

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2010

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commission Chair Blakeslee.

2) Roll Call:

Present:

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

Absent:

Commissioner Zahedani.

3) Approval of Minutes

a) November 8, 2010

Commissioner Reinking moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 2010 as written. Motion carried.

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

4) Business from the Floor

Rob Bulaga stated that he would like to acknowledge the passing of an era as Commission Chair Blakeslee steps down after 12 years of service which is very much appreciated.

5) Reports and Presentations

a) Recognition of Outgoing Library Commissioners

Library Director Curl informed the Commission that she has been wanting to recognize Commissioner Holderness for her past service however it has been difficult

for Commissioner Holderness to attend a recent Commission Meeting, the book *State of Change; Forgotten Landscapes of California* was purchased to be added to the collection with a bookplate honoring her years of service and was presented to Commissioner Holderness (for her review) at the Friends meeting Saturday, December 4, 2010.

The book *Barefoot Contessa, How Easy is That* will be added to the collection in recognition of Commissioner Zahedani's years of service.

Commissioner Hindmarsh will be recognized with the book *Where Good Ideas Come From*

Commission Chair Blakeslee will be honored for his long years of service with the book *Earth the Book; a Visitor's Guide to the Human Race.*

6) Discussion Items

a) Technology Trends

Library Supervisor Galindo discussed eBooks through Overdrive and the devices they can be downloaded to. Overdrive will soon be available for our patrons.

Library Supervisor Galindo explained that the Friends will be supporting the purchase of a new application, powered by Boopsie, for all Smart Phones, which will give you immediate access to our library services.

Library Director Curl gave a brief presentation on how many applications are available on Smart Phones, including access to library electronic data bases and audio books, etc.

b) Teen Space

Library Supervisor Galindo presented a brief report on changes that are planned for the Georgia Murray Building Teen Space.

- Moving the Teen Collection that is outside of the Teen Room inside, keeping the collection all together in one space which will allow the outside shelving to be used for the overflow of holds.
- Purchasing furniture that makes the Teen Space more appealing to the Teens and less appealing to adult patrons. The Library Teen Council was involved in selecting the furnishings.
- Making changes to graphic novel and magazine displays, making them more attractive to teens.
- Purchasing a large flat screened TV for gaming within the library (in the Teen Room) and not just in the Meeting Room, a more intimate setting.

The project will be funded by the Friends.

c) Grant Opportunities

Library Director Curl talked about a couple of grant opportunities that are being considered.

d) Strategic Planning

Library Director Curl talked about an upcoming free webinar that will be available in January on strategic planning. She stated that she has already attended one training and is looking forward to participating in this new webinar to find new ways to figure out what it is the community needs from their library. She requested input and ideas from the Commission.

7) Library Director's Report

Library Director Curl presented the following items:

- Café Update

8) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Reinking stated it was a pleasure working with all of the outgoing Commissioners and she hopes to be back (on the Library Commission) in January.

Commissioner Reinking questioned if there was an age requirement for being a Commissioner? Could there be a teen Commissioner.

Commissioner Ryan stated she appreciated all of the Discussion Items that were presented.

Commissioner Sessarego stated she appreciated working with Commissioner Hindmarsh and Commission Chair Blakeslee.

Commissioner Sessarego stated she appreciated Library Supervisor Galindo and Library Technician Centi coming to the Friends meeting and presenting such exciting projects for the Friends to fund.

Commissioner Sessarego stated that she is concerned about staff morale; she asked what the Commission can do to support you (Library Director Curl and Library Supervisor Galindo) to support the morale of the staff.

Commissioner Hindmarsh reminded the Commission about the Zoo holiday event, Wild Nights/Holiday Lights. The Friends decorated a tree and the exhibit is fabulous.

Commissioner Hindmarsh stated that she thinks it is important to have at least one Friends Board member as part of the Commission. She also commented how helpful it is having Commissioner Reinking who is also a member of the school board.

Commission Chair Blakeslee stated that in 2001 one of the presenters at a Commission meeting was a library futurist and jumping forward to 2010 we are seeing some of those predictions becoming reality.

Commission Chair Blakeslee stated it has been a wonderful journey and a pleasure to serve.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Janet Robinson, Senior Office Assistant