



BOARD MEMBERS
Susan Monroe, President
Dr. Albert Acena, Vice President
Elizabeth De Winter, Secretary
Don Hill
Megan Myers



AGENDA

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, March 28, 2016
6:00 p.m.

San Mateo Main Library, Cedar Room
55 West Third Avenue
San Mateo, California 94402

OPENING

- Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -- Susan Monroe, Library Board President
- Roll Call -- Dena Gomez, Executive Assistant

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by one motion without discussion. If discussion is desired, that item may be removed and considered separately.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVAL
Approve the Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes of February 22, 2016.
2. FINANCIAL REPORT
Approve the Financial Report for the month of February 2016.
3. GIFTS
Accept gifts received by the San Mateo Public Library during the month of February 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to comment on any item not appearing on the agenda may submit to the Executive Assistant a "Request to Speak" form. State law prevents the Board from taking action on any matter not on this agenda. Comments may be referred to staff for further review.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVOCATES SPRING WORKSHOP, APRIL 23, 2016
The California Public Library Advocates Spring Workshop will be held at the Redwood City Library on April 23, 2016 (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). The theme of this year's workshop is--"If Not Now, When? Working Together Politically, Financially and Strategically."

OLD BUSINESS

5. REPORT BY COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE
Committee member Don Hill will share an update with fellow Library Board members.

OLD BUSINESS (Cont.)

6. FLAG CEREMONY AT APRIL 4 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Librarian Ben Ocón and Library Board will finalize plans for conducting the flag ceremony and the distribution of Library brochures and National Library Week bookmarks at the April 4 City Council meeting.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE OF FINES ON LIBRARY CARDS OF CHILDREN AND TEENS

The Library Board will provide advisement to the City Librarian on the recommendation of the Peninsula Library System Administrative Council to eliminate fines on library cards of children and teens starting in FY 2016-17.

NEW BUSINESS

8. NEW LIBRARY STAFF

New Library staff will be introduced to the Library Board (Deanna Lopez, Accounting Assistant II, Administrative Office; Michelle Baute, Librarian I, Information Services/Main Library; Matthew Conciatori, Librarian I, Information Services, Hillsdale Branch; Lisa Smartt, Literacy Program Coordinator, Project Read).

9. DAY IN THE DISTRICT VISITS TO LOCAL LEGISLATORS

Library Board members who participated in the “Day in the District” visits with Senator Jerry Hill and Assemblymember Kevin Mullin will share a summary of this year’s activity.

10. 10TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE OF MAIN LIBRARY, AUGUST 27, 2016

Library Board members will provide advisement to the City Librarian on ways to celebrate the upcoming 10th anniversary of the opening of the Main Library.

REPORTS

11. LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT

12. CITY LIBRARIAN

13. LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS WILL SHARE UPDATES OF FUNCTIONS ATTENDED IN THEIR ROLE AS TRUSTEES

AGENDA BUILDING

15. LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS WILL PROPOSE AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF SAN MATEO
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 22, 2016**

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Susan Monroe, President of the Library Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL

Ms. Monroe led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was conducted and present were Library Board members Dr. Albert Acena, Don Hill, Elizabeth De Winter, Susan Monroe, and Megan Myers, City Librarian Ben Ocón, Library Foundation Board President Paige Meek, Library Foundation Executive Director Kate Korsh, and Librarians Alison Day and Addie Spanbock.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ADOPTION

Motion to approve the consent calendar was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Ms. De Winter, and the motion passed 5-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

The City Clerk's office has confirmed that the Library department is scheduled to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance at the April 4, 2016 City Council meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Report by Collaborative Committee (Comprised of Library Trustees and Library Foundation Board members): Ms. De Winter and Mr. Hill shared their progress on two projects: A naturalization ceremony that will take place on June 17, 2016 at 10:00am at the San Mateo Public Library; and a book discussion program that has been set up to discuss this year's Gala book, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon. The book discussion program will be on April 6th, from 12-1:30pm in the Cedar Room, and members of the Library Foundation, Library Board, and the general public will be invited to take part.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update on the Library's Programs for Tweens: Librarians Alison Day and Addie Spanbock provided an update of the Library's services and programs for tweens (youth in grades 5th-8th). These programs range from craft afternoons to the very popular after-hours events. The tween programming conceived collaboratively by Ms. Day and Ms. Spanbock was featured in the October 2015 issue of *School Library Journal*.
- B. Overview of the Branch Libraries: Mr. Ocón presented a general overview of the Branch libraries in response to a request from the Board. The overview included a historical timeline, the role and management of the Branches and how flyers of library programs are displayed at each Branch. Mr. Ocón also shared information about the current number of service hours at each Branch (29 hrs. per week); and that input from the community was integrated in developing the schedule. The Library's proposed budget for 2016-17 requests that service hours be restored to 40 hours per week at each Branch which was the service level in 2004 before budget reductions were implemented.

- C. Proposal to Eliminate Fines on Library Cards of Children and Teens: Mr. Ocón shared a report from an ad hoc task force of the Peninsula Library System that recommends the elimination of fines on library cards of children and teens. Mr. Ocón added that the recommendation is supported by the PLS Administrative Council; and that the Library Board has an opportunity to provide advisement. Board members discussed the topic but in the interest of time, expressed the need for further discussion at the next Library Board meeting of March 28, 2016.

7. REPORTS

A. Library Board President: No report.

B. City Librarian:

- StoryCorps: The Library will host StoryCorps as part of the Library's activities during National Library Week. The theme of the 2016 National Library Week is "Libraries Transform", and in concert with the theme, community members will be able to share their stories of how the Library has been a transformative resource in their lives. Interviews will be archived at the Library of Congress's American Folklife Center; and excerpts will be posted on the Library's website.
- New Marketing Collateral: A new marketing brochure has been created using the Library's tagline "Discover, Connect, Enjoy and Learn @ the San Mateo Public Library" to highlight services and resources. The brochure integrated ideas and advisement that was provided by the previous Library Board during the fiscal year 2014-15. Also, a new monthly electronic newsletter has been launched to share quick updates of the Library's services and programs. The e-newsletter is created using the Library Aware subscription software.
- Request for Proposals to Operate Library's Café: Proposals are due March 4, 2016. Dr. Acena will represent the Library Board on the selection panel; and an invitation to participate was extended to Ms. Meek to represent the Library Foundation.

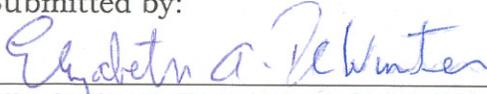
C. Library Foundation Representative: Ms. Meek shared that the Foundation is still looking for members of the community to serve on the Author Gala's Honorary Host Committee. This year's Author's Gala will be held at the Green Hills Country Club on April 30, 2016. Recent gifts made to the Library Foundation were highlighted, including \$40,000 from the George Archer Memorial Foundation for Literacy; and \$26,000 from a bequest. Ms. Meek shared that the Library Foundation is in the process of nominating new Foundation Board members.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Monroe adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: The Library Board will next meet on **March 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Cedar Room, Main Library**

Submitted by:


Elizabeth De Winter, Secretary

Date: 3/17/2016

SAN MATEO PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Library Board of Trustees
FINANCIAL REPORT**

2/01/16 -2/29/16

Acct #	Description	BALANCE	REVENUE	EXPENSES	BALANCE
		1-Feb-16	1-Feb-16 to 29-Feb-16	1-Feb-16 to 29-Feb-16	29-Feb-16
224903	Crawford Bequest Fund	559.65		0.00	559.65
224906	Library Collections Accounts				
2000	Branch Media Collection	8,702.15	0.00	0.00	8,702.15
3500	Farsi Materials	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
4000	Benson Holocaust Collection	977.77	0.00	452.72	525.05
6000	Adult Collection Branches	520.82	0.00	0.00	520.82
8000	Periodical Subscriptions	1,369.94	0.00	0.00	1,369.94
9000	General Collection	21,170.35	0.00	1,125.00	20,045.35
	Total:	33,291.03	0.00	1,577.72	31,713.31
224909	Multimedia AV Materials	3,259.76	0.00	0.00	3,259.76
224910	Bucks for Business (Donations through Business License Renewals)	2,312.46	0.00	0.00	2,312.46
224911	Children's Services	1,305.46	0.00	267.66	1,037.80
224913	Miscellaneous Accounts				
1000	Unrestricted SMPLF Grants	87,765.16	62,000.00	18,991.26	130,773.90
1100	Teen Services	1,038.93	0.00	0.00	1,038.93
1210	Branch Library Programs	480.32	0.00	0.00	480.32
1220	Public Internet Instruction	1,172.37	0.00	0.00	1,172.37
1230	Latino Cultural Programs	928.07	0.00	0.00	928.07
1250	Iranian American Cultural Programs	1,515.52	0.00	0.00	1,515.52
1260	Business Workshops	541.48	0.00	0.00	541.48
1270	African American Cultural Programs	8,968.04	0.00	1,000.00	7,968.04
1280	Asian Cultural Programs	2,182.47	0.00	0.00	2,182.47
1300	Public Printing - Photocopying	18,864.38	896.76	2,014.04	17,747.10
2700	Memorial Donations	6.99	0.00	0.00	6.99

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Acct #	Description	BALANCE 1-Feb-16	REVENUE 1-Feb-16 to 29-Feb-16	EXPENSES 1-Feb-16 to 29-Feb-16	BALANCE 29-Feb-16
3100	Misc. Revenue/Honorariums awarded to Library/City Librarian	2,117.49	46.00	706.29	1,457.20
4000	Volunteer Program	2,394.55	0.00	0.00	2,394.55
5100	Tech Services Team Enterprise	2,303.43	0.00	0.00	2,303.43
6000	Robert Weiss Bequest	155,005.72	0.00	0.00	155,005.72
7000	Earl Family Bequest	41,690.10	0.00	0.00	41,690.10
	Total:	326,975.02	62,942.76	22,711.59	367,206.19
224914	Project Read	20,879.36	0.00	0.00	20,879.36
224917	Foundation Center Collections/Services	22,759.15	0.00	0.00	22,759.15
	TOTALS	\$ 411,341.89	\$ 62,942.76	\$ 24,556.97	\$ 449,727.68

Financial Report -- Revenue

February 1, 2016 - February 29, 2016

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	Date
10-224913		Miscellaneous Accounts	
	\$ 739.16	Main Library printing fees - 1/21 - 2/25	various
	\$ 3.25	Main Library microfilm - 1/21 - 2/25	various
	\$ 47.00	Marina Library printing fees - 1/26 - 2/23	various
	\$ 107.35	Hillsdale Library printing fees - 1/5 - 2/13	various
	\$ 46.00	Sale of Library promotional & misc. merchandise (flash drives, City of San Mateo logo recycle bags, head phones, & tote bags) - 1/28 - 2/25	various
	\$ 62,000.00	Grant of unrestricted funds from SMPLF	1/23/16
subtotal	\$ 62,942.76		
TOTAL	\$ 62,942.76		

Financial Report - Expenses

February 1, 2016 - February 29, 2016

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	DATE
10-224906		Collections	
	\$ 452.72	Books for Benson Holocaust Collection (Baker & Taylor)	various
	\$ 1,125.00	Tumblebook database renewal (Tumbleweed Press)	2/25/16
subtotal	\$ 1,577.72		
10-224911		Children's Services	
	\$ 150.00	Cinderella "Sing A Story" performance on 2/21 (San Francisco Opera Guild)	2/25/16
	\$ 65.99	Refreshments & supplies for Happy Noon Day program on 2/21 (Smart & Final)	2/22/16
	\$ 51.67	Supplies & decorations for Valentine's Day early literacy programs (Dollar Tree, Target, Michael's)	2/22/16
subtotal	\$ 267.66		
10-224913		Miscellaneous Accounts	
	\$ 1,074.32	Library marketing brochure reprinting (Print Copy Xpress)	2/8/2016
	\$ 250.00	Honorarium for Linda Janklow, Peopleologie, for Tween weaving program on 3/3	2/8/2016
	\$ 16,200.00	Annual LINK+ subscription renewal (Innovative Interfaces)	2/10/2016
	\$ 500.00	Underwriting partner share of Boreal Trio Musical Conversation on 2/12 (Music at Kohl Mansion)	2/16/16
	\$ 191.94	Refreshments & supplies for Tween Craft Night on 1/8 (Joann's, Michael's, Dollar Tree, Safeway, Pizza Hut)	various
	\$ 600.00	Underwriting partner share of Aurio Trio Family Concert on 3/5 (Music at Kohl Mansion)	2/25/16
	\$ 175.00	Tuning of Bösendorfer piano in Oak Room (Dr. Michael Kimbell)	2/25/16
	\$ 1,000.00	Performance by Marcus Shelby Orchestra of "Beyond the Blues: Ending the Prison Industrial Complex" on for African American Cultural Committee program, 2/20	2/18/16
	\$ 1,645.31	Refabricated HP toner cartridges for printing public information and program flyers, brochures, posters and public printing. (One Source)	2/4/16

Financial Report - Expenses

February 1, 2016 - February 29, 2016

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	DATE
	\$ 368.73	Paper for Main Library, Hillsdale and Marina Branches public printers and flyers (City Warehouse)	2/29/16
	\$ 706.29	300 foldable green tote bags with library logo (Promo's)	2/8/16
subtotal	\$ 22,711.59		
TOTAL	\$ 24,556.97		



GIFTS LIST: FEBRUARY 2016

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Description</i>
San Mateo Public Library Foundation	\$62,000.00	Grant of unrestricted funds
Total	\$62,000.00	

COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE-- LIBRARY FOUNDATION & TRUSTEES

Summary of March 10, 2016 Meeting

Attendees: Liz De Winter, Don Hill, Sue Lempert, Ben Ocon, and Ann Rarden

As part of our mission to increase collaboration between the Foundation and Trustees, to continually improve access to and usage of the library, we discussed the following:

1. **Naturalization Ceremony:**

In preparation for the June event, Ben mentioned that staff from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services came down from their San Francisco field office to look at the Library's Oak Room. They mentioned that they are planning to bring citizenship forms and literature that we can use to set up a *Citizenship Corner* at the Library and they suggested we consider having a ribbon cutting ceremony the day of the naturalization ceremony to announce this new resource. Details to keep in mind include having a singer of the National Anthem and selecting someone to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Book Discussion Groups:**

The first meeting is set up for April 6 at 12:00pm at the Library. Don Hill and Ann Rarden will be leading the discussion. The Book Discussion Program communication will be amended to request that those interested in attending rsvp and will be sent out via email to ListServ and Leadership Circle members.

We set up a goal of identifying 20 San Mateo book clubs to create a network that will enable the sharing of reading lists and recommendations, and communicating with Librarian Joan Biederman, including the requesting of extra copies of book club selections. Ben will ask Joan about helping create this list of existing book groups.

3. **Art Gallery Receptions:**

We discussed the possibility of working with the San Mateo Civic Arts Committee and local artists to include Foundation Board members and Trustees in receptions kicking off new art gallery installations at the Library and City Hall. This would create an opportunity for networking between the two groups to improve collaboration. More information about this Committee is available at: <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?nid=1960>

4. **Lobby Display to Promote Giving:**

We asked Ben to speak with Kate Korsh about creating tasteful and attractive signage for the lobby of the Library to publicize specific Library programs people may not be aware of (e.g., passport services) and to make residents aware of giving opportunities through the San Mateo Public Library Foundation.

5. **Event to Commemorate 10th Anniversary of the Main Library:**

We suggested the creation of an event to celebrate this milestone and to include the Library's architect Jennifer Devlin, current and former government officials, and staff who were involved in the development of the Library.

Next Meeting: May 18, 9:30am, Library

To: PLS Administrative Council

From: Youth Overdue Fines Ad Hoc Committee

Re: Eliminating daily overdue fines on children's and teen library cards

Date: February 10, 2016

Background

At the October 1, 2015 PLS Administrative Council meeting, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to study the elimination of overdue fines for children and teens. The Committee included Anne Marie Despain (San Mateo County), Brad McCulley (Burlingame), Valerie Sommer (South San Francisco), and Derek Wolfgram (Redwood City). After reviewing information about the experiences of many libraries that had eliminated overdue fines for children and teens, the Committee met at the PLS office on December 10 to discuss the findings and develop recommendations. Additional discussions were held by the full Administrative Council on February 9, 2016 to narrow the potential options.

Issues

The primary concern about overdue fines for children and teens is that fines provide a barrier to accessing library services. In 1993, the American Library Association adopted *Economic Barriers to Access: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights*, which stated, "Libraries that adhere to these principles systematically monitor their programs of service for potential barriers to access and strive to eliminate such barriers when they occur. All library policies and procedures, particularly those involving fines, fees, or other user charges, should be scrutinized for potential barriers to access."

An examination of PLS user data revealed that 13,530 juvenile library cardholders, or 11% of all juvenile cardholders, were blocked due to the amount of money owed on their library accounts. While juvenile patrons make up 25% of the total cardholders in PLS, they represent 32% of all blocked patrons. With all of the positive efforts PLS libraries make in order to help Peninsula children succeed, blocked cards provide an unfortunate and unnecessary barrier to services for the youth who need libraries the most. By reframing reading as pleasure instead of reading as responsibility, the libraries can increase children's interest in reading and learning. At the same time, the fees and card blocks associated with unreturned or damaged items will still continue to provide lessons in responsibility for parents or caregivers who want to emphasize this topic with their children.

In fiscal year 2014-15, PLS libraries collected \$94,613 in daily overdue fines on juvenile library cards, and this total has been steadily declining for several years. San Mateo County collected over \$26,000, Redwood City over \$15,000, and no other jurisdictions collected more than \$12,000. While the loss of this potential revenue is real, it will be

offset by reductions in staff time necessary to explain, negotiate, or collect overdue fees on youth library card accounts.

While no libraries have measured this impact directly as related to youth overdue fines, the Santa Clara County Library District estimated that it spent over \$1 million in staff time per year to collect their \$80 non-resident cardholder fee, which produced revenues of approximately \$400,000 per year, and this was a factor in their decision to eliminate the fee. Eliminating the fee also provided significant positive publicity, and Santa Clara County Library circulation is up 1% so far this year after eliminating its fee, while most surrounding jurisdictions are seeing circulation numbers dropping.

Most PLS libraries already have experience with the spikes in usage related to Food For Fines and fine forgiveness as part of the Summer Learning Challenge. With youth library card overdue fines completely eliminated, staff could spend more time year round on positive, proactive interactions with library users, enhancing both customer service and staff morale.

A significant number of Bay Area libraries have already eliminated youth overdue fines in one way or another, including, but not limited to, San Francisco Public Library, Oakland Public Library, Santa Clara County Library District, Marin County Free Library, Berkeley Public Library, San Rafael Public Library, and Los Gatos Public Library. Most jurisdictions use material types as the basis for not charging fines, while San Francisco uses patron card type as the determining factor. San Francisco's approach provides several advantages, which appeal to the majority of PLS Council members:

- Expected reduction in revenues is less than half the anticipated drop if fines were eliminated by material type
- Positive public relations opportunity
- Allows for branding around the concept of a youth card, and the potential for new and different services for youth with computer access, printing, etc.
- Recognizes that children and teens may borrow adult materials either for school work or for leisure reading, and does not treat these materials differently

Recommendations

1. Beginning July 1, 2016, PLS will implement a new youth library card type for patrons under 18, which will be utilized by all PLS libraries and will be applied to all existing PLS patrons under 18.
2. Effective July 1, 2016, all PLS Libraries will eliminate daily overdue fines on youth library cards.
3. Effective July 1, 2016, all PLS Libraries will waive all existing daily overdue fines on youth library cards.
4. Current and future fees related to lost or damaged materials on youth library cards accounts will remain unchanged.

City Librarian's Report March 2016

National Library Week, April 10-16

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the opening of the new Main Library and renovation of the two Branches. As part of the effort to commemorate this milestone, the Library has scheduled a visit by StoryCorps during National Library Week (Apr. 10-16). StoryCorps is a nonprofit whose mission is to record the stories of individuals from all walks of life and from all corners of the country. The stories are archived at the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress. The theme of this year's National Library Week is "*Libraries Transform*" and is in alignment with the transformative impact that the San Mateo Public Library has had on our community. Using StoryCorps, the Library will memorialize the stories of community members who have benefitted by using the San Mateo library or who have library stories to share with others. StoryCorps will be an outstanding vehicle for the Library to memorialize this unique community story.

Frances Nelson Memorial Author Program

The Library will host the inaugural Frances Nelson Memorial Author Program on May 5 featuring Gail Carson Levine, author of over 20 books for young people including *Ella Enchanted* (a Newbery Honor book). The program honors the legacy of Frances Nelson (1922-2013) former CEO of the Bohannon Development Company and longtime supporter of the San Mateo Public Library. In addition to the author program, elementary school students will be invited for special presentations by the author. This legacy program is made possible through funding support of the Bohannon Foundation and the San Mateo Public Library Foundation

Family Read Aloud Program a Hit!

The Children's Team reported that the Family Read Aloud program (Jan. 25-Mar. 5) was a success. The statistics reflect a very healthy participation--397 families (!) participated at all three San Mateo libraries. Below is a sampling of the feedback by community members who participated in the program:

"We really appreciate and enjoy this program. Please keep it going . . ."

"We love this program!"

"Just love this library and all programs available to families."

"Bumped up our read aloud time from just before bedtime to several times throughout the day . . ."

Citizenship Corner Forthcoming

Libraries play an important role in raising awareness about the naturalization process and the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship. In fulfillment of that important role, the San Mateo Public Library will host a Naturalization Ceremony on Friday, June 17, that will feature U.S. House of Representative Jackie Speier as speaker. The U. S. Citizenship and Naturalization Services agency will officially coordinate the ceremony that was conceived by the Collaboration Committee (comprised of Library Trustees and Library Foundation Board members).

As part of the ceremony, the Library will establish a "Citizenship Corner" in the Main Library where materials and information about the naturalization process will be readily available to the community.

New Literacy Program Coordinator

Lisa Smartt was appointed as Project Read's new Literacy Program Coordinator. Lisa brings 30 years of experience working in the adult literacy field which includes serving as the first coordinator of SMPL's Project Read program. Lisa has also worked in literacy programs in Half Moon Bay and was Supervisor of Literacy and Volunteer Services with the Napa County Library. Lisa holds a Bachelor's degree in Linguistics from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master's degree in English from San Francisco State University.

2016 Day in the District Activities

Library Board members Dr. Al Acena, Don Hill, Liz DeWinter and City Librarian Ben Ocón joined community stakeholders from other Peninsula Library System libraries in the 2016 Day in the District visits to local State legislators. The delegation was comprised of library board members, Friends of the library, literacy program providers, and library directors representing library jurisdictions from the Peninsula Library System (South San Francisco, San Bruno, Redwood City and San Mateo libraries). The delegation visited the offices of Assembly Member Kevin Mullin (22nd Assembly District) on March 23 and Senator Jerry Hill (13th Senate District) on March 24.

Topics that were covered included the following:

- Support of the Governor's January Budget proposals for the California Library Services Act
 - by adding \$1.8 million in ongoing funding to the current \$1.8 million baseline.
 - by adding \$3 million in one-time funding for the purpose of allowing the systems to explore more creative and current ways to loan and to share materials between libraries.
- Library Construction Bond to help finance local capital improvement projects on the Peninsula such as the Library/Community Center for South San Francisco.
- Continue support for high-speed, high-capacity broadband provision for all California libraries.

Main Library to Host Innovation Week Activities, May 16-20

The Library will partner with San Mateo's Economic Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) to host the 3rd Annual Innovation Week activities in the Main Library (May 16-20). Activities include a robotics competition, virtual reality demonstrations, global innovative tasting and fashion, Codame (embracing innovation through creativity and collaboration between artists and technologists), and the Visionary Hero Awards function (recognizing firms and organizations who have made substantial contributions to the development of San Mateo as a center for start-ups and entrepreneurial innovation).

Calendar of Forthcoming Events

- Art Exhibit (1st Flr. Gallery): High School Exhibit (City Arts), 4/1-4/29
- Art Exhibit (2nd Flr. Display Case): Japanese Kimekomi Dolls (East Bay Miyabikai), 3/18/16-4/29/16
- Better Choices Better Health presented by Health Trust every Wed, 3/23-4/27; 1-3:30pm Laurel Rm.
- Beginning Internet Workshops, "Introduction to the Internet, Pt. 2," 3/29, 11-12:30, Computer Lab.
- Job Search Tips presented by Indeed.com Job Squad, 3/30, 10:30 a.m., Computer Lab
- AARP Tax Assistance Program, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, Oak Room, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Teen Spring Break Reading Program and Activities, 3/25-4/8.
- Musical Conversation at the Library: The Israeli Chamber Project, 4/2, Oak Room, 3:00 p.m.
- Anime Club, 4/5, 4:00-5:30pm, Teen Lounge
- Children's Movie: "Ella Enchanted" 4/7, Oak Room, 3:30 p.m.
- Free New SAT Practice Test by C2 Education, 4/9, 12:00-4:30 p.m., Oak Room
- National Library Week activities, 4/10-4/16, all locations.
- High School Art Recognition Program, 4/10, 2:00 p.m., Oak Room.
- Paws for Tales (Read-to-a-Dog), 4/11, Children's Book Bubble, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Library eBook Instruction: Learn How to Download eBooks, 4/20, Computer Lab, 2-4 p.m.
- Teen Advisory Group, 4/19, 4:00 p.m., Teen Lounge, Main Library
- Book Discussion: *19th Wife* by David Ebershoff, 4/20, Cedar Room, 6:45 p.m.
- Earth Day: The Climate Change Project, 4/21, 6:00 p.m., Oak Room
- Library Board Meeting, 4/25, Cedar Room, Main Library, 6:00 p.m.
- *Día de los Niños* Puppet Show, 4/28, Oak Room, 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Library Foundation's 5th Annual Author Gala, 4/30, Green Hills Country Club (ticketed event)