

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2014

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Secretary Robinson and in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Secretary Robinson recommended the Commission select Commissioner Ryan for Chair pro tem based on her past experience as Chair of the Library Commission. This was approved by a nod of the head from the attending Commissioners.

2) Roll Call:

Present:

Commissioners Calderwood, Oliver, Ryan, Aquino.

Absent:

Commissioner Marks, Batt, Sessarego.

3) Minutes

Commissioner Calderwood moved to approve the March 18, 2014, minutes as written. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners: Calderwood, Oliver, Aquino.

NOES: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Marks, Batt, Sessarego.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: Ryan.

4) Business from the Floor

None.

5) Reports and Presentations

- a. Monthly Statistics
- March 2014

Library Manager Dale reviewed the March 2014 statistics.

6) New Business

a. Review of ELF 2.0 Initiative and Common Core State Standards

Library Technician Debbie Centi reviewed the key elements of the ELF 2.0 Initiative, including answering what ELF 2.0 is, what are the ELF 2.0 values and goals, and what the Library is doing to embrace ELF 2.0 values.

In summary, the *Early Learning with Families (ELF 2.0)* statewide initiative was launched by the California State Library in fall 2013 to further the evolution of library services to young children (0-5), their families and caregivers. The initiative builds on the knowledge that the first five years of life are critical in the development of children and families, and that libraries can and should be one of the community pillars that support and nurture early childhood development.

To be considered an ELF 2.0 library, we must embrace ELF 2.0 values, actively provide early learning services for young children and families that address aspects of the ELF 2.0 goals, and participate in statewide early learning conversations, community partnerships and library networking meetings.

ELF 2.0 values include the need to reflect the concepts of “family-focused” and “child-directed” in library policies, programs, partnerships and environments; to ensure public libraries serve as hubs to connect people, organizations and resources, and offer families access to a wealth of resources and rich learning experiences; and to introduce families and their children to the importance and magic of the written word, the joys of storytelling, the wonder of books, and the value of language and reading.

ELF 2.0 goals include enhancing library staff confidence and skills in providing developmentally appropriate, family-focused early learning programs and services; strengthening parent/caregiver confidence and skills in supporting their children’s early development, learning and literacy skills; increasing the number of young children, families and childcare providers who utilize library services, with special emphasis on reaching high-need, at-risk populations; and increasing community awareness of the library as an early learning resource.

To incorporate ELF 2.0 values, the Folsom Public Library is embracing our role in raising readers by strengthening our programs that highlight the building blocks of early literacy by talking/singing/reading/writing/playing. Additionally we used grant funds to purchase toys, art supplies, and manipulatives to enhance programming and the children’s area of the library.

Per Library Technician Centi, libraries are in a unique position to foster early learning experiences for families, and the shift is focusing efforts not only on children, but the whole family. We want to do all we can to provide families with

a library experience that supports early learning opportunities, so we are accepting of play and the accompanying noise.

Library Technician Centi also reviewed the key points of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) from the CCSS initiative website as well as how our library can best support students, teachers and parents. These new standards have been developed for students kindergarten through 12th grade in the subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. They place an emphasis on nonfiction, across all subject areas, including language arts, social studies, and science.

What can the Library offer to students, teachers, and parents needing new resources?

- We can share Common Core information
- We can create lists of the very best nonfiction
- We can link our website to the best common core sites
- We can collaborate with our local schools and ask how we can best support them

b. Review of Fiscal Year 2014-15 Preliminary Operating Budget

Library Manager Dale presented a slide presentation on the City's and Library's Preliminary Operating Budgets. These budgets have been presented to City Council, but have not yet been adopted. The following are the key points in the Library Preliminary Budget:

Library Budget Summary:

- Begin to grow City support of the collection development budget
- Add a second open evening to expand accessibility and facility capability for programs and partnerships
- Complete the replacement of aging technology
- Continue to seek and develop strategic partnerships
- Continue to pursue alternate sources of revenue

Library Budget Proposal:

- Re-open Wednesday evenings until 8pm
- Move to a regular staffing schedule on Sundays
- Maintain high level of programming
- Increase collection development budget from \$42,000 in FY14 to \$69,823 in FY15.

Current Challenges & Opportunities:

- Collection development budget inadequate
- Need to "keep up" with new technologies & staff development
- Future of consortium agreements

- Demand for outreach & meeting needs south of town
- Strategically implementing new partnerships
- Utilizing a debt collection service

Library Manager Dale responded to general budget comments and questions by the Commission.

Commissioners Calderwood and Ryan asked about using or re-opening the Siefkin joint use facility at some point in the future. Library Manager Dale responded.

Rob Bulaga addressed the Commission about advocating for the former Library Director position. Commissioner Ryan and Library Manager Dale responded.

7) **Library Manager's Report**

Library Manager Dale reported on the following:

- The Open Mic Night the Teen Liaisons discussed at the last meeting has been changed to another Game Night on Friday, April 25, 2014. The Teen Council plans on holding the Open Mic Night next year.
- National Library Week
- Congressional Art Competition
- Citizenship Ceremony
- The new self check out station to be installed Monday, April 28, 2014.
- Books4You & Pitch an Idea Grants

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Aquino asked if the Library hosts birthday parties as they do at the zoo to generate revenue. Library Manager Dale responded.

Commissioner Calderwood reminded the Commission about the Revelry @ the Library event scheduled in October and stated that the Friends need more committed people to help in the planning stages.

8) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.