

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
July 13, 2022
Hybrid Meeting, Union City Library

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Michael Baldwin, at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Baldwin
Subru Bhat
Michael McCorriston
Cheryl Hoffmann
Sarah Wilson
Maria "Sucy" Collazo

Members Absent:

Karen Bridges
Teresa Keng
Tyler Dragoni
Pat Gacoscos
Ge'nell Gary

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2022

Commissioner Subru Bhat motioned, and Commissioner Sucy Collazo seconded for the approval of minutes from April 6, 2022. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. Summer Programs at the Library

County Librarian Cindy Chadwick highlighted the Library's various summer programs planned for the season.

The Summer Adventure program has returned for its second year after replacing the Summer Reading Game. This year's theme is "Wonder In Nature," and it will be run in four languages: English, Spanish, Traditional Chinese, and Simplified Chinese.

Pride Programs through June and the Summer. On June 11th, during a Drag Queen Story Hour event at San Lorenzo, Proud Boys demonstrators disrupted the storytime. This caused the

event to be halted temporarily until the situation could be diffused. The performer, Panda Dulce, agreed to return and finish the event as did the families who were in attendance. The incident was covered on a national level.

Every Month is Pride Month is a library-wide initiative that was born out of the events on June 11th. Endorsed and funded by Supervisor Brown, AC Library will hold a pride event every month beginning July 2022 until June 2023.

Chadwick also shared highlights from the quarterly report (April-June 2022).

- Lunches at Newark, San Lorenzo & Union City Libraries
- Storytimes with Jean Ficklin at Newark Library
- "Turtley Awesome" Summer Reading Challenge at Dublin Library
- Outdoor Summer Adventure programs at Castro Valley Library

Alternate Commissioner Michael McCorriston was surprised that the library had experienced pushback from the Drag Queen Story Hour despite it being a long-standing program. He expressed that he was happy to hear that the Library is not backing down.

3. Alameda County Library Foundation

Chadwick introduced Alameda County Library Foundation Board President Ralph Johnson who gave a short presentation on the Library Foundation.

Commissioner Collazo asked what a sensory program was. Union City Library Manager Blaine Wentworth explained that they were programs that were geared towards communities with special needs.

4. Tour of Union City Library

Library Manager Blaine Wentworth gave a short tour of Union City Library.

5. County Librarian's Report

Banned Books Week

Chadwick shared a website and said that the Library would be celebrating the Banned Books Week Campaign (September 18-24). The Library will be putting forth a resolution for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors which will declare the week Banned Book Week countywide.

Library Advocacy and Funding Conference (LAFC)

Chadwick shared the LAFC website for a conference opportunity for the Commissioners and library supporters to learn how to effectively support and advocate for libraries.

Farewell Brian Edwards

Division Director Brian Edwards, a lifelong employee of Alameda County Library, has accepted the position of Library & Museums Director with Monterey Public Library in Monterey, CA. In this position, Brian will oversee both Monterey Public Library and the Museums & Cultural Arts Division of the City.

6. Commissioners' Updates and Reports

Commissioner Collazo invited the Commissioners to the Newark Mariachi Festival on Sunday, July 24th.

Commissioner Cheryl Hoffmann shared an excerpt from a local history book about the opening of the Alameda County Library in 1910.

7. Next Meeting Date/Place

Date: October 5, 2022
Place: Hybrid Meeting, Physical Location TBD
Time: 7:00 pm

Adjournment

Commissioner Collazo motioned, and Commissioner Bhat seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.