants, library information on job help and resources, and information about the new grant funded program Veterans Connect @ the Library.
- The Central Coast Genealogical Society conference is coming on Saturday, November 4. Experts in DNA, genealogy research and more will be presenting in Shepard Hall, the Learning Center, and the Nelson Room.

Cuyama Library

- Cuyama Library has received an RFID check out pad for staff to use in checking out library items with RFID technology rather than bar codes. The collection is in the process of being tagged and the RFID chips were provided by the Black Gold Library Cooperative to accomplish the goal of all member libraries' items being (BG) RFID tagged. Tagging will facilitate patron use of self check machines system wide.
- The Library partnered with the Family Resource Center to increase youth participation in the Summer Reading Program.
- The Family Resource Center (FRC) has received grant funds to have a mural painted on the front and side of the Library/FRC by Quail Springs Permaculture.

Guadalupe Library

- Library staff participated in a ribbon cutting for a little free library box provided by Tri-Counties Regional Center to encourage reading and literacy in the Ranch Acres community of Guadalupe on August 2nd. The little free library box is about the size of a large birdhouse and stores books donated by community members for others to borrow and return or replace on the honor system.
 - Guadalupe Library has received an RFID check out pad for staff to use for checking out materials. As was described above, the branch received RFID chips from BG for the collection.
 - The Guadalupe Friends of the Library received a Woods Family Foundation Grant to purchase \$3,500 of children's books.
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- Guadalupe Library rent for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the 2017-18 year (\$15,000) will be provided from the extra County Library funds. The City of Guadalupe funded the first quarter of 2017-18 rent of \$5,000.

Los Alamos Library

- The Friends of the Los Alamos Library have funded Assistant Clerk-Office staffing for seven extra open hours at the Los Alamos Branch for 2017-18 at a cost of \$5,044. They also continue to fund \$8,000 for library materials each year.
- At Los Alamos, homework help continues to be offered after school Monday through Thursday. Students are each assigned a volunteer tutor.
- A display of paintings by Santa Ynez Valley resident Patricia Hedrick was installed in September and will continue through January 2018. The show is titled: Current Conditions: The Weight of Atmosphere.
- As with Cuyama and Guadalupe, the Cuyama Library received an RFID check out pad for staff use in checking out materials. The collection has been tagged. The pad enables staff to check out multiple items at once instead of scanning each barcode.

Orcutt Library

- Thanks to the Will and Rooney families, a new wrought iron bench was purchased and installed in front of the Orcutt Library. The bench will be dedicated on Saturday, November 18th, with a plaque "to the memory of Adele Lippitt and graciously donated by the Will and Rooney families."
 - Library staff spoke at a Friends of the Orcutt Library fundraiser held at Core Winery on May 31st. An after-hours tour of the branch library was also held.
 - New security gates and a self-check machine with credit card payment system were recently installed and activated at the Orcutt Branch Library. This equipment completes the RFID system which was funded by the Friends of the Orcutt Library last year and included three RFID staff pads and tags for the collection.
 - Extra county funding will pay for the \$75 monthly rent increase for the Orcutt Library. The current rent amount is \$4672 per month.
 - Plans are in the works to bring a toddler story time to the Orcutt Library to reach children 1-3 years old. The longtime volunteer Orcutt Storytellers have continued to offer two preschool story times weekly for the 3-5 year old group.
 - Righetti High School's ASTRA Club (a subset of the Altrusa Club) will offer monthly Saturday children's programs on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Orcutt Branch.
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ITEM NO. 2

MANAGEMENT PARTNERS (LIBRARY CONSULTING FIRM)

FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM NO. 3

MEMBER REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE

FOR DISCUSSION