



Library Advisory Committee

Meeting, September 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Cachuma Lake Recreation Hall

2225 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

September 18, 2019

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2225 Highway 154
Santa Barbara, CA
10:00 AM

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order:** *by Chair, Supervisor Das Williams*
- II. Roll Call:** *by Secretary*
- III. Public Comment:** *Public Comment period is set aside to allow public testimony on items not on today's agenda. The time allocated to each speaker will be set at the discretion of the Chair.*
- IV. Minutes:** The minutes of June 26, 2019 will be considered.

STANDARD AGENDA

- 1. Library Directors Zone Updates – Receive and file**
 - i. Zone 1 – Jessica Cadiente
 - ii. Zone 2 – Sarah Bleyl
 - iii. Zone 3 – Mary Housel
 - iv. Zone 4 – Allison Gray
- 2. Library Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update (Taxes & Benchmarking)- For Discussion**
- 3. Black Gold Updates-Informational**
- 4. CSD Directors Report**
The Director of Community Services will report on items of general interest to the Library Advisory Committee Members and members of the public, including items that have been or will be considered by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.
- 5. Member Reports/Roundtable Discussions:**
Library Advisory Committee Members may present brief reports on library issues, such as seminars, meetings, events and literature that would be of interest to the public and/or Committee, as a whole.

Adjourn

The next Library Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on December 11, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Cachuma Lake Recreation Hall located at 2225 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA. To place an item on the agenda, please contact Natasha Garduno at (805) 568-2467 at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date.

MINUTES

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF
JUNE 26, 2019**

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ACTION SUMMARY

June 26, 2019

Cachuma Lake Recreation Hall
2225 Highway 154
Santa Barbara, CA
10:00 AM

Meeting officially convened at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Patricia Saley, Judith Dale, Barbara Raggio, Holly Sierra, Amelia Villegas, Alice Down, Milt Hess, Shirley Stacy

Members Absent: Claire VanBlaricum, Laura Selken, Gaby Edwards, Pamela Holst, Patricia Kistler, Marilyn Ayers

Directors Present: Sarah Bleyl, Jessica Cadiente, Mary Housel, Allison Gray

County Staff Present: George Chapjian, Ryder Bailey, Natasha Garduno,

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

I. Meeting Called to Order: *by Chair Williams.*

II. Roll Call: *by Secretary*

III. Public Comment:

Carol Gregor, representative of Friends of Orcutt Library, addressed the Committee under public comment in regards to the issue of the library deficits. Ms. Gregor also noted the need for the Orcutt library to find county owned property to avoid having to use money for high rent.

IV. Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2019

ACTION: A motion was made by Milt Hess and seconded by Holly Sierra to approve the minutes of March 27, 2019. All approved. Motion passed.

STANDARD AGENDA

1. Library Directors Zone Updates- Receive and file

The committee received and filed the Library Director Zone updates.

The following were additional items shared from each zone:

Zone 1

- New online resources through Kanopy.
- Partnered with Black Lives Matter and El Centro to hold a celebration for Juneteenth which had music, food, dancing, art, and poetry.

Zone 2

- Lompoc City Council passed their budget and there were not any cuts to libraries.
- The Lompoc Record has not been digitized and is available to the public in the library.

Zone 3

- A \$100k grant was received from the State Library.
- Library is fundraising for a book mobile.
- Measure U funding has been received for Sunday hours at Santa Maria Library.
- Relocating the library in Guadalupe to the Community Center at Leroy Park has been eliminated from the plan due to lack of funds for renovation.

Zone 4

- City of Goleta budget was passed with the addition of 1.5 FTE's and the library will be purchasing 3 new self-checkout machines.
- KEYT News did a piece on the Library of Things collection at the Goleta Valley Library.
- Solvang and Buellton libraries will be joining Zone 4 in the coming week.

2. Budget Updates/Addressing Budget Shortfalls -Discussion

Ryder Bailey, CFO of Community Services, provided the Committee with an overview of the budget deficits for all zones.

The following were additional highlights made by members of the Committee:

- Patricia Saley reported that the Montecito Friends Group are giving \$125k but cannot go any higher than this amount.
- Allison Gray, Zone 4 Library Director, reported that the City of Solvang will be making up the \$11k deficit for its library.
- Holly Sierra shared that Buellton is hoping that the County will provide \$20,392 to assist with the enhancement of their programs.
- Due to the \$11k deficit beginning July 1st the Village branch will have to cut four hours out of the current schedule.

3. City Contribution Matching-Discussion

The Committee held a brief discussion related to city contributions toward libraries. There was a consensus that a match could be provided to cities for any contributions put towards reducing the deficits.

4. CSD Directors Report

George Chapjian, Director of Community Services, reported that the budget and expansion request for the Community Services department were approved.

Ryder Bailey, Community Services CFO, reported that the next phase of the Library Ad Hoc will target benchmarking within the library system and taxes. Mr. Bailey also shared that the department plans to take the annual library agreement to the Board of Supervisors at the August 13th board meeting.

5. Member Reports/Roundtable Discussions:

Patricia Saley requested that a Black Gold Update become a standard agenda item moving forward for all meetings.

Shirley Stacy introduced Solvang City Councilmember Robert Clark and Friends of the Library Board member Gayle Satterblom who were in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Stacy also thanked the Committee for the get well card that she received back in March.

Milt Hess shared that the new proposed design for the plaza at the Central Library was given general approval by the Historic Landmark Commission.

Adjourned at 11:06 AM

The next Library Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 10AM-12PM at the Cachuma Lake Recreation Hall located at 2225 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA. To place an item on the agenda, please contact Natasha Garduno at (805) 568-2467 at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date.

ITEM NO. 1

LIBRARY DIRECTORS ZONE UPDATES

RECEIVE AND FILE



STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 9, 2019
TO: Library Advisory Committee
FROM: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director, Santa Barbara Public Library
CC: George Chapjian, Community Services Director, County of Santa Barbara
SUBJECT: Zone 1 Report

All Zone 1 Libraries

- All Santa Barbara Public Libraries went fine free effective July 1, 2019. This will reduce the inequitable impact of overdue fines and improve patron relationship with the library. Additionally, staff costs to reconcile fines far outweigh revenue generated. Patrons will still be responsible for lost or damaged items.
- Youth participation in summer reading was up 10% with 2427 kids and teens signing up and logging books system-wide. This year, all kids received a free book upon sign up, which was very popular. Many low-income families do not have home libraries, and access to books in the home is positively correlated with school success, which is why giving books to a child to keep as an incentive to participate in summer reading is an important outcome of the program.
- The Adult Summer Reading Program kicked off at Wine Therapy, with book giveaways, original postcards and stamps to mail them, book recommendations, and library card sign-ups. We had about 150 participants at the kick-off and over 400 participated in the program through the summer, approximately 15% more than last year. Teen and children combined had an overall increase in participation.
- Santa Barbara Public Library updated its Library Rules of Conduct to effectively address current behavior issues and more clearly state the progressive discipline process. The news rules allow staff to be more efficient and consistent when enforcing the Rules of Conduct across all locations.
- The Santa Barbara Public Library is excited to announce its selection for this fall's 18th annual Santa Barbara Reads program, *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz. Affectionately referred to by fans as Ari and Dante, this multiple award-winning young adult novel is a coming of age story that explores topics such as racial and sexual identities, family relationships, and mental health issues. Santa Barbara Reads will run from October 15 through November 15, 2019. Author Benjamin Alire Sáenz will be visiting Santa Barbara to participate in SB Reads events during the first week of November. Sáenz is an award-winning American poet, novelist and writer of children's books. This program is sponsored by the Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation.

Central

- Student Success Initiative agreement has been signed by the Library and the Santa Barbara Unified School District. The District had more than 5,000 students opt in to receive library cards, and the files of student data are in the process of being imported to generate cards.
- The first tutor-learner pairs for OG Readers, a one-on-one tutoring program where students can work with a highly trained tutor using curriculum based on the Orton-Gillingham approach to teaching reading, met over the summer and several students were able to make significant strides in their reading fluency and comprehension. The

second tutor training was full and trained one dozen tutors, and students have been matched for the fall.

- As part of Summer Reading, Central offered camp experiences for kids and teens, including Robotics Camp, in which participants designed, built, and coded a Mars Rover prototype to be able to sense temperature in order to locate areas of a planet that might be inhabitable using Hummingbird Robotics, 3D printing, and coding skills. All groups came back after camp was complete to continue tinkering with their creations. In Space Camp, participants had the opportunity to recreate experiments like the ones astronauts do on the International Space Station that must be completed over multiple days in order to record observations, as well as other hands on activities. At a multi-day drama workshop, teens had the opportunity to write, direct, and star in their own dramatic performance.
 - Over 200 people attended the ARISS contact with the space station. The moment of anticipation in the room before we made contact with astronaut Nick Hague was so tense and exciting. Families enjoyed the complimentary activities. This was truly a once in a lifetime event.
 - Harry and the Potters, a world-renowned wizard rock band, performed at Central Library in July for hundreds of fans.
 - As part of a Lunch at the Library grant, staff visited summer meal sites across Santa Barbara, signing up kids for summer reading and providing arts and crafts, robotics, and outdoor games for kids during their lunch visit. Staff were able to connect with many families who were not library users, especially at several City parks.
 - 3rd Annual Harry Potter Night was a phenomenal success. This year the event featured Robot Quidditch and Drone Charms as new activities in addition to 3 floors of crafts, escape rooms, trivia, green screen photos, and partnerships with UCSB science educators and Master Gardeners. Approximately 850 attended the event.
 - Vets Connect had a Grand Opening at the end of August, bringing Congressman Carbajal, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson and Supervisor Das Williams to speak about the power of Libraries and how important it is to support our vets and help them get the resources to which they are entitled.
 - SBPL *Works!* Grand Opening and Job Fair at Eastside was an amazing community event with job seekers, businesses, organization and community leaders all present to celebrate, network, and find jobs. It was a great opportunity to increase the profile of our SBPL *Works!* program and all of our library services and programs in the Eastside community.
 - In partnership with MTD, SBPL *Works!* received 15 month long bus passes for those looking for a job who don't have transportation. They are available at either location.
 - The Santa Barbara Response Network provided a two part training for staff on resiliency and self-care with an emphasis on compassion fatigue.
 - Pilot program of security staff in the library during all open hours is underway. After the initial surprise and questioning of the need for security staff, now all we hear is gratitude. The security guard hears from many patrons each week, telling him how much they appreciate his presence.
 - Book-To-Action provided an opportunity to highlight the issue of food insecurity in our Santa Barbara County area. From the food pantry at UCSB to the FoodBank gleaning program, food insecurity is a fact of life for a surprisingly large number of individuals. This grant from the California Center for the Book offered us books and an author stipend to promote discussions and action on this important topic.
 - We partnered with several organizations in producing a wildly successful and very upbeat Juneteenth event. We had about 350 people of all ages in attendance. The poetry, music, food, art, and good will were appreciated. We used this opportunity to kick off our oral history project, *Black Santa Barbara Speaks*.
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- We have created a newly formed translation team, able to confidently translate materials in a timely fashion, making our materials more accessible to a wider audience on a regular basis. In addition to translating, we have Spanish language computer classes in the works at three locations, and a Spanish language book club kicking off in October.
- Teen Drama Camp was a three day intensive, with teens creating their own production. Most of the teens were new to each other at the start of the program. The production was authentic, honest, poetic, and touching.
- Teen Night at the Library was a fun event with a scavenger hunt and hide and seek games.
- We installed the art piece “Lament”. The huge canvas is 10’ x 24’ with 2000 book covers and ephemera on 6 panels. The First Thursday reception was a tribute to the artist and the gift of the piece to the Public Library.
- Tiny Libraries were installed on State Street and will be there through the end of September. There are six of them on 6 separate corners. They have been up for a week and SBPL has filled them with more than 2000 books already. It is our responsibility to get them stocked (which we have done twice a day), and although we have been saving donated books since May, we have already gone through our entire stockpile. We just received an influx in donations from Chaucer’s Books to help get us through the First Thursday events this week.

Carpinteria

- A local Authors Read event was organized with The Carpinteria Writers’ Group, with 34 attendees listening to authors read their work.
- Carpinteria began hosting Lunch at the Library, through a partnership with Foodbank of SB and a grant from the state. The sessions had a steady attendance and ended the week before the start of the Carpinteria School District’s new school year.
- In July, Carpinteria hosted a special Frida Kahlo storytime in honor of Kahlo’s birthday and had guest performers such as Science Tellers and the Reptile Family.
- Carpinteria’s Storybook Art series began, in which every other week, a staff member read a story and worked on an art project based on the story with attendees.
- City of Carpinteria staff repaired the doors on the book drops and the AC in the meeting room.
- A patron requested a white curb in front of the Carpinteria book drops. The Senior Librarian passed the request on to the City of Carpinteria.
- Patrons of the Carpinteria Library have expressed a desire for newer, upgraded public computers. Staff will be investigating ways to troubleshoot existing equipment.

Eastside

- Eastside’s SBPL Works! office had its first full open month. The Works! staff member, who is bilingual, was immediately busy with referrals from other groups. The office at Eastside includes computers, printers, a job board, and other resources for jobseekers.
 - The ribbon cutting for Eastside SBPL Works! was held on July 13. Mayor Murillo and Councilmembers Sneddon and Dominguez attended, in addition to other dignitaries. A job fair in the library’s MLK meeting room paired jobseekers with local businesses.
 - Mayor Murrillo welcomed constituents to Office hours at Eastside in July.
 - Teen programming has been greatly expanded at Eastside, with the volunteer Teen Advisory Board planning events such as a henna workshop, t-shirt printing class, and a teen film workshop over the summer. These programs are attracting teenagers from all over and outside of the City of Santa Barbara.
 - Grant funded Spanish language financial literacy classes were advertised through local channels such as Radio Bronco and welcomed many first time library users. Additionally,
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several financial literacy classes were held at other sites including the housing authority and Casa de la Raza.

- Special Summer Programs for children included Roaming Reptiles, Science Tellers, and the DJ of Ability. All were highly attended and summer reading signups and attendance were up over last year.
- In the parking lot, Eastside hosted a demonstration from the BMX Stuntmasters, who performed high-flying stunts for a crowd of over 400.
- In the continuation of a tradition, library staff donated animals for the Eastside stuffed animal sleepover. Children chose a “stuffie” to adopt, the stuffie enjoyed a fun night in the library, then went to their new forever homes.
- Roof work continues as solar panels are installed.
- New furniture is in the works for Eastside and library staff are working with City Facilities on a winter 2019/2020 interior renovation.
- Library staff have been working with teachers and administrators at Adelante to create sustainable class visit models for the fall.

Montecito Library

- The Summer Reading theme Choose Adventure: Space was a huge success in Montecito, holding events such as an Astronaut Ice Cream Social, Eggstronaut Drop, and Apolopalooza Party celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Kids and grownups had great opportunities to participate.
- The Branch hosted Garden Storytime at Upper Manning Park, an outdoor environmental education program attended by kids and caregivers. The offerings at the park included a short storytime, a group lesson from an environmental educator, legos, crafts, and lunch provided by local restaurants. Caregivers appreciated being able to bring 3 or 4 kids of different ages.
- Staff offered a weekly storytime at the Montecito YMCA Preschool which serves children from age 2 to 6 with hours designed for working families. Older children came to the library for a field trip at the end of the summer and attended a dance-themed Preschool Storytime. For many of the kids, this was the first time they had come to the Montecito Library and, for some, the first time ever visiting a public library.
- SB Poet Laureate, Laure-Anne Bosselaar, shared her works with the Poetry Club. She is the 4th sitting Poet Laureate to attend the club.
- The Montecito Library is in need of some facility improvements such as carpet cleaning and restroom upgrades. Neither restroom has a changing table, and the men’s room is dark without windows and the light is on a timer. Staff would like to explore non-gendered single stall bathrooms with changing tables or a family friendly bathroom so that patrons have more inclusive, safer options.
- Montecito is experiencing technology issues due to aging machines. Delays in printing can cause extended wait times. The branch does not have wireless printing, and currently the self- check is unable to accept credit card payments.

Santa Ynez Libraries

- Effective July 1, 2019 all Santa Ynez Libraries (Buellton, Solvang, Los Olivos, Santa Ynez) transitioned to management under Zone 4.
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STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 18, 2019
TO: Library Advisory Committee
FROM: Sarah Bleyl, Library Director, Lompoc Public Library System
CC: George Chapjian, Community Services Director, County of Santa Barbara
SUBJECT: Zone 2 Report

All Zone 2 Libraries

- The City of Lompoc passed their FY19/21 budget at the end of June and included no cuts to the library.
- The annual Summer Reading Program wrapped on July 31 with a total of 2,223 signups (8.8% increase over last year) and a total of 7,013 attendees at one of the library's 144 programs (90.7% increase). A total of 13,374 books were read by participants in the months of June and July, with over 60,000 visitors to either the libraries or the bookmobile.
- A recruitment for the Librarian II/Library Manager is underway.
- All library staff participated in a fire safety training in August.

Lompoc

- The public restrooms renovation project finished in August, after several delays.
- The next Friends of the Library book sale is scheduled for October 17-19 in the Lompoc Library's Grossman Gallery.
- A new series of tween programs, Science Fridays, will begin in September and will give 4th – 8th graders a chance to learn new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills with their peers.

Village

- For safety reasons, facilities staff is recommending the carpet be replaced.
- In July, the library hosted the Vandenberg Village Park & Playground Coalition for a special community outreach story time event attended by 36 youth and parents.
- As of July 1, the Village Library is open Tuesday – Friday for a total of 24 hours a week.

Charlotte's Web Mobile Children's Library

- The bookmobile attended the Old Town Market over the summer. This event continues to be a success with many book checkouts, library cards made, and making the library visible in the community.
- The first ever Lompoc Youth Filmmaker Showcase is happening September 21. This event is a result of a grant received by the bookmobile to teach children how to write and film a story that was important to them.



STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 18, 2019
TO: Library Advisory Committee
FROM: Mary Housel, City Librarian, Santa Maria Public Library
CC: George Chapjian, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: Zone 3 Library Report

All Zone 3 Libraries

- All zone 3 libraries were closed for all staff training on August 28th. Staff participated in trainings on positivity and respect in the workplace, teambuilding exercises including makerspace and an escape room activity.
- A California State Library (CSL) funded grant of \$5,000 will fund books for a crisis collection designed to help communities with emergency preparedness, mindfulness, and moving forward in the face of natural disaster.
- The Library's Summer Reading Program recently came to a close. A total of 886 children/teens participated with kids reading nearly 450,000 minutes, and teen read 518 books. 113 adults registered and participated in the program making over 400 library visits during the eight week program and reading over 200 books.
- The Library received another California Library Services Act grant of \$12,500 from the CSL for the 2019-20 Zip book program. The Zip program supports patron driven acquisitions funding the purchase of books requested by patrons that are not in the SMPL system.
- Library staff are developing procedures to begin circulating Chromebooks from all locations. Previously they were for in-house use only.

Main

- Library is actively recruiting to fill two full time and six part time Measure U positions with a target date of January 5th for the launch of Sunday hours 1-5 p.m.
- Library staff are working with Fleet toward purchasing a Sprinter van bookmobile with a CA State Library (CSL) awarded \$100,000 grant, and \$21,500 grant funding from the Library Foundation. The Foundation has set up a Go Fund Me account to continue fundraising toward the \$200,000 goal. The bookmobile planning team took a field trip to Ventura/Oxnard to visit their bookmobile in service at Boys and Girls Club.
- The second Santa Maria City Librarian Dorothea Nelson was selected for induction into the CA Library Association Hall of Fame for her early work expanding the SMPL building and forming the Black Gold Library Cooperative

and the County Library Zone system in the 1960s. Ceremony will be October 24 in Pasadena. Diana Gooch & Julie Urban. (Dorothea's daughter & granddaughter) will attend.

- New library programs including gardening club, succulent exchange, seed library, library of things, makerspace, bike kitchen and Heart of Valley along with children's programs for all ages are very popular and well attended. 204 attendees came to the succulent exchange in June. A Harry Potter Party received good press and was attended by about 80 children and adults.
- Moxie Café has renewed their lease in the library for another year. Business has not been robust and a lower monthly rent was negotiated from \$650 to \$550 month. They are offering a daily deal at \$5.95 to stimulate business.
- The library hosted a teen intern for the summer through the City's intern program. The intern observed programming, job shadowed and helped in the book shop.
- The *Santa Maria Sun* announced that readers voted the library as the best "Place to Geek Out" for the 4th consecutive year.
- Library is partnering with American Association of University Women to plan programs in November 2019 on Sex trafficking and in March 2020 for Women's History Month and 100th anniversary of adoption of 19th Amendment.
- The Library is also partnering with Dignity Health on a special book discussion group for cancer survivors to be held at the Hospital.
- The Library Foundation is working on a Hutton Parker grant highlighting the non-profit in the 9/12/19 Santa Maria Sun. The Foundation is fundraising for the bookmobile and has booked a speaker for the upcoming February 2020 fundraiser, author/swimmer Lynne Cox.
- Three new interactive panels for toddlers were added to children's area thanks to funding from the Maker grant which ended last fiscal year.
- A reorganization of Librarian III duties will shift branch supervision to Joanne Britton and reference division supervision to Dawn Jackson. Cross training is in process.
- Vet's Connect at the Library has been funded again for 2019-20 and additional funding for a grant funding community conversations with vets was also received. Funding will provide for Veterans' specific programs, materials and training. The Library plans to participate in Vet's Stand Down again this October 19th.
- Staff attended outreach events including open houses at Battles and Liberty schools, Downtown Friday June 7th & 30th, and Reading Roundup with Laurus College at the Boys and Girls Club.
- A celebration was held on 8/13/19 honoring outgoing trustee Chris Gallas for 25 years of service.
- Library staff attended a community town hall meeting in the northeast quadrant on 8/26 staffing a table where the community could stop and ask questions about the library. It is the first of four planned.
- Passport services at main continue to be very popular and generate revenue for the library. Plans to increase hours of the service are in the works.

Cuyama

- The Library partnered with the Cuyama Family Resource Center's Reading Buddies summer program to open extra hours on Tuesday/Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. for five weeks during July. Thirty children participated in the program.
- The Cuyama clerk resigned after a short employment period. The library is sending staff from main to open the branch until a new clerk is hired. Hiring for the branch is a challenge.
- Internet at Cuyama is often very slow and practically not usable at times. IT is looking into limited the bandwidth each patron can have so one person can't use it all up on streaming.

Guadalupe

- The Guadalupe Police and Fire Departments held an Ice Cream Social at the Library on Sunday, July 21. Library staff opened the library that day and had about 35 visitors during the 2 open hours.
- A Harwood Community Engagement session with the Guadalupe Friends of the Library was held on 6/18 to find out what community members want for their communities. So far, engagement sessions have been held in with friends groups in Orcutt, Los Alamos, and Guadalupe, and with the Library Board of Trustees and Library Foundation.

Los Alamos

- The Los Alamos Friends of the Library paid for library staffing to open 8 extra hours in July so children in the Los Alamos "Summer in the Park" kids' program could visit the library as part of their camp.
- The Los Alamos Friends of the Library "Eat, Play Love" event was held on August 3rd. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Los Alamos Library and included a walking wine/beer/appetizer/dessert tour of town.
- A new art display entitled "Cars, Stars & Rockets: The Photographs of Jay Prichard" is featured at the Los Alamos Branch Library through October. A reception for the photographer was held on August 7th.
- A new part time clerk was hired for Los Alamos replacing a clerk who returned to graduate school.
- Los Olivos Rotary installed a Little Free Library at the Los Alamos Branch.

Orcutt

- The Orcutt Friends received a \$10,000 Woods Family grant funding children's nonfiction books on states and countries for school reports.
 - Carol Gregor, who serves as Vice President on the Orcutt Friends of the Library Board, was selected to represent District 4 on the LAC.
 - A part time clerk recently resigned from Orcutt to take a full time position. A clerk from the main library will transfer to fill the position.
 - Mouse Tales story time resumed this month for preschoolers thanks to volunteer storytellers Carol Gregor, BR Gunn, Diane Handlos and Sheri Willebrand. The group are retired teachers and have volunteered for approximately six and a half years.
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DATE: September 3, 2019
TO: Library Advisory Committee
FROM: B. Allison Gray, Library Director, Goleta Valley Library
CC: George Chapjian, Community Services Director, County of Santa Barbara
SUBJECT: Zone 4 Report

- Grants: We received a 2020 Book to Action grant from the California State Library.
- *Student Success Initiative:* Letters have been sent out to all schools in Zone 4. Schools that have already received library cards were sent letters regarding incoming Kindergarten classes as well as older new students.
- *Harwood Community Conversations:* We have conducted Harwood Conversations with the Isla Vista Youth Projects Food Distribution participants, the Goodland Coalition and Maravilla. Letters requesting Conversations were sent to IV organizations and all of the PTAs in Zone 4 with whom we have not yet met.
- *Intergenerational Afterschool Help Program:* We received the grant money and will begin the program in October.
- Programming: The Summer Reading Club was very successful. There was a large number of programs held during the Summer. In July, a total of 29 programs were conducted at the Library with a total attendance of 1,674. Two visits were made to Fun in the Sun, United Way's summer program. The Children's Librarian and the Director did a craft outreach at Jonny D. Wallis Park. We took the month of August off from programming to give staff time to recover from the Summer Reading Club.
- Professional Development: I attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. June 21 – 24.
- Collection: Black Gold ended the pilot project for Library of Things so we are now free to add as many items as we like. We added the pre-loaded tablets and they were all checked out within 1 day. We should have close to 100 Things in circulation by the end of September. KEYT did a great piece on our Library of Things collection. We will be adding a page showing photographs of each Thing to our website to make things easier for patrons.
We did have some issues with our first orders with Baker and Taylor and Midwest due to adding the branches. These issues were resolved by mid-August and materials have been arriving in droves.
- Building: Major work was done on the library roof where we have experienced flooding all year. It turns out that when the parking lot was re-paved at some time before I started working at Goleta (11 years), the pavers paved over a number of drainage pipes. The pipes have now been uncovered and cleared.

The mechanisms for the automatic front doors were replaced, along with the wiring to the doors, and the buttons to push to open them. Hopefully this nearly complete overhaul will finally address all of the issues we experienced with the previous mechanisms, which were clearly meant for doors that received much less use than ours do.

- **Circulation:** In June, Goleta patrons borrowed 6,015 items from other libraries but loaned 5,027 to other libraries. In July, Goleta borrowed 6,340 items from other libraries but loaned 4,959 items to other libraries.
- **Administration:** The City of Goleta has been working on Emergency Operations Training and I participated in two workshops.
- **County:** In July, I attended a meeting of the Ad Hoc Library Committee. I participated in a County Ad Hoc Benchmarking Committee Conference Call.
- **Library Website:** I created a form for people to request Personalized Reading Lists. It was posted in July. The first month, we had a total of 10 requests for Personalized Reading Lists. The majority were from teens which was great because I was able to recommend books that I've been reading for my ALA/YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Committee, where I'm reading all books published in the US for teens. I added a section on the website for University Students to help our Isla Vista residents, including one that offers textbook support.
- **Outreach:** In July, I attended an IV Library Funding Meeting. In June, July and August, the Director and 2 staffers did a table at the IVYP Food Distribution Event; we gave away tchotchkes and books to the kids and library information to the adults.
- **Pop Up Library Devices:** These mobile, wireless devices were installed at Isla Vista Community Center, Isla Vista Teen Center, Goleta Valley Community Center and Goleta Cottage Hospital. We are working to get the last device installed at the Goleta DMV or at the laundromat in Old Town Goleta. These devices allow people to download e-books for free without having a library card. We are one of very few libraries in the US to offer this service.
- **Branches:** Quite a lot of time was put into the branches in July. We worked on getting their computers up and running. We got them the supplies they needed. We trained staff in adding items to their collection. We interviewed for 2 positions at Buellton, the Branch Supervisor and an Hourly Library Assistant. Hillary Johnson was hired as the Branch Supervisor and Susanna Delgadillo as the LA. There was quite a bit of interaction with Black Gold to ensure that the transition went smoothly. I have met with both City's Managers and Councils; they had no questions for me, only extremely positive remarks about their experiences with Goleta City staff so far. They seem very excited about the change and most appreciative about the transparency we showed throughout the process. They are looking into having a joint Library Advisory Commission. A great many new contracts and PO's were created.

Buellton: There were a number of building and computer issues that needed addressing. A fair amount of weeding was done in the adult collection. RFID work continues, as the collection is only partially tagged.

Solvang: A number of building and landscaping issues were addressed. Updated Biblioteca software was installed on the public desk staff machines. ABC Mouse connection issues for both Solvang and Buellton were resolved. The Friends voted to fund laptops for Los Olivos and Santa Ynez. Numerous summer programs were very well-attended.

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LIBRARY AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE (TAXES & BENCHMARKING)

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