

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
July 1, 2020
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Michael Baldwin, at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Pat Gacoscos
Michael Baldwin
Amy Apel
Jean Josey
Maria "Sucy" Collazo
Cheryl Hoffmann
Karen Bridges
Sarah Wilson
Yang Shao
Subru Bhat

Members Absent:

Tyler Dragoni

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2020

Karen Bridges motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 8, 2020. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The motions to elect Michael Baldwin as Chairperson and Pat Gacoscos as Vice-Chairperson were approved by unanimous vote.

3. Re-Appoint Karen Bridges to At-Large position

The motion to re-appoint Karen Bridges as an At-Large Commissioner was approved by unanimous vote.

4. Appoint Jared Ottmann to At-Large position

The motion to appoint Jared Ottmann as an At-Large Commissioner was approved by unanimous vote.

5. AC Library Reopening Plan

Cindy Chadwick and Ben Gomberg presented the PowerPoint for the five phases of the AC Library Reopening plan. The dates for the phases shown in the presentation are tentative.

At the start of April, ACL formed 10 Action Teams for staff to continue online and other services. Action Teams included Inventory, Building Re-Entry Preparation, Local History, and Online Reference. In May, No-Contact Pickup Service launched at 8 locations. In Phase Three, ACL plans to open bookdrops, resume 1-on-1 Education & Literacy Services, and resume limited Mobile (Bookmobile) Services.

A question was asked about when books can be returned. Answer: Once we start accepting book returns, they will be held in quarantine for 72 hours before check-in and reshelving. Deb Sica shared a link from OCLC Research regarding the REALM Project, which is studying the life of the virus on surfaces (including books).

(<https://www.oclc.org/research/news/2020/project-realm-updates.html>)

In Phase Four, we plan to provide use of Library spaces with limits on time and building occupancy.

6. Update on New Newark Library

Facilities Manager Erika Atkins was formally introduced to ACLAC. Atkins presented a fly-through video of the new Newark Library. The new Newark Library is projected to be opened in late April or early May 2021.

7. Update on Learning Group (LG)

Learning Group Division Director Erin Berman presented an update on the Learning Group services. The Kind, Connected Summer Reading Experience started on June 15th. The program is based on AC Library's statement, "Kind, Connected Humans." All prizes have been purchased from local Alameda County small businesses to support the local economy.

In partnership with the Library's Social Justice Services department (SJS), San Lorenzo Library is offering free summer meals for kids and teens until August 6.

Mobile Outreach Services will soon be adding two new vehicles to the fleet.

Kind, Connected Conversations is now available through our website. Anyone can schedule a 20-minute appointment for a 1-on-1 conversation with a Library staff member.

8. Update on Fremont Library upgrades

Brian Edwards presented a video he made of the Fremont Main Library upgrades. The video showed before and after photos of the changes made, including an expanded children's area on the first floor, and adult collections now on the second floor.

Edwards also shared an update on the Archimedes MakerSpace. Archimedes is being used to help make the following

- 3D Mask extenders (ear savers) and door openers using 3D printers
- Facemasks using sewing machines
- Jigsaw puzzles (for Storytime and give-away craft projects) using the Glowforge Laser

9. County Librarian's Report

Chadwick shared that our eResources statistics have doubled in numbers since last year. The increase coincides with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over 1,200 mask extenders have been 3D printed and distributed to individuals. These devices are particularly popular with people who have trouble wearing elastic bands around their ears.

Newsletters from Supervisors Miley and Chan featured our Kind, Connected Summer and Kind, Connected Conversations.

Chadwick shared articles featuring AC Library. Including one from Patch.com about our Contactless Pickup Services, as well as positive member comments from social media.

Chadwick and Sica presented a webinar with Urban Libraries Council on "Kindness & Justice" and will share the link when it is available.

10. Next Meeting Date/Place

Date: October 7, 2020
Place: Virtual Meeting
Time: 7:00 pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

****These minutes are subject to Alameda County Library Advisory Commission's approval at their next regularly scheduled meeting.***