

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

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

October 2, 2024

Albany Library

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Baldwin at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Baldwin
Sarah Wilson
Subru Bhat
Kashef Qadri
Preston Jordan

Members Absent:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2024

Commissioner Preston Jordan moved and Commissioner Subru Bhat seconded for the approval of the July 10, 2024 minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. 2025 Meeting Dates and Locations

ACLAC Secretary Noelle Khean presented the dates and locations for the 2025 meeting calendar.

The Commission will meet on January 15th at Castro Valley Library, April 2nd at Niles or Fremont Main Library, July 2nd at Dublin Library, and October 1st at Union City Library.

3. Tour of Albany Library

Acting County Librarian Sica introduced Newark Library Manager Blaine Wentworth, who led a tour of Albany Library.

4. County Librarian's Report

AC Library & Golden State Collaboration; Library Card Sign-Up Month

The American Library Association recognizes the month of September as Library Card Sign-Up Month. For the 2024 campaign, AC Library partnered with the Golden State Warriors to promote libraries with a specially branded library card available while supplies lasted.

The campaign was featured on Channel 7 news and social media.

AB 1825 – “The Freedom to Read Bill”

California is the 3rd state to have a ban on banning books. The bill prohibits the firing of library workers who refuse to ban books.

Book Lockers

The Irvington building has been officially turned back to the City of Fremont. Our new service to the area will be in the form of book lockers which work similarly to amazon delivery lockers seen at stores.

Units are currently being built in Australia by FE Tech- the same vendor that provided our new self-checks and RFID.

Beta sites for this new service are Wally Pond Community Center (Irvington) available 24/7 and Warm Springs Community Center available during open hours.

The Spark: Archimedes Reimagined

The makers pace at Fremont Main has rebranded and open by appointment as of October 8th.

Members have access to 3D printers, sewing machines, die cutter, and more.

Fremont's knitting group, Spin A Yarn, will be meeting in The Spark on alternating Wednesday afternoons.

Spark staff have plans to add vinyl cutters, heat press, large format printer, etc. And expand appointment hours and add walk in hours by December/January. They also

would like to host interest group meet ups for Quilting/sewing, journaling, scrapbooking, etc.

5. Commissioners' Updates and Reports

Commissioner Baldwin shared that he attended the banned books zoom webinar and found it to be very informative. He also asked if the branches were reducing their magazine collections?

Sica answered that the library is streamlining the magazine collection across the organization because the number of titles offered by the vendor is reducing. However, the library locations can request more titles if they have trust money.

7. Next Meeting Reminders, Location, Date & Adjournment

Reminders for the next meeting:

- Election/re-election of ACLAC Chairperson
- Election/re-election of ACLAC Vice-Chairperson
- Appointment of ACLAC Youth Commissioner(s)

Location of next meeting:

- Date: January 15, 2025
- Place: Castro Valley Library
- Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner Jordan moved, and Commissioner Sarah Wilson seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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