

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 8, 2010**

1) **Call to Order:**

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

2) **Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Commissioners Hindmarsh, Reinking, Ryan and Sessarego.

**Absent:**

Commissioner Chair Blakeslee, Commissioner Zahedani.

3) **Approval of Minutes**

a) October 4, 2010

Commissioner Sessarego moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010 as written.  
Motion carried.

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

4) **Business from the Floor**

None

5) **New Business**

a) New Adult Online Learning Services-HelpNow and Learning Express

Library Supervisor Galindo gave an online demonstration of a new adult learning/career and job searching service. Learning Express is funded through a grant provided to Mountain Valley Library System (MVLS) our regional library cooperative. She also reviewed the adult learning portion of BrainFuse, HelpNow which provides resume and career support.

Commissioner Reinking stressed that we really need a Facebook page in order to publicize these types of services and possibly that would be a volunteer job.

Commissioner Sessarego was interested in publicity and a press release will be done along with in house marketing.

Commissioner Ryan was interested in how long the grant would continue. Library Director Curl answered that it would depend on the consortium's evaluation at the end of the grant mainly based on usage of the site through this first 18 months.

Commissioner Hindmarsh asked for publicity materials to take to the Food Bank.

## **6) Discussion Items**

### **a) 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010/2011 Statistics**

Library Director Curl presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statistics. Director Curl gave explanations for changes within our statistics, particularly where numbers have dropped. We are spending less on collections as we are no longer supporting an opening day collection. There is a slight drop in circulation and patron count, so we did some comparisons to past years. From our high in 08/09 we are down about 7% in circulation and patron count; however our hours have dropped 9%. Our unique hours changed from 49 unique hours to 34, which is a 31% drop in unique hours. In 08/09 we had 98 total hours with 61 unique hours and now we are at 34 unique hours, which explains the drop in circulation and patron count. We still are doing an a great deal within our constraints.

Library Director also discussed other factors that changed statistics; Vista Del Lago Student library cards, competition with FLASH, and other outside variables. Also with reduced staffing there is reduced programming.

## **7) Library Supervisor's Report**

Library Supervisor Galindo presented the following items:

- National Snapshot Day, October 5, 2010
- New toys in Children's area at the Georgia Murray Building
- Highlights of NRS being a polling place
- Review of new technologies and information learned at a recent user's group conference

## **8) Library Director's Report**

Library Director Curl presented the following items:

- Senior First Friday-Off Key Singers
- Both libraries will be closed 11/11 for Veteran's Day
- Both libraries will be closed 11/25 and 11/26 in observance of Thanksgiving
- The café proposal was approved by City Council
- Supervisor Galindo attended the III Conference

- Upcoming Summer Reading Program training at the California Library Association Conference that several staff members will attend
- Library Book Clubs are well attended

9) **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Reinking thanked the library for everything the staff is doing.

Commissioner Sessarego agreed with Commissioner Reinking, it is exciting that we reach out to the public to address their needs and it is good to go to conferences and get re-energized.

Commissioner Hindmarsh was encouraged by the online opportunities that are available. She sees it touching two extreme ends of our community; the people that need the job resume and career tests, but also the other end with the catalog on the smart phones and those advances in technology.

Commissioner Sessarego asked about the possibility of co-sponsors for BrainFuse. Director Curl is checking with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Ryan commented about Sunday hours, she is so grateful and pleased that it is being made to work. She went last Sunday and was there a half hour early, with the time change. She was impressed how many people were waiting to go in, and then when she returned two hours later, she saw how busy the library was. She isn't sure if the numbers reflect it, but we are reaching the needs of the community. She was also thinking that at some point we should consider increasing our public computers.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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Greta Galindo, Library Supervisor