



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 11, 2021

12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Milt Hess called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Milt Hess, Will Tomlinson, Mackenzie Wildman, Margaret Crocco, Leslie Dinaberg

Board Members absent: NA

City Council Liaison: Eric Friedman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – of January 14, 2021

Recommendation: That the Library Board waive the reading and approve the minutes of Thursday, January 14, 2021.

Motion: Board Members Margaret Crocco/Leslie Dinaberg to approve the minutes of Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Vote: Unanimous roll call vote.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

March Library Board meeting will be held via Zoom rather than GoToWebinar and Agenda Item Library Support Activities was moved to after the Adult Education Update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None were made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adult Education Update

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive an update on the work being done by the Adult Education Division.

Speaker: Devon Cahill, Adult Education Librarian

Discussion: The Library Board received an overview on the Adult Education division, including the work performed by Adult Education staff through the Adult Literacy, SBPL Works!, and Career Online High School programs, and how they have adapted in order to continue to serve the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Comment: None were made.

ACTION: The Library Board received an update on the work being done by the Adult Education Division.

LIBRARY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation

Discussion: The Library Board received an update from the Foundation Director, Lauren Trujillo, about what the Foundation has been working on, including the facilitation of a pass-through grant for \$20,000 from an anonymous donor for new technology at the Eastside Library and continuing work on the Library Plaza Campaign. The Library Plaza Campaign continues to grow in momentum, with the Foundation having established a communications team and successful virtual tours with Library Director Jessica Cadiente to provide a safe way for donors to preview the project.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. Building and Grounds

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive the monthly Library Director's Report, Building and Grounds.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received the Library Director's Report on Building and Grounds. The Library's Grab and Go service is still ongoing with a potential expansion of open hours coming in March for all locations. In order to make it easier for patrons to find the Grab and Go area, the fencing that surrounded the Anapamu Central Library entrance has been taken down. During the significant rain event that occurred on January 28, 2021, the Central Library experienced significant flooding, with repairs needed for the walls where the flooding occurred. In regards to the Capital Improvement Plan presented to the Board in November, priorities remain the Lower Level renovation, security cameras for the Eastside Library, and the Central Library ADA Elevator with the Library hoping to present an update on the Library Plaza Campaign work and Naming Guidelines to City Council on April 14, 2021.

Public Comment: None were made.

ACTION: The Library Board received the Library Director's Report on Building and Grounds.

3. Programs

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive the monthly Library Director's Report, Programs.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received the Library Director's Report on Programs. The Library has been doing virtual outreach to local elementary schools and met with over 170 students from Roosevelt Elementary School to walk them through how to use their Student Success Cards and how to access Library resources. This is in addition to the in-person outreach being done at Harding Elementary School to hand out various Maker and STEAM craft kits. The Indie Book Club continues to be popular and the Library is collaborating with the Santa Barbara Independent to

better market this program to the community. Since 2021 marks the 20th anniversary for SBPL's SB Reads program, planning is already underway for this event. The Central Library is also the sponsor for the Poet Laureate Program for the City, in collaboration with the Office of Arts and Culture at the County, and is accepting applications through March 5th, 2021. In honor of the Day of Remembrance, the Library is partnering with other California libraries and film producer Abby Ginzberg to screen the documentary *And Then They Came for Us* for free to the community and the Social Justice Book Club will discuss George Takei's *They Called Us Enemy*. The Library also launched a new TED & Joe in the Morning series targeted at seniors and other community members stuck at home during the pandemic, with registration having already filled for the first event.

Public Comment: None were made.

ACTION: The Library Board received the Library Director's Report on Programs.

4. Collection and Circulation

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive the monthly Library Director's Report, Collection and Circulation.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received the Library Director's Report on Collection and Circulation. Working towards a better and more user-friendly catalog remains a priority for the Library, with discussions with the Black Gold Library Cooperative and County ongoing in regards to the migration to the open-source Koha ILS and Aspen discovery layer. While circulation is still down as a whole across the entire Black Gold Cooperative, circulation has been increasing since adding the browsing component to Grab and Go.

Public Comment: None were made.

ACTION: The Library Board received the Library Director's Report on Collection and Circulation.

FINANCIAL

5. Budget Update

Recommendation: That the Library Board accept the financial status of the Library as of January 31, 2021.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: As of January 31, 2021, the Library is at 58.33% of the year in and annual expenditures are at 48%.

Public Comment: None were made.

ACTION: The Library Board accepted the financial status of the Library as of January 31, 2021.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6. Library Board Member Updates

Discussion: No members of the Library Board had updates.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Children's Internet Protection Act Compliance

Digital Resources Review

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Milt Hess adjourned the meeting at 12:58 PM.