

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #: 9

ITEM: CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- None

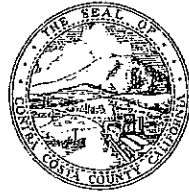
County Library

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January 26, 2009

Susan Hildreth, State Librarian
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Contra Costa County

Anne Cain
County Librarian



Dear Ms. Hildreth,

At their recent meeting, the Contra Costa County Library Commission asked that I write to express the Commission's thanks to you for serving so ably as State Librarian. Several Commissioners commented on your willingness to participate in library activities throughout the State and of your support for innovative public library services.

Many Commissioners have heard you speak at a variety of CLA, CALTAC and BALIS programs as well as at several other library events, including here in Contra Costa County. We know that you have logged many miles and spent countless hours meeting with library supporters such as library Trustees, Commissioners and Friends throughout the State. Your generosity in making yourself available to the library community and your enthusiasm for libraries is greatly appreciated and will be missed in California.

Your leadership on a number of issues has contributed significantly to improving public libraries in California. We appreciate your hard work and the very difficult decisions made by the Library Construction Bond Board. The assistance provided by the State Library to those communities submitting applications was excellent. And we all benefit from having two bond funded libraries in Contra Costa County.

The Contra Costa County Library and the 945,000 residents it serves have also benefited from your strong commitment to literacy, both early literacy and adult literacy. Our library has strong programs in these areas, partly because of support provided by the State Library. In addition, your support for staff education and development as well as your support for public library funding through the Public Library Fund have made a difference and we are very grateful for it all.

The Commission also appreciates your commitment to several LSTA-funded projects at the Contra Costa County Library. Services such as online homework help and programs such as Transforming Life After 50 have been very valuable to library staff and the public. And, of course, the book lending machines, funded by the State Library, have been overwhelmingly popular. All of these projects and services were developed and initially implemented with funding provided by the State Library.

Your legacy in California will be strong and enduring due to your tremendous dedication and enthusiasm for library service and innovation. The residents of Seattle are extremely fortunate to have you at the helm, just as we have benefited from your commitment and leadership in California. We thank you again and wish you well in your new endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Tang", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Tang
Chair, Contra Costa County Library Commission

cc: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor



Subject Fw: Thanks

----- Forwarded by Anne Cain/staff/cccl on 02/03/2009 11:06 AM -----

"Hildreth, Susan" <shildreth@library.ca.gov>

To <acain@ccclib.org>

cc

Subject Thanks

02/02/2009 05:26 PM

Anne - thanks for the great letter of thanks from your commission - really meant alot to me. Susan

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
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MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2009

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ITEM: REPORT FROM COUNTY LIBRARIAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- None

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 5**

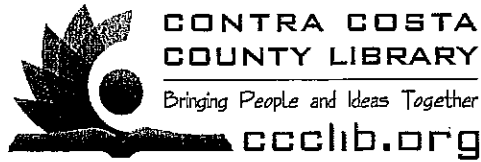
MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #: 11 A

ITEM: LEGISLATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Library Commissioners will share their experience from attendance during Library Legislative Day in the District, January 30 & February 6, 2009.
- Library Commissioners will consider attending the California Library Association's Legislative Day in Sacramento on April 15, 2009.



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To: Library Commissioners
Library Friends and Foundation Presidents
Previous Legislative Day Attendees

Date: March 5, 2009

From: Anne Cain, County Librarian

SUBJECT: CLA Library Legislative Day in Sacramento, Wednesday, April 15, 2008

The annual California Library Association (CLA) Legislative Day will be held on **Wednesday, April 15, 2009**, 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 - 10:30 am Briefing

10:30 am - 3:30 pm Visit legislators

Legislator appointments have not yet been confirmed:

TIME	LEGISLATOR	LOCATION
TO BE DETERMINED		<i>*telephone numbers are in 916 area code</i>
	<u>Senator Mark DeSaulnier</u>	Room 2054 (651-4007)
	<u>Assemblymember Joan Buchanan</u>	Room 4167 (319-2015)
	<u>Senator Loni Hancock</u>	Room 3092 (651-4009)
	<u>Assemblymember Tom Torlakson</u>	Room 5160 (319-2011)
	<u>Assemblymember Nancy Skinner</u>	Room 4126 (319-2014)
12:15 P.M.	<u>LUNCH - Vines Café for All Seasons</u> buffet \$18 per person or buffet only soup/salad \$12 per person	HYATT REGENCY (321-3610)

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

Register yourself with the California Library Association to attend this event. It is easy to register online at www.cla-net.org.

Contact Corinne Kelly, Executive Secretary, either by phone at (925) 927-3206 or by e-mail ckelly@cclib.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.





Library Legislative Day

Save the Date!


We hope you'll join us for Library Legislative Day on **April 15, 2009!** As always, Library Legislative Day will begin at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento. Registration will begin in early March and will be the same rates as last year: \$25 for advance registration and \$30 for on-site registration. Please check back for details.



Important Information

-  Talking Points (41k)
-  Tips for Lobbying Your Legislator (37k)
-  Funds by Assembly District (152k)
-  Funds by Senate District (141k)

Helpful Links

- Take a virtual tour of the State Capitol
- Parking in Sacramento
- Directions to Sacramento
-  Where to Eat in Sacramento (93k)

Demystifying Grassroots Lobbying

Just the idea of talking with legislators can be intimidating. Long-time activist **Nancy Amidei** takes the confusion and fear out of grassroots lobbying. Last year, Nancy came to the state capital to share her experiences and secrets. If you missed it, we are providing the podcast, produced by InfoPeople.

- Listen to Podcast
You can download an MP3 file to any MP3 player, or listen to it directly on your computer using not only iTunes, but also Windows Media Player, WinAmp, Real Player, or any other application that can play MP3 files.

Nancy Amidei is on the faculty of the University of Washington School of Social Work, where she also directs the Civic Engagement Project. A joint effort of OMB Watch and the UW School of Social Work, CEP works with non-profit organizations throughout the country. CEP offers advocacy training, speeches, workshops, and resource materials, for work at federal, state, or local levels. A writer, teacher, and advocate, Nancy has been involved in social policy from both inside and outside government. She is a former Director of the Food Research and Action Center (a national anti-hunger group). She also served in the Carter Administration as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the federal department of Health, Education, and Welfare (now DHHS), and in the early 70's she was on the Staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs.

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 6**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #: 11 B

ITEM: PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

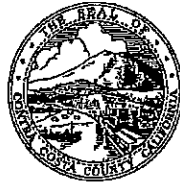
Commissioners will consider sending a thank you letter to Governor.

Susan A. Bonilla

Supervisor, District Four
Contra Costa County
Board of Supervisors

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February 6, 2009

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State of California
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Public Library system, I am writing to request that The Public Library Foundation (PLF) be preserved during these fiscally challenging budget times.

Throughout the state and our county, library service and usage is at an all time high. Our citizens are streaming into libraries to learn resume writing, research job opportunities, improve their English skills and seek the information they need to survive these turbulent times.

As a retired English teacher, I've seen the transformative power of libraries. It is critical that we support public libraries as they are part of the solution to improving education and revitalizing our economy. In fact, many recent studies show that for every dollar that is invested in library service, the community receives four dollars in economic value.

The funds received from PLF are essential to helping preserve public library operations, especially, when local funding is reduced due to the economy.

Thus, I urge you and your financial staff, to preserve the funding of the Public Library Foundation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Bonilla".

Susan A. Bonilla
Supervisor, District IV

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GOVERNOR SIGNS 2009-10 BUDGET – NO CUTS TO LIBRARY PROGRAMS

02-20-2009

At 2 p.m. this afternoon, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the long-awaited 2009-2010 Budget bill (SB 1 - Third Extraordinary Session), a tax increase measure, and corresponding Budget "trailer bills," in a room located within the Governor's offices. The press, we understand, was not invited to the signing, which is rather unusual. The signing of the "Budget Act Package" was supposed to commence at 11:30 a.m. and then was ultimately pushed back to 2 p.m. today.

You may recall that the Senate worked to obtain the 27th necessary vote for passage of the Budget bill by negotiating with Senate Republican Abel Maldonado. One of the conditions for Senator Maldonado's vote was the request that an additional \$600 million in cuts be made to the Budget. Today, when the Governor signed the Budget bill, he used his so-called "blue pencil" authority, and actually made \$957 million in reductions to programs. CLA is pleased to note that the Governor did not make any reductions to the State Library or to its programs such as the Public Library Foundation, Transaction Based Reimbursement, or the adult literacy program.

The Governor made reductions in most of the budgets of the Executive officers, such as the Treasurer, Controller, Board of Equalization, Insurance Commissioner, and Lieutenant Governor. You may recall that recently the Executive Officers rejected the Governor's Executive Order calling for all state employees to take a two day per month furlough, which resulted in approximately a 10 percent pay reduction for employees. Interestingly, it appears that the reductions made to the Constitutional Officers' budgets, more or less, correspond to the Governor's earlier Executive Order. In fact, in his blue pencil message, regarding the Controller's Budget, the Governor stated, "I am reducing this appropriation by 10 percent of the State Controller's personal services budget, which reflects the state employee compensation reductions for furloughs, overtime reform, and elimination of two state holidays. I am reducing these funds to ensure equity among all executive branch agencies relative to employee compensation levels." The largest of the cuts, however, fell on the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which was reduced by \$400 million.

Submitted by Michael Dillon and Christina DiCaro, CLA lobbyists

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
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MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #: 12 A

ITEM: BUDGET

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Library Commissioners will receive a presentation on the Library budget for FY 09-10.

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
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MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #: 12B

ITEM: MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commissioners will consider supporting participation in a museum pass program.

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
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MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #: 12C

ITEM: BALIS LIBRARY ISSUES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- None

Summary Highlights of the 1/28/09 BALIS Advisory Board Meeting

By Deborah Burstyn, BALIS Advisory Board Representative

BALIS is an organization of public libraries created to enhance local library and information services through cooperative resource sharing. It is one of fifteen such cooperatives in California which are helping their members share resources to better serve library users. The BALIS service area covers three counties: Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco, with a combined population of approximately three million.

Current Events

BALIS will hold its annual council meeting on May 15 at the Milpitas Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. At this meeting the formation of the new Pacific Library Partnership will be finalized. The Pacific Library Partnership is a strategic merger of BALIS with the Peninsula Library System, the Monterey Bay Area Library Cooperative System and the Silicon Valley Library System. BALIS currently encompasses the Contra Costa County, Livermore, Pleasanton, Hayward, Oakland and San Francisco library systems. BALIS Advisory Board members unanimously expressed concern about reported plans for the Pacific Library Partnership to include only one current BALIS Advisory Board member from the current six member panel. BALIS Advisory Board members agreed that the geographic area covered by BALIS encompasses such vast socio-economic diversity that one person would not be able to adequately represent the entire region. BALIS Advisory Board Chair Jane Weidman agreed to convey these concerns at the upcoming council meeting.

The annual Library Issues Breakfast sponsored by BALIS will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Stanford Park Hotel www.stanfordparkhotel.com from 8 a.m. to noon. BALIS Advisory Board members will receive official printed invitations to distribute to their respective city council members.

February 28 is the date for the 2009 CALTAC Workshop in Library Leadership. The Northern California workshop will be held at the San Francisco Public Library from 9 a.m to 12:45 p.m. Featured speakers include library consultant Joan Frye Williams and Stacey Aldrich, California Deputy State Librarian. BALIS Advisory Board members are CALTAC members and may opt to attend.

Legislative Day in the District days are Friday, January 30 and Friday, February 6. BALIS Advisory Board members are encouraged to participate. BALIS Advisory Board Chair Jane Weidman reminded members that meeting with legislative staff can be as important as meeting with elected representatives because of the high level of work the staff performs for elected officials.

News from BALIS member libraries

Oakland – Marilyn Citron reported that due to budget constraints all Oakland libraries recently were forced to close from December 24th to January 2 with more closure periods – possibly one day a week - likely to come. On a bright note, the Temescal branch recently celebrated its 95th birthday. The building, which is Tudor style, was built with a grant from Andrew Carnegie and opened in 1918. In 1999, the branch was retrofitted and refurbished to its original appearance.

Pleasanton – Judith Matthew reported on the completion of the conversion of the Pleasanton Library's former reference area to a lounge-style reading area with easy chairs, foot stools and computers. The project was done with \$20,000 donated from the library's Friends group. An additional \$1000 was used to purchase a sophisticated genealogy computer program called Footnote. The Pleasanton library also offers a free Sunday afternoon music series. On Sunday, February 15 at 2 p.m. they will feature the Hot Club of San Francisco, a Django Reinhardt-style gypsy jazz troupe. The library also runs a classic film series on the first Thursday of every month with a film historian from Las Positas College.

Hayward – Judy Harrison reported that the Hayward Public Library recently opened a new onsite Homework Help Center. Funded with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the Homework Help Center is open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There is one paid part-time staff person for the center and teen and adult volunteers. Hayward is participating with the National Endowment for the Arts in the nationwide reading program, The Big Read. The featured book, selected by local Hayward educators, is the modern classic, *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines. Several hundred free copies of the book, paid for by the NEA, were distributed to Hayward schools for use in the classroom. Over 700 Hayward area students are confirmed classroom participants in The Big Read program.

Livermore - David Runyon mentioned that use of the Livermore Library's Job Center, which opened last year, continues to increase because of the current economic situation. He also discussed the popularity of new touch screen computers in the children's section that enable children to visually preview books and then find them in the library.

Contra Costa County – I reviewed numerous items as reported in the minutes of the November 20 meeting included in the January 22 Commissioners Packet.

Action Item – BALIS Advisory Board members have been asked to review last year's Plan of Service and revise it for the upcoming year.