

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

**ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**

**April 10, 2024
Centerville Library**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Baldwin at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Baldwin
Sarah Wilson
Subru Bhat
Sherry Hu

Members Absent:

Preston Jordan
Gary Singh
Teresa Keng
Maria "Sucy" Collazo
Karen Bridges
Anthony Qiu
Tabatha Soto

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2024

The approval of the January 10, 2024 minutes was postponed until the July 10, 2024 meeting.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. Overview of FY 2024/2025 Budget

Acting County Librarian Deb Sica shared an overview of the Library's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

3. Tour of Centerville Library

Acting County Librarian Sica introduced Centerville Library Manager Elizabeth Gamell, who led a tour of Centerville Library.

4. County Librarian's Report

Staff Updates at the Library

Sica updated the Commissioners on recent changes in staff at the Library

- Fremont Library welcomed two new librarians
- Social Justice Services department welcomed one new librarian
- Four Librarians were promoted at Newark, Fremont Main, Union City Libraries and Mobile Outreach Services
- Sally Ross retired as Library Assistant Manager at Union City Library
 - Sylvia Puertas-Galvez was promoted to Acting Library Assistant Manager at Union City Library
- Cindy Chadwick retired as the County Librarian
 - Deb Sica was promoted to Acting County Librarian

PAVE Prevention Training

PAVE Prevention is a Chicago-based consulting firm hired to lead a five-day series of intensive training sessions and assessments for Library staff on De-Escalation challenges. Over the next three years, they will be training all Library staff.

The Library is currently in its fourth cohort of De-Escalation Training with PAVE Prevention and Library Staff.

Sica shared some of the positive feedback and comments that Library Leadership has received from the staff who have participated.

Summer Adventure 2024: Engaging the Senses

Summer Adventure (formerly Summer Reading Game) is back with a new theme, "*Engaging the Senses.*"

Play the game from June 1 – August 1, 2024 at any of our library locations.

National Library Week 2024

This year, National Library Week is celebrated April 7 – 13, 2024.

Youth Poet Laureate Contest

The Youth Poet Laureate Contest is open to the whole county. Open to all youth teens between the ages 13 and 18 in Alameda County. Applications will close on April 30th.

Sica shared that this program has grown significantly since its launch and the 2023 winner will go to the Nationals in Washington, D.C.

5. Commissioners' Updates and Reports

Commissioner Sherry Hu shared that the City of Dublin has significant work plans to renovate the annex space in the Library. Things are moving forward to develop the library and use that additional space, including space for the historical society, rearranging the book stacks, and more. The City would like to keep the library open during the construction time.

7. Next Meeting Place/Date & Adjournment

Date: July 10, 2024
Place: Albany Library
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner Subru Bhat moved, and Commissioner Hu seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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