

Santa Barbara Public Library System
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 12, 2010 held at Central Library

TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Dorothy Brilliant; Eric Friedman; Christine Roberts;
TRUSTEES ABSENT:	None
COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Irene Macias, Library Director
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was brought to order in the Faulkner Gallery East at 3:05 p.m. on August 12, 2010.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	The minutes were approved as submitted.
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 3:00 pm in the Faulkner Gallery, East.

Library Plaza Project

Director Macias reports that there the City received eight proposals for the Library Plaza Project. Four of the firms were invited to interview on August 19.

Fundraising Suggestions

Chris Roberts suggested that the Library allow users to adopt a magazine online through the Library's or Friends of the Library's website. She envisioned a computer application that would allow the user to select a magazine title, indicate which branch should receive the subscription, whether they want to be named or anonymous and select a length of time for the subscription and pay online. Director Macias indicated that this was certainly possible with respect to the selection process but indicated that there might be some issues surrounding the payment process. She will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Library Director's Report

A one year Agreement for the Operation of a Countywide Free Library System was approved by the County Board of Supervisors at their August 10, 2010 meeting. The City libraries will receive \$6.90 per resident for the Central and Eastside libraries.

The contract for the operation of the Goleta Library will expire at the end of September. Director Macias will meet with City of Goleta staff in the coming weeks to negotiate an updated contract.

The Library Department has completed its annual reporting of Performance measures for the fiscal year that just ended. Director Macias will review the final reports with the Board at the September 9 meeting.

The Library has received a \$36,000 grant from the State Library. The focus of the grant application was to address the idea of "Patron Empowerment" through the addition of downloadable e-books and Public Catalog enrichment. The two new products, Overdrive's downloadable e-books and NoveList Select will be introduced this month.

Library Activities for June and July

The Summer Reading Programs, Make a Splash (kids) and Make Waves (teens) were well attended this summer. Although the program was shortened due to staffing issues, the numbers of students that completed the program were quite respectable. At Central, 919 signed up for the kids program and 197 completed the program. At Eastside, there were 442 signups and 232 completions.

For the teen program, 138 signed up at Central and 11 completed. At Eastside, 35 signed up and all 35 completed the program.

Personal Appointments/Staff Vacancies

Sarah Rosenblum, Library Services Manager has resigned her position. She has taken a job at the Hennepin County Library System. A recruitment for a replacement is currently under way.