

# County Library

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# Contra Costa County

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February 6, 2007

The Honorable Assemblymember Mark DeSaulnier  
Assembly District 11  
815 Estudillo Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Assemblyman DeSaulnier,

Thank you for meeting with library supporters from Contra Costa County on Friday, January 26, 2007 during the California Library Association's Legislative Day in the District. I know that you are aware of the needs and the challenges facing the Contra Costa County Library. Preserving and enhancing the quality of public library services is extremely important to the residents of Contra Costa County who understand that libraries contribute to the education and economic engine of our communities.

As we discussed during our visit, there are key legislative areas that we need your support:

### **Public Library Foundation**

The PLF provides State assistance to public libraries on a per capita basis and it is woefully under funded. Full funding of the PLF would allow libraries throughout California to restore public service hours and book budgets, perform deferred maintenance, remodel libraries to meet ADA requirements, extend open hours and acquire more public Internet access to help bridge the digital divide. Full funding, according to statute, would be \$94,2167,000.

### **Senate Bill 156**

Senator Joe Simitian introduced SB 156, entitled the **California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008**. SB 156, if approved by voters, would authorize the bonds in the amount not to exceed a total of \$4 billion to finance much needed library construction and renovation administered by the State Librarian. This bill is sponsored by the California Library Association. **We urge you to support and sign on as a co-author of Senate Bill 156, the Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008.**

Thank you for recognizing the importance of quality public library services in your community. I want to let you know that our library staff appreciate your enthusiasm and support for libraries with the *Civic Engagement* series and the *Growing Up with Books* early literacy brochure. I look forward to our continuing to work together with you and your staff on these and other important pieces of library legislation.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Senator Tom Torlakson  
Concord District Office  
2801 Concord Boulevard  
Concord, CA 94519

Dear Senator Torlakson:

Thank you for having your District Representative, Erin Gabel, meet with library supporters from Contra Costa County on Friday, February 2, 2007 during the California Library Association's Legislative Day in the District. I know that you are aware of the needs and the challenges facing the Contra Costa County Library. Preserving and enhancing the quality of public library services is extremely important to the residents of Contra Costa County who understand that libraries contribute to the education and economic engine of our communities.

There are key legislative areas that we are asking for you to support:

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cc: Erin Gabel, District Representative



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**To:** Library Commissioners  
Library Friends  
Library Staff  
Library Supporters

**Date:** March 15, 2006

**From:** Anne Cain, County Librarian

**SUBJECT:** CLA Library Legislative Day in Sacramento, April 18, 2007

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The annual California Library Association (CLA) Legislative Day will be held on **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**, at the Sacramento Convention Center and the California State Capitol. This is a day when representatives from all types of libraries from across the State visit with their local legislators.

**8:00 am - 8:30 am** Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Room 202, registration & refreshments;  
**8:30 am - 3:30 pm** Visit legislators

Legislator appointments:

| <i>TIME</i>             | <i>LEGISLATOR</i>           | <i>LOCATION</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>to be determined</i> | Assemblyman Guy Houston     | SACRAMENTO      |
| <i>to be determined</i> | Senator Tom Torlakson       | SACRAMENTO      |
| <i>to be determined</i> | Assemblyman Mark DeSaulnier | SACRAMENTO      |
| <i>to be determined</i> | Senator Don Perata          | SACRAMENTO      |
| <i>to be determined</i> | Assemblywoman Loni Hancock  | SACRAMENTO      |

Our group will include County Library staff, members of the County Library Commission, members of the County Friends groups, representatives from other libraries in the County and library supporters.

Register yourself with the California Library Association to attend this event. I have attached the registration form for Legislative Day. It is easy to register online at [www.cla-net.org](http://www.cla-net.org).

**Contact** Corinne Kelly, Executive Secretary, either by phone at (925) 927-3206 or by e-mail [ckelly@ccclib.org](mailto:ckelly@ccclib.org) and let her know that you have registered and will be attending. She will also make arrangements for those who would like to carpool and/or gather as a group for lunch.

Thank you once again for your support.

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