

Santa Barbara Public Library System
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 14, 2011 held at Central Library

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Christine Roberts; Dorothy Brilliant,
Catherine Radecki-Bush

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Eric Friedman, Dianne Duva

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Irene Macias, Library Director
Roger Hiles, Library Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the Townley Room
at 3:00 p.m. on July 14, 2011

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: June 9, 2011 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Eric Gabrielson addressed the Commission

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular meeting will be September 8, 2011 at 3:00
pm in the Faulkner Gallery, East.

Library Plaza Project

The Redevelopment Agency reaffirmed that the Central Library will go forward with the Library Plaza Project.

Budget Update

City Council passed the Library Department budget with no changes.

The increase in the holds fee became effective July, 5, 2011. Staff has received both positive and negative comments about the increase.

Two branches of the Santa Barbara Public Library System have reduced hours of operation, as of July 11, 2011. The Montecito Library will be open Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5:30 pm, but will no longer be open Monday evenings. The Solvang Library will open 11 am to 7 pm Tuesday through Thursday, and 11 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday. The reduced hours of operation were necessitated by the decreased funding from both the County of Santa Barbara and State of California.

Fund Raising

The Friends of the Library hired a fundraising consultant in June, to conduct a feasibility study in advance of an anticipated fundraising campaign for the children's library and the greater Central Library renovation project. The feasibility study is ongoing and the consultant is in the process of interviewing local community members about the project. It is expected that the consultant will provide a report by early October.

Santa Barbara Art Association has dedicated their annual Benefit Show to the Library. A portion of the proceeds will go to support Library operations.

The Junior League has set a goal to raise at least \$100,000.00 this year for the Children's Library.

Several grants for funding Library operations have been submitted. Requests include support for the following: After School Homework Help, Adult Literacy Traveling Mini-Conference (tutor training) and system supported Call Center for Black Gold Members.

Library Director's Report

The Central Library upper level renovation project is in progress and expected to be done by July 23rd.

The Faulkner Gallery renovation is complete. The News Press had a positive article about the galleries.

RFID is in progress.

The budget detail for the final design of the Children's Library Project is being worked on with the Architect. The final design of the Children's Library Project will go to City Council in September for approval.

Library Activities for June

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing; the program will end on July 30th. The participation statistics will be reported at the next board meeting.

The Eastside Library and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art have a new Summer Project, which offers neighborhood families and children to learn the art of tile making. Families, parents and children will create tiles which they design, paint and fire in a kiln. Finished tiles will be added to tile artwork already in place on the wall of the large patio.

Personnel

Friends of Library President, Jeri Mulder is resigning.
Oscar Flores, Youth Services is resigning.