

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 2**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 26, 2007

AGENDA ITEM #: 8

ITEM: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Commissioners or Library Staff may make announcements regarding the Library Commission and Library or Friends group activities of interest to other Library Commission members



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LIBRARY HITS 5 MILLION MARK

Posted by: [Kamran Smith](#) On: 06/14/2007 13:31:50 In: [June 2007](#)

Contra Costa County Library (CA) has achieved the milestone of circulating 5 million items.

Five million is 5 times 1 million, or 100 times 50,000. Either way you multiply it, it "adds up" to a big number. Imagine those numbers represented in books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, and other materials, doing what they're supposed to. Instead of languishing in stacks, those items were in motion, going from the shelves to out through the door with patrons.

Enthusiastic patrons and hardworking staff helped Contra Costa County hit the 5 million mark. And, as of June 15, the numbers were still going strong, already surpassing 5 million by over 41,000. That's a lot of items - and a lot of library lovers.



Part of the fun reaching the milestone for patrons and staff has been watching a counter on the Contra Costa Web site that tracks circulation figures. According to Cathy Sanford, Contra Costa County Deputy County Librarian, the counter was a way to encourage everyone to enjoy the excitement of the library reaching such a significant milestone in its history. (The library was founded in 1913.)

Contra Costa averages 14,500 checkouts a day in its 25 community libraries. There are 455,607 card holders, with an average checkout of 12 items a year.

The item that brought the library to the 5 million mark was Dr. Seuss's "I am Not Going to Get Up Today."

Hitting the 5 million item mark "shows that reading is still important to communities and, that in a day when some people believe that libraries are not relevant, Contra Costa County still reads and uses its libraries," Ms. Sanford said. "It is also a significant nod to the incredible work of a dedicated library staff in reaching out to communities and providing materials that promote reading and life-long learning."

For more information, visit the [Contra Costa County Library Web site](#). Contra Costa County Library uses a [CARL](#) system.

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Cake, prizes kick off library summer reading drive

By George Kelly
CONTRA COSTA TIMES
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CONCORD – Contra Costa County Library officials will throw a party to mark the beginning of a summer reading program and the achievement of the system's 5-million circulation mark.

The party begins at 10 a.m. at the Concord Library, 2900 Salvio Street, and lasts until noon.

Expected speakers include County Supervisor Susan Bonilla, Concord Vice-Mayor Bill Shinn and Kristi Clontz, a former client of adult-literacy program Project Second Chance.

All county residents are eligible for the summer reading program, whose theme this year is "intrigue and suspense." Participants can sign up at any of the county's 25 libraries or online at <http://www.ccclib.org>, and win prizes by tracking minutes spent reading books, magazines, newspapers and other materials through August 20, according to a county press release.

The system's 5 millionth item, checked out from the San Ramon Library on June 6, was a copy of Dr. Seuss' "I Am Not Going To Get Up Today."

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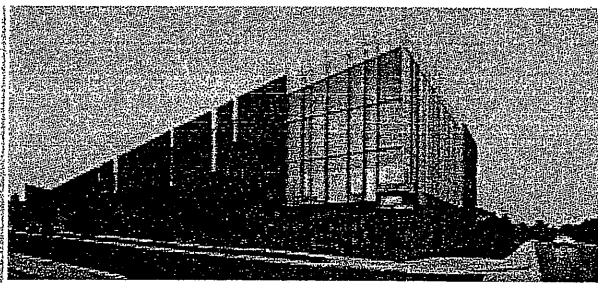
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HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY WINS THIRD ARCHITECTURAL AWARD

American Institute of Architects Bestows Honor Award



HERCULES, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY— At last night's American Institute of Architect's East Bay award's celebration, the Hercules Public Library won a top 2007 Honor Awards for Design, beating out eighty other projects submitted for the honor. All three of the judges were delighted by the project. They commented, "There are times when a small budget invokes great architecture and that has been accomplished with the Hercules Public Library. With the goals set by the city, to create a place of enjoyment for their entire community of all ages, this project pulls at our hearts."

The Hercules Public Library officially opened in November of 2006. The, 21,500-square-foot library was designed by San Francisco-based HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA) in association with Phoenix-based Will Bruder Architects. The City of Hercules sought a strong civic presence in its downtown. The library provides dynamic architectural character while the exterior brick material references the nearby historic buildings that once housed the city's namesake, the Hercules Power Company.

Last night's award follows two previous awards. In April, HGA accepted the AIA San Francisco's Excellence in Architecture Honor Award for the Hercules Public Library. And in May, the Hercules Library won a First Place award in the design category of Government and Municipal projects from the Wisconsin Chapter of IIDA (International Interior Design Association)



"We are very pleased with these prestigious awards," said Ed Balico, Mayor of Hercules. "For years, residents of Hercules have had to travel to neighboring cities for library services. Now, thanks to a State grant and a commitment of local funding, residents finally have a library to call their own". Mayor Balico thanked the architects and the entire team for their efforts.

On May 8, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors honored the Hercules City Council upon receiving the first of the architecture awards. District II Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema reported on the day-long activities she attended on opening day. "It doesn't get much better than this. The Hercules Public Library is as lovely on the outside as it is in the inside, particularly those areas devoted to children's reading."

The Hercules Public Library is located at 109 Civic Drive in Hercules and is open 1 – 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 12 – 5 p.m. on Sunday and closed on Friday. Summer reading activities for all ages are in full swing, so please stop by!

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New Job Kiosk at the Pleasant Hill Library

Job seekers can now view and print information on employment opportunities and even apply for jobs at the touch of a finger from the JobView kiosk located at the Pleasant Hill Library. The touchscreen is easy to use, no registration or resume is required, and there is no charge to the job seeker. An application receipt is printed which allows job seekers to provide proof of application for a specific job. Kiosk network listings are updated daily. Listings come from the Contra Costa Times, Oakland Tribune, Careers.com, San Jose Mercury News, Hotjobs.com, among others. Come on in and take a look!

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Library Launches New Recommendation Services

Read It, Hear It, See It: Check It Out

Pleasant Hill, CA (June 4, 2007) — Need a good book to read or listen to? Wondering what recent additions are in the Library's collection? The Contra Costa County Library is making it easier for people to find what to check out next with the addition of e-newsletters containing reading recommendations and automated lists of newly received materials.

Get Reading Recommendations Delivered To Your Inbox

Sign up for a free subscription to any of the Contra Costa County Library's e-newsletters and get great reading suggestions by email. These newsletters, currently available in 20 popular genres and topics, contain an intriguing mix of new releases and older items. Newsletters are sent monthly or bi-monthly and include up to 12 recommendations each. Each title is accompanied by a short description and a link to the online catalog so that users can see if the item is available and place a hold on the title. To subscribe, simply go to the **newsletter sign-up** page from the Library's Web site. You may sign up for as many subject lists as you like and you will immediately receive the most recent issue. You can change your choices or unsubscribe to the e-newsletter at any time. Watch your email this Summer for additions to our e-newsletter selections, including: children's materials, books in Spanish, and Library News & Events (to replace our existing text-based email news service).

Find Titles That Have Recently Been Added To The Collection

The Contra Costa County Library is now providing links into the online catalog of **newly received materials** in the following areas: adult, teen, and children's fiction, biographies, non-fiction, audiobooks, music, and DVD's. The lists of titles are also available as an **RSS feed** so you can stay up-to-date on recent additions to the collection.

For more information about the recommendation services, contact your local community library or visit the Library's Web site at <http://ccclib.org>.

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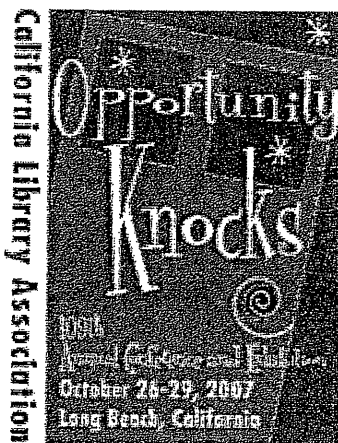
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2007 Conference & Exhibition

October 26-29, 2007
 Long Beach Convention & Entertainment
 Center
 Long Beach, CA

It's Time to Register for the 2007 Annual Conference!

Our **109th Annual Conference** will be held in Long Beach, from October 26-29. As the premiere continuing education event of the year, the conference will offer dozens of workshops. Notable speakers at the conference include actress and children's author, Jamie Lee Curtis, Craig's List Founder Craig Newmark and futurist Bob Treadway. This year, for the first time, CLA is providing a **Conference Wiki**. We invite you to participate today!



Conference Registration Schedule

Extra Early Bird Online Registration (Now until August 12)

CLA MEMBERS:

Full Registration \$199
 One Day Registration \$105
 Special* Registration \$79

NON-MEMBERS:

Full Registration \$265
 One Day Registration \$175
 Special* Registration \$130

Advance Registration (August 13 to September 16)

CLA MEMBERS:

Full Registration \$215
 One Day Registration \$120
 Special* Registration \$95

NON-MEMBERS:

Full Registration \$280
 One Day Registration \$190
 Special* Registration \$145

Regular Registration (September 17 to October 17 & October 26 to 29)

CLA MEMBERS:

Full Registration \$235
 One Day Registration \$130
 Special* Registration \$105

NON-MEMBERS:

Full Registration \$300
 One Day Registration \$200

Registration

- **Online Registration Form**
- 📄 Awards Dinner Registration* (988k)

**If attending the conference, you may register for the Awards Dinner when you register for the conference.*

ATTENTION LIBRARIES:

If you are sending **five** or more employees and are paying by **check**, please contact the CLA office at info@cla-net.org to receive a group registration form. If paying by credit card, please use the Online Registration Form.

Conference Program

- 📄 Institutes (42k)
- 📄 Meals and Special Events (44k)

Please check back for updates and additional program detail.

Special* Registration \$155

**Special registration for: Trustee/Board Member, Friend, Support Staff, Full-time Student, Retired or Unemployed Librarian*

Exhibit Hall Pass

\$25

Exhibit Hall passes can only be purchased on site at the CLA registration desk during the conference.

Exhibitors

If you are interested in exhibiting at our 2007 conference, please visit our exhibitor opportunities webpage.

Recruitment Pavilion

Please visit our Recruitment Pavilion webpage to learn about employer and job seeker opportunities at the conference.

Hotel Reservations

Conference housing is now open. The California Library Association has negotiated for a limited number of discounted hotel rooms in Long Beach for conference attendees. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, as many hotels will sell out before the conference. Hotel reservations may be made online or by calling 1-800-243-1197.



Actress and best-selling children's author, Jamie Lee Curtis, will speak at CLA's Annual Membership Meeting on October 27, 2007

2006 Annual Conference

CLA's **108th Annual Conference** received rave reviews! If you missed the conference, visit the conference workshop page, where you'll find the handouts from many of the programs.

