

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2010

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commission Chair Blakeslee.

Present:

Commission Chair Blakeslee, Commissioners Ryan, Hindmarsh, Reinking, and Sessarego.

Commission Chair Blakeslee announced that Commissioner Holderness has resigned from the Library Commission. She served nine years on the commission and was a part of the glory days of getting the new library built. Her talent was extraordinary and she was a great community outreach person during that time printing articles and putting out a lot of great marketing for us. We wish her the best.

Absent

Commissioners Zahedani.

Approval of Minutes

3. a. Commissioner Reinking moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2010, as written. Motion carried.

AYES:	Commissioners: Hindmarsh, Reinking, Ryan, Sessarego, Blakeslee
NOES:	Commissioners: None
ABSENT	Commissioners: Zahedani
ABSTAIN:	Commissioners: None

Business from the Floor

None

Reports and Presentations

5.a. Get Involved: Powered by Your Library – Promoting Civic Engagement through California Public Libraries

Library Supervisor Galindo presented an overview of the program held in Irvine, CA and attended by Library Director Curl, Library Supervisor Galindo, Library Technician and Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Centi, and two Folsom Public Library volunteers, Jeanne Peña and Barbara Herndon.

5.b. Folsom Public Library Early Literacy Program

Library Supervisor Galindo gave a power point presentation on the new Early Literacy Program, funded by a grant from Target, which is being held at Norman R. Siefkin Public Library weekly. Library Supervisor Galindo explained that the program focus is on preparing parents/care givers with the skills to prepare their children for school, giving early positive reinforcement with books promotes good reading skills later.

Discussion Items

6.a. Discussion Items

2010/2011 Annual Library Budget Preparation Update

Library Supervisor Galindo stated that there has been no change since the Commission last reviewed the budget, at this time all items are still in line.

Café Space Update

Library Supervisor Galindo stated that a new Request for Proposal will be developed. There have been multiple inquiries from interested people in starting a coffee café in the existing space.

7. Supervisors Report

Library Supervisor Galindo reported on how successful and well attended recent teen and adult programs have been. She stated that staff has worked very hard to connect with teens and 47 teen attend the Teen Game Night on February 26, 2010, a credit to Youth Services Library Technician Debbie Centi and Library Assistant Anna McAllister. Library Supervisor Galindo also praised the efforts of the Adult Services Librarian and Library Technician, Julie Rinaldi and Regina Maduell for the quality and variety of their programs. Library Supervisor Galindo stated that all of the staff provides excellent customer service.

Commissioner Sessarego stated that she volunteers in the F.L.A.S.H. program and she is amazed at the children who are coming and really wanting help with their homework. She stated she thinks it is a marvelous program.

8. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Reinking stated this has been a very informative night, she is impressed by the programs and the staff.

Commissioner Ryan stated that in discussing all of the programming, Parent/Infant, Teen, After School, Seniors, it struck her that the library is really covering all demographics in the city and she will be contacting the City Council member who appointed her and remind them of whom, all demographics, the library is touching in the community. Commissioner Ryan encouraged the other Commissioners to connect with their City Council member as well.

Commissioner Ryan stated that she is happy to coordinate or help in some capacity to organize the Library Clean-Up Day that was brought up at the last meeting.

Commissioner Sessarego stated she was glad that Commissioner Ryan brought the subject up and asked staff to get the Friends involved as well.

Commissioner Sessarego stated that she is working on a committee with Librarian Rinaldi, Library Technician Maduell, and Mike Troyan from Barnes and Nobel on an upcoming Author Visit to be held Saturday, April 10, 2010, just prior to National Library Week, April 11-17, 2010. There will be about 10 local authors coming to the library, another way for the library to get involved in the Community, which they (the staff) do so well.

Commissioner Hindmarsh mentioned the upcoming Book Fair which also brings in scores of people from the local community,

Commissioner Hindmarsh said Library Supervisor Galindo had a good, one-woman show, tonight (in Library Director Curl's absence).

Commission Chair Blakeslee stated that in this recent economy it is great to hear some positive news.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Janet Robinson, Senior Office Assistant

