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**ACTION SUMMARY**

September 17, 2014

**Solvang Superior Courtroom  
1745 Mission Drive  
Solvang, CA**

Meeting officially convened at 10:03AM.

Roll Call

**Members Present:** Claire VanBlaricum, Laura Selken, Gaby Edwards, Pamela Holst, Judith Dale, Margaret Connell, Maureen Theobald and Shirley Stacy.

**Members Absent:** Patricia Manuras, Barbara Raggio, and Alice Down.

**Directors Present:** Irene Macias, Jessica Cadiente and Mary Housel.

**County Staff Present:** Supervisor Doreen Farr, Renee Bahl, Jessica Rauch.

**Other Representatives:** Heidi Aten, Senior Management Analyst, Goleta City.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

- I. Meeting Called to Order: by Chair, Supervisor Doreen Farr.
- II. Roll Call: Committee Members Manuras, Raggio and Down were absent.
- III. Public Comment: None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2014.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Dale and seconded by Connell to approve the minutes of June 18, 2014. Motion passed.**

**STANDARD AGENDA**

1. **Value of Community Libraries Statement – For Action**  
Recommendation: That the Library Advisory Committee approve a statement about the value of community Libraries.

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**ACTION: Staff will incorporate the Committees comments and continue this item to the December meeting for approval.**

**2. County-owned Library Facilities – For Discussion**

Recommendation: That the Library Advisory Committee have a discussion on the County-owned library buildings and the responsibilities of the landlord and tenant.

**ACTION: Staff will work with the Zone Directors to update the two charts and continue this item to the December meeting for approval.**

**3. Library Directors Zone Updates**

- i. Zone 1 – Irene Macias*
- ii. Zone 2 – Ashlee Chavez*
- iii. Zone 3 – Mary Housel*

**Zone 1** – Ms. Macias announced that the Public Library System has a new website. Also, Black Gold is providing new downloadable services.

The Central Library applied for and received an \$80,000 grant from California State Library for the Family Literacy Center Program.

The Carpinteria Library Friends group approved the funding to replace the carpet, which was done on September 8<sup>th</sup>. They have also participated in the Reading is Fundamental Program, which distributes books to children in Carpinteria schools.

The Eastside Library is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with the Black Gold traveling display and events.

The Montecito Friends received a technology grant for a self-check machine.

The Goleta Library partnered with UCSB on a reading program called Physics of Science. The City also approved the issuance of a Request for Proposals for a consultant to review a cost analysis of creating an Independent Library.

The Solvang Library and the City of Solvang partnered on a water conservation program.

The Los Olivos Library is now open!

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**Zone 2** – Ms. Cadiente announced that Zone 2 received a grant for the First Grade First Card Program. Students are allowed to check out five items at a time and there are no fines. The program started yesterday and staff is very excited to be partnering with the school districts.

The Santa Barbara Foundation approved a grant that will assist with the Work Comes Home Series Program. The program is for Veterans who come back from overseas and talk about their experience. Zone 2 is also participating in The Stand Down for Santa Barbara County. It is an event being held at Santa Maria Fair Park on October 18<sup>th</sup> to help veterans that need assistance.

A \$6000 donation was made to the Lompoc Library to expand the computer stations and quiet areas. A hydration station was also installed.

The design phase for the new circulation desk at the Buellton Library is in progress and construction should begin this fall.

The Village Library is having two story times a week. Staff has been busy focusing on interior and exterior enhancements, staffing and hours of operations.

The Charlotte's Web Mobile has received 5 bid proposals for construction, which will hopefully be starting soon.

**Zone 3** – Ms. Housel attended the August 26 Board of Supervisors meeting to attend the Black Gold 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Resolution and to say a few words of thanks to the Board for their support and to ask for a cost of living adjustment in the next budget, if not more.

United for Library training grant from the ALA will provide advocacy training for two half days in October for our library support groups including Friends of the Library groups and the SM Library Board of Trustees. Laura Selken is one of our new Library Trustees for SMPL.

All libraries in zone 3 will be closed this Friday, September 19, for an all staff training day conducted by consultant Dr. Barbara Young. Each One Making a Difference is the theme and staff will be discussing different temperaments, and helping individuals reach their fullest potential through the power of self-clarifying.

The Summer Reading Program in all zone 3 libraries had a record high participation this year. During the 8 week program, 644 children and teens participated compared to 471 in 2013. The adult component had 76 participants compared to 80 in 2013. Staff attributes the increase in youth participants to a change in format this year. Participants were rewarded for reaching the ten book goal rather than weekly visits.

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Change in Municipal Code to allow an immediate exclusion from the library for patrons who commit serious behavioral problems such as fighting, threatening other patrons or staff, etc. Another request to restrict size of personal items brought into the library to fit under a standard library chair was tabled for return to a later meeting after large outcry from homeless advocates who felt the restriction would be unfair to that group.

SMPL Foundation is forming with representation from all areas we serve. A first meeting was held in September. The Foundation will benefit programs in all zone 3 libraries.

There is lead in the paint at the new Los Alamos Library facility, which volunteers are raising more funds to get removed.

#### 4. Member Reports/Roundtable Discussions

Heidi Aten from the City of Goleta announced they have issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to review a cost analysis of creating a City Library. The City is looking to see if it would be less expensive to operate the Goleta Library on their own, rather than through Zone 1.

#### Adjourned at 11:42AM.

The next Library Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 from 10:00AM-Noon the Lake Cachuma Recreation Hall, 2225 Highway 154, CA. To place an item on the agenda, please contact Jessica Rauch at (805) 568-2467 at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.