

**ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY**

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

**July 10, 2024  
Newark Library**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Baldwin at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Michael Baldwin  
Sarah Wilson  
Subru Bhat  
Kashef Qaadri  
Preston Jordan  
Karen Bridges

**Members Absent:**

Gary Singh  
Teresa Keng  
Maria "Sucy" Collazo  
Anthony Qiu  
Tabatha Soto

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2024 and April 10, 2024

Commissioner Preston Jordan moved and Commissioner Sarah Wilson seconded for the approval of the January 10 and April 10, 2024 minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

2. PAVE Prevention

The state of California has a new mandate for violence prevention. AC Library has been working with Chicago-based PAVE Prevention in a five-day deep dive de-escalation training for all staff in small cohorts. This will be a three-year process.

Acting County Librarian Deb Sica shared a statistical analysis of staff feedback from the training and shared a YouTube video produced by PAVE Prevention – “PAVE Training with Alameda County Library”

The County has a three-year contract, 5-cohorts per year, including a “train the trainer” cohort. About 1/3 of staff have gone through the training already.

### 3. Tour of Newark Library

Acting County Librarian Sica introduced Newark Library Manager Joe Stoner, who led a tour of Newark Library.

### 4. County Librarian’s Report

#### Thrift Books

Local vendor Discover Books has ceased business. Thrift Books is now the new vendor for book discards.

Books are first offered to friends, schools, and community organizations. Any discards leftover are given to Thrift Books.

Alameda County Library Foundation (ACLF) receives 20% of the profit from books sold.

ACL is currently not charged for pick-up of the discarded books.

#### ACLF SWAG Store

Acting County Librarian Sica shared a screenshot and link to the Library SWAG Store. This was made possible through the ACLF’s fundraising for the library.

#### Irvington Library Closure

Acting County Librarian Sica announced the closure of Irvington Library, effective July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Before the pandemic, the building was open for service one day a week.

It was originally built in the 70s and was always meant to be a temporary building. The library experimented with a couple of ideas for the services offered at the location, including making it into a maker space garage.

The building is not sustainable enough to stay open more than one day a week. Fire suppression needed upgrading, wood rot, electrical safety issues, etc.

Wally Pond and Warm Springs will be getting Amazon locker-style book locker pickups.

Makerspace supplies will go to expand the Archimedes Makerspace at Fremont.

Pop-up maker experiences are planned for the community.

Only 1k members have IRV listed as their home library, and there were only 100 holds when we stopped taking holds.

Acting County Librarian Sica and Fremont City Councilmember Teresa Cox will be at a local restaurant this weekend and be available to talk to the public about their questions or concerns.

### Summer Adventure Submission Showcase

Summer Adventure 2024 is coming to a close on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Acting County Librarian Sica Available share the Summer Adventure Submission Showcase accessible on the website through [aclibrary.org/summer](https://aclibrary.org/summer).

### Fremont Main Library Pride Fair

Acting County Librarian Sica shared photos from the Library's first-ever Pride Fair at Fremont Main.

Several hundreds of people attended, and many community-based organizations hosted booths at the event.

## 5. Commissioners' Updates and Reports

Commissioner Baldwin reported that he was by the Castro Valley Library recently and saw the fire department en route. He later learned that a child had gotten their hand stuck in the book return. The automatic book return has safety features that prevent serious injury.

Commissioner Jordan reported that the City of Albany renewed their contract for additional hours for the Library.

Acting County Librarian Sica Deb shared a story that was sent to Newark Library.  
Education and Literacy Services: Mom wrote in about our new youth literacy program. The mother appreciates the reading buddy program as it has helped her child improve significantly in their reading skills.

Commissioner Karen Bridges announced that she is retiring and stepping down from the Commission.

Commissioner Sarah Wilson asked if there is an update on the new County Librarian position. Acting County Librarian Sica said there is no update at this time. She (Sica) is currently occupying the role of both Deputy County Librarian and Acting County Librarian.

7. Next Meeting Place/Date & Adjournment

Date: October 2, 2024

Place: Albany Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner Subru Bhat moved, and Commissioner Jordan seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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