

AGENDA
Rohnert Park – Cotati Regional Library LAB Meeting
October 18, 2022 @ 5:00pm
Protocol: Held Via Teleconference (Computer or Telephone)

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VOTING BOARD MEMBERS – TERM ENDS JUNE 30 YEAR LISTED

Catherine Crotty – Vice Chair (2024)

Faith Adam (2025)

Caryl Sherman (2023)

*Vacant (prev. Lisa Neuson)

Glenn Brassinger Jr. – Youth Member (2023)

*Vacant (prev. Simone Tan)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Barbara Mackenzie (RP Library Commissioner)

Susan Adams (RP City Council Liaison)

Rachel Parker (Cotati Library Commissioner)

Jennifer Ryder (RP-C Branch Manager)

Jake Mackenzie (FOL Liaison)

Kathy DeWeese (SCL Administration)

1. CONVENING & INTRODUCTIONS

Lisa N convened the meeting. Introductions for all members present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING

2.1 APPROVAL FOR AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Caryl moved to approve the minutes. Catherine seconded. All in agreement.

3. REPORTS & UPDATES

3.1 LIBRARY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Barbara Mackenzie reported for Rohnert Park.

In a general sense, SCL operation finances are doing well. There is a search for a new permanent director, and in the mean time Erika T is doing a good job running the system. The Santa Rosa Central Library Manager (Jessica Romero) gave the branch report. She talked about Sunday hours. She made the point that it is quite busy. There are always a lot of people in the children's section. This was a positive note for libraries being well-used on Sundays.

Barbara would like to have a welcome table the first Sunday we are open, November the 6th. The LAB had a welcome table on the first Monday when the library was open after Measure Y. It went really well, there was a raffle, etc. At the FOL meeting yesterday, they voted to open for 2 of those hours on Sundays. The table could also advertise the FOL bookstore having open hours on Sundays. This could add some good energy. Jennifer sent Barbara the marketing plan for Sunday hours. It seems like there will be a lot of marketing, and the marketing will hopefully bring a good turnout.

Barbara attended the reception for the interim VP of SSU, named Mike Lee.

Several of the LAB members were at the teen film festival, and they had a good time. Want to congratulate the staff who were a part of that. It was neat to have it at the Rohnert Park – Cotati Library.

There was a big kickoff for the RP Oral History project. This is a fresh start on the project which started a couple of years ago. Steve Estes and 20 members of his class are part of this. Many people are being interviewed, and the project should be done around November. This group has

been working with the SCL archival librarian, Geoffrey Skinner, and will have the interviews on the SCL website. Hopefully this will continue to happen and build the history of RP.

Jake and Barbara attended the immersive dome demonstration at the Central Library. You can borrow a camera from E Street studios which has a 360 degree photo. SCL is talking about trying to get the dome into other libraries. The funds were from the City of Santa Rosa for the library, so Barbara was unsure if the dome can be moved around to other library communities

Family Bike Workshop occurred and was very cool.

Barbara attended almost all of All Staff Day and she wanted to congratulate Grace Fullmer as the unsung hero of the RP-C library. The library staff voted for the unsung hero at each branch, and Rohnert Park – Cotati chose Grace.

Rachel Parker (Cotati):

Rachel wanted to mention that at the most recent commission meeting, a new commissioner has been named for Joint City of Santa Rosa/Sonoma County. Her name is Sarah Laggos. The county is looking for another candidate for county representation.

She brought up the donation from the Graton Rancheria for the capital campaign for the Roseland library (\$3.5M). Craig (the Fund Developer for SCL) discussed what would happen to launch the fundraising campaign.

3.2 LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kathy DeWeese gave the report on behalf of Erika T. The library staff are busy planning for the opening of Sunday hours. All 12 regional libraries will be open from 1-5 on Sundays. This does not include the smaller libraries (H&G, Forestville, and Occidental). Opening more hours on Sunday is a way to show we are using the Measure Y funds to expand access. There is the staff plan to increase staffing, a space plan to accommodate staff, etc. Every two weeks there have been a new class of recruits of trainees.

Kathy went on to discuss programming. Most of SCL programming has moved back to in-person programming, although there is still virtual programming being offered due to the wider range of participants. The library can provide richer offerings by maintaining some virtual programming. SCL has had a lot of programming around Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month, and we are coming up to LGBTQIA history month. There has been a national celebration of LGBTQIA history month since 1994. We have a timeline exhibit that will travel around the county to various libraries.

Two of our cities have received grants for building updates. Petaluma received \$1.8m towards a refresh. At Sebastopol, grant funds will be used for solar/climate improvements will happen. Library administration is working on this for other branches, since these grant funds can be requested for any of SCL's buildings.

The Library Foundation is working on fundraising for the Roseland project and moving the libraries towards the 21st century. Quite a bit of money has been earmarked and reserved for building the new Roseland Library.

The Bibliobox was launched in July in Sonoma. Guerneville's should launch in the next six weeks or so.

3.3 BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

What We've Done

- We had several exciting programs both in-house and held virtually at Rohnert Park
 - Bike Workshop
 - Lucky Diaz performance
 - Book groups, storytimes
 - Virtual author talks, Asian Art Museum talks
- Several schools have been touring the library, including one school group today
- All Staff Day occurred on Sept 29 with overall success
- Sam Ecklund was hired as our new part-time Library Specialist for Sunday hours

What's Ahead

- Sunday hours are slated to begin on November 6th, hours will be 1-5
- We will be hosting quite a few exciting programs at the library
 - A Teen Voting event: Don't just vent, vote! On Thurs 10/20 at 4pm
 - Stay & Play event for 0-5 year olds on Wed 10/26 at 10:30pm
 - SSU author talk with Prof. Dr. James Mestaz Tues 11/8 at 6pm; he will be discussing his research regarding environmental and Latin American histories
- More school tours scheduled through October and early November

3.4 YOUTH MEMBER'S REPORT

Glenn Brassinger Jr:

He is looking forward to the voting information event. His school is doing a similar program and he's trying to get people to come to the library after that.

He attended the folkloric event which included dancing and the "Old Dance" of Mexico, as shown by the Grupo Folklorico group.

On November 24th Lisa Napoli will be coming to the library and talking about the 4 women whose voices define the world.

He's really excited about the 3D modeling workshop.

Glenn mentioned that all the Spanish books had been moved to the back of the library. It's in an area where some people may not feel the safest. Even having a few books in the front or a sign would be back.

3.5 FRIENDS OF THE ROHNERT PARK – COTATI REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Faith Adam:

There was a lot of happiness about the book sale. The Friends received so much help from the High School and SSU students. They carried boxes and helped with setup. On Sundays, Janice

Brokaw (FOL Treasurer) wanted to make sure that the Friends could open the store. Janis found several volunteers to work rotating 2-4pm shifts on Sundays.

The Friends received a response from Labath Landing and heard that they could provide books for residents. It's possible the LAB could help with that.

Faith will have her interview on Friday for the Oral History project.

The FOL have setup and are planning their celebration in December.

Jake Mackenzie, FOL President, added there is also \$2000 of bookstore sales.

3.6 CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS' REPORTS

Susan Adams:

On Sunday afternoon at 3pm there will be a ribbon cutting for Labath Landing in Rohnert Park. The city invites everyone to come and join them. Tours will be conducted beginning at 2pm. The next day, on Monday the 24th, people will start moving in.

They expect that the new city manager will be announced later this week. It will be on the next Tuesday night's agenda. They are waiting for that to come out.

Barbara suggested, as brought up by Caryl Sherman, that books be donated to Labath Landing. Someone needs to connect with the city or with the management company to see if there is a place to have books. Everyone is collectively supportive, and hopefully that a small lending library could be part of the transitional housing setup. Susan can connect the LAB and Friends with the man managing that project.

On Thursday afternoon 3:30-5:30 the city has volunteers, and are looking for 5 more, to move things around for Labath Landing.

The book project could be taken up after the next board meeting. They need to know if there is space and inclination in the facility.

There is an adopt-a-room program in the Labath Facility that could use more sponsors. They also have a wish list for things like bedding, lamps, etc.

How many rooms have been adopted? Susan says things are moving at a very fast pace. Susan will follow up with that information. It was asked how many rooms have been adopted, etc. The cost is \$1500 for one room.

3.7 LAB CHAIR REPORT

Lab chair is not in attendance. Lisa N shared:

People who participated the Farmer's Market felt that seemed to be successful.

Barbara: without an agenda item, this might be a good time to see if people are interested in having a welcome table.

Catherine: She thinks that's a great idea. The Farmer's Market was a really fun project. And it was surprising how much people love things that say "library". Glenn shared that two people took LAB forms, and people coming back.

Barbara: Could they have signup forms for the LAB and the FOL. As well as promote the bookstore. They got volunteers to help with the table. Faith, Glenn, Caryl, and Barbara. Also, there is a desire for t-shirts for the LAB and FOL members. The table will be there from 1-4:30pm.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. ACTION ITEMS

Action item: the LAB agreed to have the table at the Nov 6th opening. Barbara, Glenn, Caryl, and Faith will attend.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

No discussion items.

7. ADVISORY BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Faith makes a motion to adjourn, Catherine/Glenn second it.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.