

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2008

Call to Order:

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

Present:

Commission Chair Collins, Commissioners Giancoli, Kipp, Ryan, Blakeslee.

Absent

Commissioner Holderness

Approval of Minutes

3. a. Commissioner Kipp moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2008 as written.
Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Giancoli, Kipp, Ryan, Blakeslee, Collins.
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT Commissioners: Holderness
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Business from the Floor

Friend's President Mary Sessarego addressed the Commission regarding the revised Friend's Brochure and invited them all to become members. Mary also reported that the June total in the Booktique was \$2,372.59; the year-to-date total for the Booktique is \$9,376.93. In total for the year, adding in Book Sales and Renaissance Faire proceeds, etc. the Friends have brought in over \$49,000.

Reports and Presentations

5 a. Norman R. Siefkin Public Library Project Status

Library Technician Bulaga provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Norman R. Siefkin Public Library.

Library Director Curl reminded the Commission that the Norman R. Siefkin Public Library will have its Grand Opening on August 6, 2008, a Wednesday, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Library Director Curl gave a brief overview of the planned ceremony.

Library Director Curl updated the Commission on the hiring for the new library, stating that conditional offers have been made and accepted for all the positions, and staff is waiting for results from pre-employment tests.

Commissioner Ryan asked about the library's hours and Library Director Curl stated that the hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm and Tuesday, Thursday, 12:00pm-6:00pm.

New Business

6.a. LSTA Grant Funds Awarded for online Homework Help

Library Director Curl presented the staff report giving the Commission a demonstration of the Out-of-School-Time Online Homework Help program the Folsom Public Library applied for and was awarded a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Students will access Out-of-School-Time Online Homework Help through a link on each participating library's web site. The goal of the program is to provide after-school homework assistance to students, grades 3-12. The original grant award provides full funding for FY 2008/09 and the option to renew in subsequent years with an incremental decrease in funding support from the State Library through FY 2010/11. Library Director Curl responded to questions by the Commission.

Director's Report

Library Director Curl provided the following report and responded to questions from the Library Commission.

- 2008-2009 Library Budget.
- American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference 2008.
- Upcoming Library Events in Adult, Children's and Teen programming.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Giancoli thanked Library Director Curl for moving the Children's Summer Reading Program inside due to the smoke and the heat.

Commissioner Giancoli stated he is looking forward to the opening of the Norman R. Siefkin Public Library.

Commissioner Kipp stated that she was impressed with Library Technician Bulaga's work on the Norman R. Siefkin Library.

Commissioner Kipp stated that she is thrilled that staff were able to attend the ALA Conference.

Commissioner Ryan stated that she was at the Rodeo on Saturday with one of the Council Members and was introduced to some people from the community as a member of the Library Commission, and everyone commented how amazing the library is.

Commissioner Ryan stated that she had to drop off some books on Saturday (during the Rodeo) and even though the parking lot was packed it was fairly easy to get to the book drop.

Commissioner Blakeslee stated that this is a very exciting time (for the library) and he is very impressed with all the cool programs going on especially in these tough economic times.

Commission Chair Collins stated that this is an exciting time, especially with the new branch library opening.

Commission Chair Collins stated that it is amazing that the Friends have raised almost \$50,000 to date this year.

Commission Chair Collins stated that due to the amount of time staff is spending on getting the new library opened, the August meeting will be cancelled. The next Commission meeting will be the September meeting.

Commission Chair Collins stated that the Library Commission has been given a minute to speak at the Grand Opening of the new library and since he will be out of town Commissioner Kipp will be speaking on behalf of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Janet Robinson, Senior Office Assistant