



**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**



REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

YOUNG ADULT/PROJECT
MLK JR. YOUTH SERVICES CENTER
1730 OREGON STREET
See map on last page of agenda

OCTOBER 14, 2009

6:30 P.M.

The Board of Library Trustees may act on any item on this agenda.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comments (6:30 – 7:00 p.m.)
(Proposed 30-minute time limit, with speakers allowed 3 minutes each)
- C. Report from library employees and unions, discussion of staff issues
Comments / responses to reports and issues addressed in packet.
- D. Report from Board of Library Trustees
- E. Approval of Agenda

II. PRESENTATION – Time specific item 7:00 PM

- A. Measure FF South Branch and Tool Lending Library Update
 - 1. Presentation by Field Paoli Architects on the Conceptual Design Phase; and Staff Report on the Process, Community Input and Next Steps.
 - 2. Public Comment (on this item only)
 - 3. Board discussion

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board will consider removal and addition of items to the Consent Calendar prior to voting on the Consent Calendar. All items remaining on the Consent Calendar will be approved in one motion.

- A. **Approve minutes of September 9, 2009 Regular Meeting**
Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the September 9, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees.
- B. **Approve Annual Report to City Council**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the Annual Report to the Berkeley City Council from the Board of Library Trustees for the period of July 2008 through June 2009.
- C. **Contract: Universal Protection Services for Security Services**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Library to enter into a security services contract with Universal Protection Services effective November 1, 2009 through November 1, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 annually.
- D. **FY 2010 Budget Amendment**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution amending the FY 2010 Adopted Operating Budget based upon recommended re-appropriation of committed FY 2009 funding and other recommended adjustments totaling \$616,810, adopting an Amended FY 2010 Library budget of \$15,043,738.
- E. **Increase Director’s Expenditure Authority for Purchasing Goods, Materials and Equipment Contracts from \$50,000 to \$100,000**

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution increasing the Director of Library Services' expenditure authority to purchase goods, materials and equipment from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

F. Resolution of Gratitude to Evelyn Gahtan

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution expressing gratitude to Evelyn Gahtan, who served as a Librarian for the Berkeley Public Library from July 1950 to September 2009.

G. Resolution of Gratitude to Constance Reyes

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution expressing gratitude to Constance Reyes, who served as a Library Assistant and Library Specialist for the Berkeley Public Library from February 1975 to August 2009.

H. Resolution of Gratitude to Norine Nomura

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution expressing gratitude to Norine Nomura, who served as a Library Assistant and Library Specialist for the Berkeley Public Library from October 1980 to September 2009.

IV. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Nominations and Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Recommendation: Accept nominations and adopt a resolution electing one Trustee to sit as Chairperson and another to sit as Vice-Chairperson for a one-year term commencing on November 10, 2009.

V. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Update on the Branch Bond Program

Discussion of staff report on status of implementation of the Measure FF branch improvement program, to include update on Request for Proposals, schedule, and budget

B. FY 2009 Annual Budget Update: Year-End Closing Report

C. Report on Central Library Layout and Service Improvement Project

D. October 2009 Monthly Report from Library Director Donna Corbeil

- i. Library Development
- ii. Professional Activities
- iii. Programs, Services and Collections
- iv. Personnel

E. Library events:

Calendar of events and press releases for various Library programs are posted at <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>

VI. AGENDA BUILDING

Next special meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the **North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street**, Berkeley.

Next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at the **South Branch Library, 1901 Russell Street**, Berkeley.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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I hereby certify that the agenda for this special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley was posted in the display cases located at 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and in front of the Central Public Library at 2090 Kittredge Street, as well as on the Berkeley Public Library's website on October 7, 2009.



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Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees

For further information, please call (510) 981-6195.

COMMUNICATIONS

Action on Communications is limited to referral to staff or Trustee for investigation and/or recommendations.

A. None

Location of this months meeting

Young Adult Project MLK Jr. Youth Services Center
1730 Oregon St. Berkeley, CA 94703-2116





BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESENTATION CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees

FROM: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services

SUBJECT: MEASURE FF SOUTH BRANCH AND TOOL LENDING LIBRARY PROJECT
UPDATE: REPORT ON CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PHASE PROCESS

INTRODUCTION

In November 2008 voters approved Measure FF, a Library bond to renovate, expand and make seismic and access improvements at the four neighborhood branch libraries. Since that time the board has overseen the selection of four design firms, one for each project. Field Paoli is the selected design firm under contract to address the needs of the South Branch / Tool Lending Library located at 1901 Russell Street, at the corner of MLK Jr. Way. Assisting in this effort is library consultant Kathy Page of Page + Moris, project consultant Rene Cardinaux AIA, Steve Dewan, KCEM and Library staff.

BACKGROUND

The physical and program needs of the four neighborhood branch libraries were addressed most recently in the two-volume *Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan* (July 2008). The report recommends two options for the South Branch and Tool Lending Library site, either retention of the 1960's portion of the building with a new addition to the rear or an all new replacement constructed to the potential maximum building area for the site. Other studies investigating the programmatic needs of the branch include *Space Planning & Cost Analysis Report, Berkeley Public Library – Branch at Ed Roberts Campus* (August 2007), which explored several different size configurations for the library program, and the related study completed by HTA, *Southwest Berkeley Needs Assessment* (May 2008). The Tool Lending Library was not extensively studied as part of these earlier efforts. As a city-wide service and a nontraditional library service it has unique operating needs, such as the need for extensive storage of large tools and space to repair these items.

The results of the *Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan* provided the basis for the needs and cost analysis resulting in Measure FF, the Library bond program.

CURRENT SITUATION

Following approval to execute the contract with the design consultant, the project manager, Steve Dewan, KCEM, arranged a project team kick-off meeting to set the schedule for the South Branch project, identified any special testing or third party reports needed, reviewed existing conditions and established reporting relationships.



The South Branch project is in the conceptual design phase.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

The design team has met several times with staff and the library program consultant and they will continue to meet throughout the process to discuss options and possible layouts as they relate to the branch program and functions. Suzanne Olawski is the library lead on the branch program discussions, coordinating and facilitating staff and design team meetings.

Staff, (KCEM) project manager, the project consultant and the design team have met with Planning Department staff to identify zoning and use issues. The consultants and staff attended an informational session with the City's Sustainability Office and representatives from Alameda County's *Stopwaste.org* to cover environmental issues and green initiatives that might benefit the program.

The design team, staff, (KCEM) project manager and project consultant met with a subcommittee of the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), on September 29, 2009, at the South Branch, at which the scheme options and discussion that occurred at the September 17 community meeting were reviewed. A second meeting will be scheduled following the board's review of options.

Two community meetings at the branch have occurred, September 17 and October 1, 2009. The agenda and notes from these meetings are included (Attachment A and B). There were good turnouts at the meetings, excluding library staff, project consultants, the design team and others working directly on the project, 32 members of the public attended the first meeting and 15 members of the public attended the second meeting, as well as robust discussions and sharing of ideas.

TOOL LENDING LIBRARY

At the September 9, 2009 board meeting staff reported on the plans related to continuing tool library services during construction. Staff had initiated a search for a centrally located space that could accommodate the program for the duration of the anticipated closure. As reported at that meeting, in conducting this search the option of permanently moving the Tool Lending Library was raised.

At the South Branch community meetings the idea of moving the tool program permanently off the South Branch Library site was raised by audience members. There was no clear consensus on the idea; some people felt very strongly it should stay in South Berkeley but were fine with it being relocated someplace else in the immediate neighborhood and others expressed their desire for it to stay onsite.

Funds from the Library bond, Measure FF, are designated to make various improvements at the four neighborhood branch libraries. No mention was made in the language of the bond measure or materials developed at that time of a fifth location or a new Tool Lending Library at a new site. The permanent relocation of the Tool Lending Library to an alternate site will therefore require the identification of funding for renovation or construction. City property may be available for the site. Library and City staff will meet prior to the board meeting and may have additional informational at that time.

Summarized below are the implications and opportunities associated with each alternative under consideration. The design schemes developed by the architects for the South site will



reflect the schemes ability to meet the full program at the current location and in the square footage available.

Tool Lending Library incorporated into South Branch design	Tool Lending Library relocated permanently to stand alone site
Long established relationship between library and tool program; material on home repairs etc. collected by and shelved in library; might be less connected if not in same facility	Different location could be an issue for some in the neighborhood if tool library relocated where it will not serve west and south Berkeley neighbors as originally intended
Efficiencies of combining programs achieved – shared staff break room, management oversight, facility maintenance costs and staff available to assist with break coverage	A sixth library facility to staff and operate will have operating budget impacts now and in future; may require increased staffing to operate without South Branch staff support
Avoid project time delays and possible protests over moving tool	Would offer more flexibility for South Branch library design without tool and parking
Mixed feeling among community, program began in South Berkeley as CDBG grant, want it to stay there	Challenge to meet disparate functions in one building - opportunity to focus on unique tool functions in design at stand alone site
Temporary alternate location for the tool library will result in moving costs both in and out of the temporary space, cost of any renovation needed to operate and rental expenses	Loss of “one-stop shopping” for those using both the tool program and library; lose synergy with not having library books and other materials next door in library
	New site might have more on site parking available for tool library patrons
	Will require larger space than if combined with South Branch Library to accommodate staff break room, work areas and restrooms
	Timeline could be affected by delay in decision-making and securing funding
	Identify permanent alternate location now, save money by only moving once and expenditures on renovating the temporary space would not be lost when the program moved out

NEXT STEPS

Following board discussion and consensus on a conceptual scheme preference, the board will need to give direction to staff in order to move the project to the schematic design phase. The consultant’s presentation and scale drawings have captured the relationship of project components, reflecting the functional and service needs of the program and desired adjacencies. Early during the next design phase staff will set up a second meeting with the LPC subcommittee and schedule a community meeting to continue discussion of drawings and documents illustrating project scale, layout, site issues, massing / elevations and functionality. Staff will bring more developed plans to the board during this phase for additional review and direction.

Following the board meeting staff will seek advice from the Planning Department on the next steps in the approval process.



ATTACHMENTS

- A. September 17, 2009 Community Meeting: Agenda, Meeting Notes & Summary of Comment / Survey forms
- B. October 1, 2009 Community Meeting Agenda, Meeting Notes & Summary of Comment / Survey forms
- C. Tool Library Survey Results – Summary
- D. Project Goals and Program Needs

**South Branch Library Renovation
Community Meeting
September 17, 2009
6:30 – 8:00 PM**

AGENDA

Welcome!

Jeri Ewart, Branch Supervisor

Review the Agenda

Donna Corbeil, Library Director

Overview of Project

Suzanne Olawski, Neighborhood Services Manager

Discussion of Services and Functions

Kathy Page, Library Consultant

Page + Moris Inc.

Discussion of Design Considerations by the Architect Team

Avery Taylor Moore AIA, Mark Schatz, FAIA, and Rob Ludlow, AIA
Field Paoli

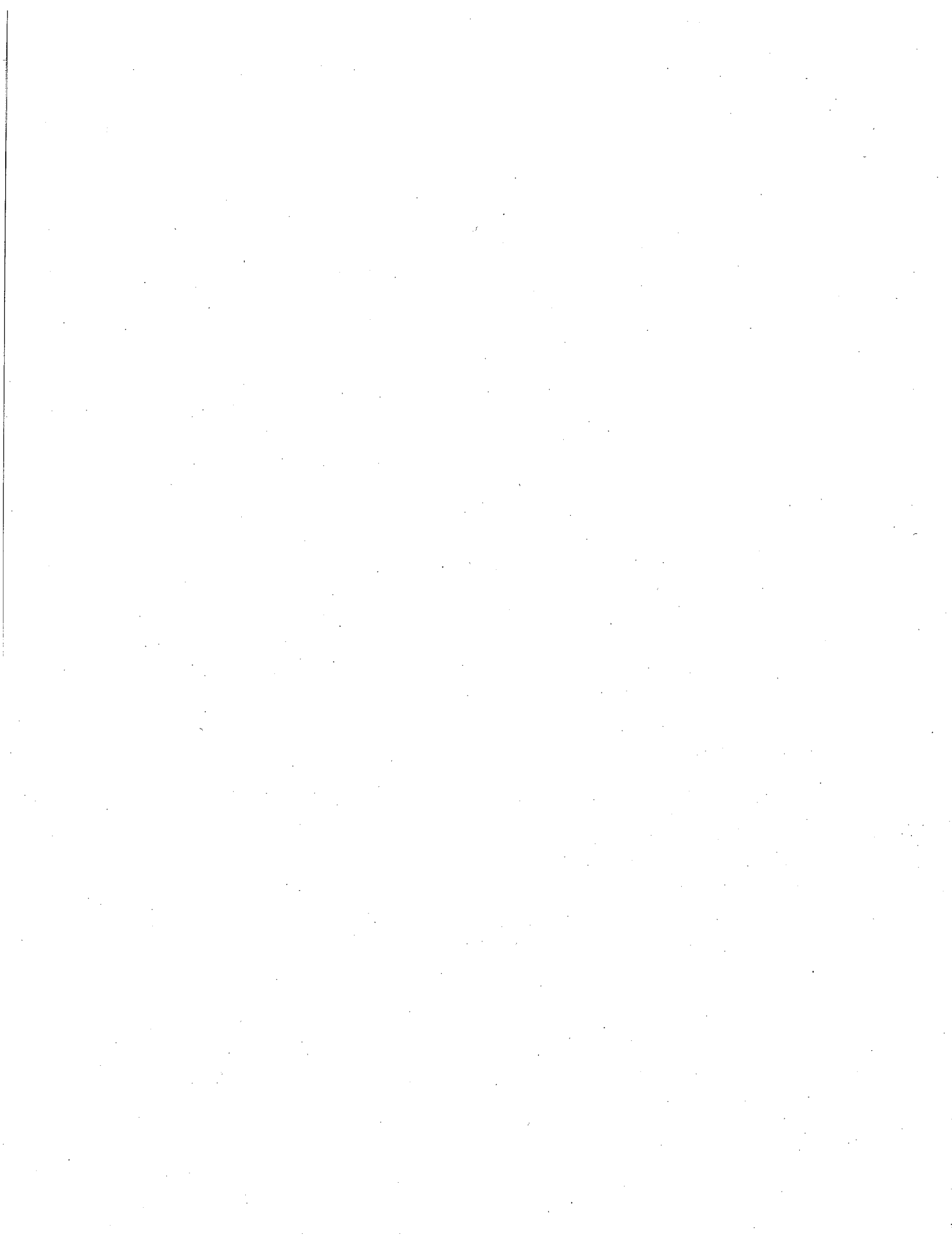
Questions & Comments

Next Steps

Berkeley Public Library Foundation Representative

Thank you for coming and please complete a comment sheet and survey before you
leave.

All members of the team and library staff have name tags



Berkeley Public Library – Branch Renovation Program
South Branch Community Meeting – Conceptual Design (Kick-off – Meeting 1)
September 17, 2009
6:30-8:00PM / South Branch

Attendance:	Approx. 32 non-library audience members
Council members:	Kriss Worthington, Max Anderson's aide
Board members:	Winston Burton
Presenting design team members:	Avery Taylor Moore & Mark Schatz
Presenting library consultant:	Kathy Page
Presenting library staff:	Donna Corbeil, Suzanne Olawski
Foundation representative:	Chris Adams

Programming

- Dedicated short-term parking along street for TLL
- 10-minute parking on the street
- Image of library in neighborhood is growing as "community center"
 - Expectation of appearance and offerings is growing
 - Expectation of accessibility
 - ERC patrons will be coming to the South library
- Library should be a (neighborhood) "beacon"
- More staff for TLL – just to answer phones / improve service (speed)
- TLL is a city-wide function and has different needs – parking / accessibility
- TLL and Library shouldn't hamper one another's functions
 - Branch doesn't need parking but TLL does
- Collections are small – need more variety / diverse collection, more books kept at branch
- More space is needed, more often busier than not
- Everyone will benefit from separate teen space
- Meeting room is crowded, more storage space
- Seating is hard to find, lack of variety of seating
- Few civic spaces in South Berkeley
 - Multi-purpose room is important for citizens to use
- Meeting room space available at South Berkeley senior center
 - Availability?
- Building needs to be flexible
- Need to consider changing technology – electronic books
- Lawn space – usable outside space
- Will there be staff parking

Design

- Scheme C is favorable
 - TLL on Russell
 - Reuse roof from old building on new building or reuse materials
- Preserve the original midcentury modern library
- Measure FF doesn't read *tear-down / build new*
- Why does TLL have to stay on site?

- Move to old school district building
- Restore Edison school building and move TLL / library there; keep South library building for other civic use
- Want a functional building for the community
- Enough space to serve the community for generations to come
- Not committed to old building
- Don't mind if old building comes down
- Do not have to keep old building
- Use existing building main room as a free standing meeting room, build L around it and get rid of TLL parking
- Does TLL have to stay on site?
- Don't sacrifice functionality at expense of sentimentality
- Architects need to listen to staff, learn from Central experience

**South Branch Conceptual Design Community Meeting #1 – 091709
Audience Comments / Survey Responses**

Comment Cards

- Like parking a lot
- 3 or 4 24-minute parking if faster service at TLL – excellent
- Pursue green option for roof
- Is *masonite* reinforced?
- Meeting room at ERC or Sr. Ctr.
- TLL at Berk School down Russell
- Is Sr. Ctr. highly utilized?
- Don't need to keep old structure
- Is "Playreaders" still extinct? Bring it back.
- Set model so it can be tilted up so audience can see
- Move TLL to old Edison school a block away or somewhere else
- Keep community meeting space
- Keep main old building, at least.

Survey

What were three things that you heard today about the project that were most memorable?

- Space constraints
- Would like a new structure; well designed
- Use of all 9600sf
- Importance of lending library

What three issues do you consider most important to the South Branch Library?

- Computer / wiring
- More welcoming space
- Better space for TLL
- Better disability access
- Better connection to South Berkeley's African American community
- Space, both vertical and horizontal
- Maintaining a welcoming look
- Don't need to preserve building
- Maximize space use – more of everything

What did you like most about the community meeting?

- To the point, brief
- Physical models were helpful, easier to get than 2-d plans

Is there anything you would like the project team to know that was not said at the meeting?

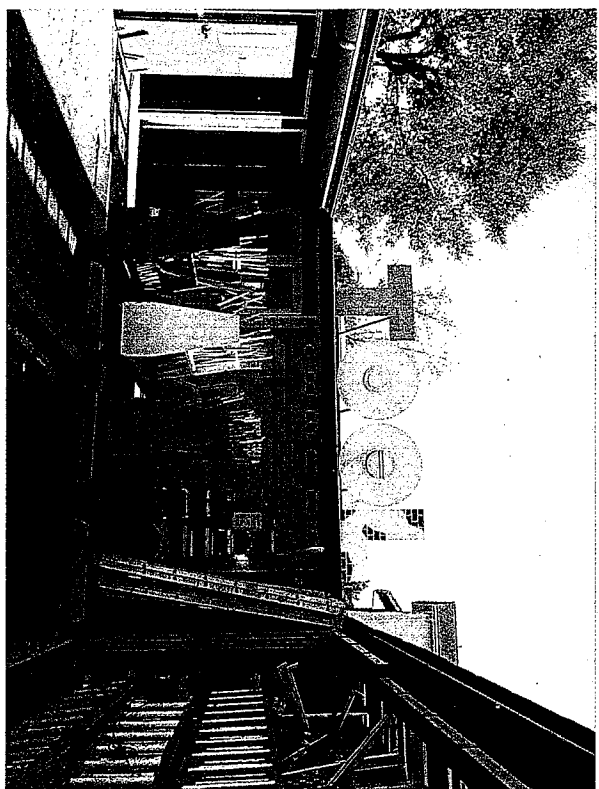
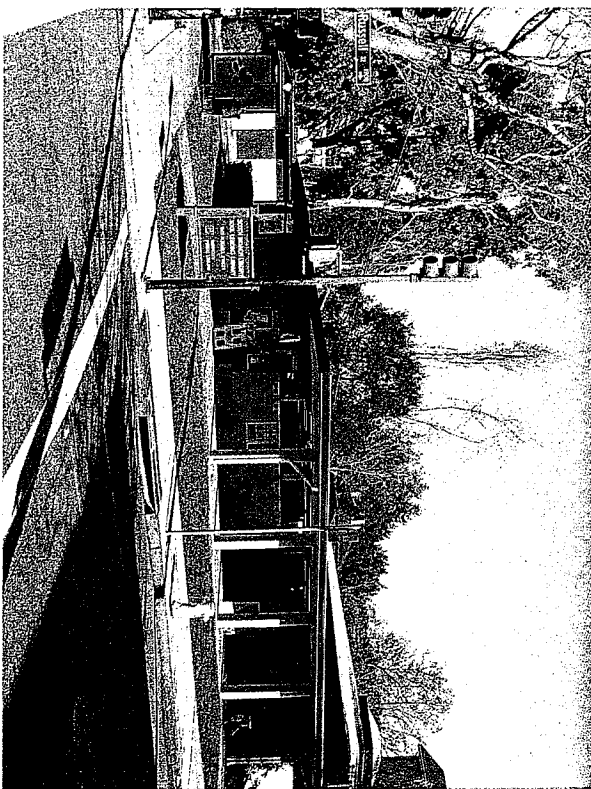
- Please build in an area for kitchen tools in the tool lending area
- Use the new BART disabled center to house south branch library during construction

South Branch Library / Tool Lending Library

Berkeley Public Library
 Existing Building Evaluation Summary

Built 1961
 Addition 1974
 Size 5,040 SF

Structural		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair damage from rot in roof structure and rebuild roof with greater slope • Anchor walls to the roof • Add grout and reinforcing to existing block walls • Add seismic bracing to the building
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing system is the original radiant hot-water heating in the floor slab; there is no cooling • The system is functional, but all the elements are past their ordinary working life; the boiler and tanks should be replaced • Alternate: Replace the entire existing heating system with new forced air furnaces
Mechanical	Plumbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace all existing plumbing fixtures; piping can be re-used if locations remain appropriate • Add overflow drains or scappers to the roof drainage system • Add an automatic fire sprinkler system to the entire building
	Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace all electrical receptacles and other power devices in the building • Replace all electrical panels • Replace service to building to increase carrying capacity
Electrical	Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitate original skylights and light fixtures • Replace existing lighting fixtures with fixtures that do not conflict with the historic character of the building • Install new emergency lighting and illuminated exit signs, required by code
	Telecom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone and data service is in working order • Replace with state-of-the-art telecom systems with wiring in concealed raceways and proper telecommunications room • Provide data hookups for patron use in the library
	Roofing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the existing roof, which is very old and visibly degraded • There is history of leakage through the roof
Architectural	Windows & Doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace all windows with new frames and insulated glazing • Replace multi-blade jalousie windows with a different operable style • Upgrade door hardware
	Existing Finishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean, repair and repaint all interior and exterior walls, soffits and trim • Replace carpet • Replace decorative colored glass where it is broken • Replace circulation desk and related furniture • Bring all public areas into compliance • Remodel and expand the restrooms • Staff areas are much too crowded for legal accessibility
ADA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff areas are much too crowded for legal accessibility
Hazardous Materials		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is asbestos in the office floor, linoleum, the textured plaster on the library ceiling and walls, and the roof flashing • Existing interior and exterior paint contain lead
Pest Damage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is fungus infestation in the exterior wooden trim, fascias, soffits and some visible areas of the roof • There is fungus infestation in some interior wooden trim • Ceramic tile in the restrooms has failed and there is evidence of fungus in the framing members to the walls behind
Historic Character		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The building will be 50 years old in 2011 • While most original features are still visible, the building has been greatly changed by later additions, primarily the meeting room, which was designed by the same firm and added in 1974 • The original building was not designed to be used at night and therefore had inadequate lighting for modern use • All original finishes require refurbishing • Skylights and ceilings should be restored
Major Program Needs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate space for the Tool Lending Library to efficiently provide service and to effectively display, store and repair tools • Adequate space for more public access computers for general public use as well as information library instruction • Adequate accessible restroom space



**South Branch Library Renovation
Community Meeting
October 1, 2009
6:30 – 8:00 PM**

AGENDA

Welcome!

Jeri Ewart, Branch Supervisor

Agenda Review

Donna Corbeil, Library Director

Project Overview

Suzanne Olawski, Neighborhood Services Manager

September 17th Community Meeting Summary

Avery Taylor Moore, AIA
Field Paoli

Landmarks Preservation Commission Input

Rob Ludlow, AIA
Field Paoli

Program Summary

Avery Taylor Moore, AIA
Field Paoli

Design Considerations Discussion

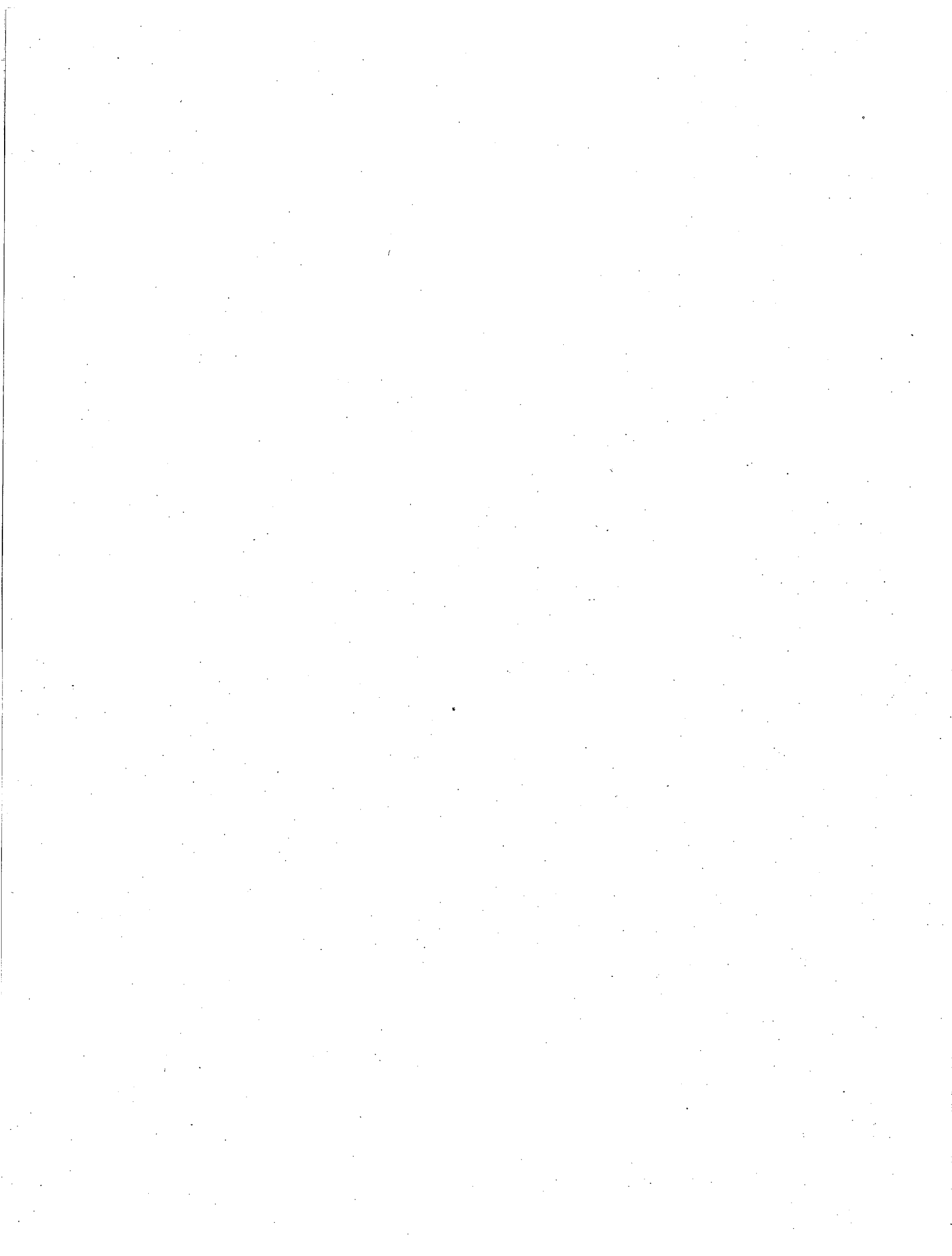
Mark Schatz, FAIA
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Questions & Comments

Next Steps

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Berkeley Public Library – Branch Renovation Program
South Branch Community Meeting – Conceptual Design (Meeting 2)
October 01, 2009
6:30-8:00PM / South Branch

Attendance: Approx. 15 non-library audience members
Presenting design team members: Avery Taylor Moore, Rob Ludlow, & Mark Schatz
Presenting library staff: Donna Corbeil, Suzanne Olawski

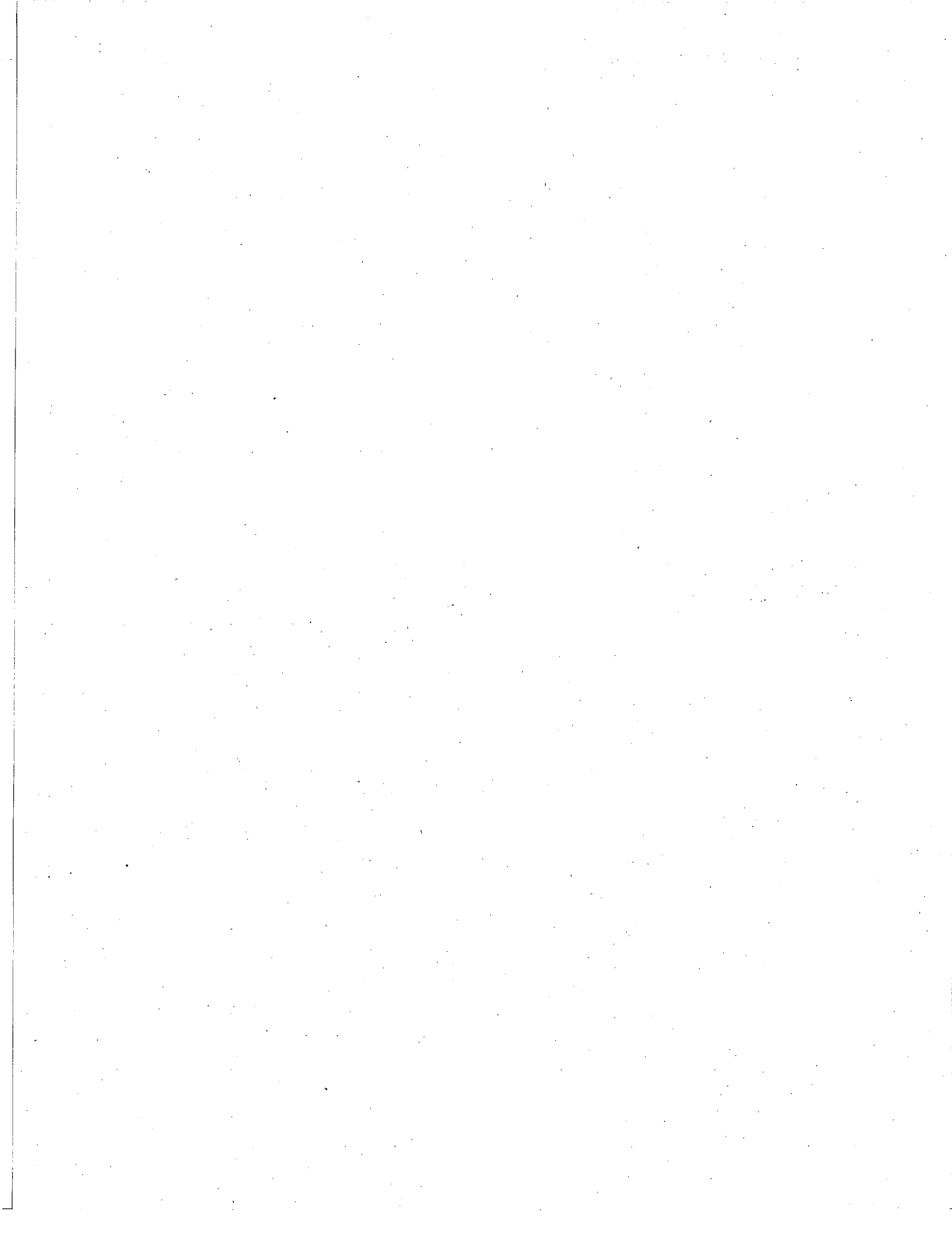
Audience Participation

- Don't move TLL; keep it on site to serve the local community
- There's a traditional connection to the TLL; sense of community when waiting with others to be served at the TLL
- **Q:** Can parking at the Thai Temple be joint-use during the week? **A:** We'll explore that idea with the Temple
- The building will lose its historic status if any of the original part is removed; take into consideration historical value (working with LPC subcommittee)
- Went online to review design team projects and very impressed; SJ libraries are very warm and welcoming buildings for patrons and staff
- All seats filled in library
- Want larger, better functioning, expanded library service to South Berkeley community
- **Q:** How does one get into the TLL on schemes B and C? **A:** entrance at parking spaces facing MLK, Jr. Way
- **Q:** What happens when the elevator goes out and you're on the second floor (in a wheelchair)? **A:** good question. (audience mentioned hydraulic elevator will still go down –once)
- **Q:** What is the usage between TLL and South Branch **A:** FY09 stats show TLL had 63,462 visitors and circulated 50,200 items and South Branch had 84,041 visitors and circulated 110,572 items. –applaud TLL for their hard work
- Ask teens what they want; design in consultation with teens
- Make the community room welcoming and open to whole community
- **Q:** How did you come up with 350SF for teens? **A:** Library consultant will need to answer. Want the teens to have a defined space.
- **Q:** What is the overlap between TLL and South Branch –hours and coverage? **A:** TLL has slightly different hours; they have a fair amount of independence; assist with coverage in emergency shortage situations
- **Q:** How many parking spaces will be on site for TLL? **A:** All schemes will have two parking spaces with green parking along MLK, Jr. Way
- **Q:** If there is a second floor, can there be two elevators? **A:** Something to consider
- **Q:** Has anyone studied if TLL can move to another site? **A:** Library is looking into suggestion. The Edison school site, proposed at last meeting, is being used by the school district.
- **Q:** Can't teens go to the YAP. The library shouldn't be a community center. **A:** teens, especially young teens, need their own defined space because they don't want to be associated being children anymore.
- **Q:** Why are there only two options? **A:** The LPC agreed to the development of two schemes –build new or keep reading room.

- **Q:** Will it be cheaper to tear down most of the library and build new then renovate?
A: Will need to have cost estimating done. Code compliance, seismic and safety improvements still would need to be done.
- Like Option C; Option B ok but with two elevators
- Anything that supports the TLL is great
- **Q:** What is the setbacks on the schemes? **A:** Scheme C is 16'; scheme B2 is 24', and scheme B1 is 20'
- Like Option C but adults and children should be adjacent
- Landscaping now used a lot by Thai Temple; loss of space will be a big deal
- **Q:** Can the library share landscaping with the Temple? **A:** We'll explore that idea with the Temple
- Staff space should look at busy MLK, Jr. Way
- Think of MLK as it going through Berkeley, anchored at one end by North Branch and the other by South Branch, either will potentially greet you when you enter town; make it appealing
- Option C seems best for providing library service
- Should be a multipurpose room and not a meeting room that stands empty most of the time
- There should be a fluid energy between inside and out
- Think it's important for the community to have a functional space with more books, magazines, and computers –like Option C for those reasons
- Not easy for everyone to get into the library –not easy for me to get into and around the South Branch in a wheelchair; usually go downtown for library services
- Services provide to community are what is really important
- Address digital divide and services for children and teens
- Style of current building is ok but like C for the reason it best can provide library services
- Scheme C seems best for providing library services
- Can the program room be multi-purpose and be integrated into public space so it can be used all day otherwise it becomes unused space that is locked
- Scheme B2 (Keep adult reading room and new 2-story in L): New back wing at 2-stories overwhelms the original building
- Object to reduction of green space—all new option feels like a big box
- Like scheme C but adult and children shouldn't be separate so can't leave children alone but not big concern
- Current landscaping not that nice **A:** will carve in small vistas where can
- Like the idea of public space facing MLK, Jr. Way so passerby's can see people and books in the library when passing by
- Looks like Option C doesn't have much exposure to northern light
- Option C looks like it has the potential for presence on the street
- Maintain community feel
- Keep open airiness feeling

Berkeley Public Library – Branch Renovation Program
South Branch Community Meeting – Conceptual Design (Meeting 2)
October 01, 2009
6:30-8:00PM / South Branch

- **Q:** What is the set back from the Thai Temple (east side)? **A:** 5'
- **Q:** Who makes the final decision? **A:** There is a process that involves the LPC, BOLT, and City Council.
- **Q:** Can a copy of the schemes be available on the website? **A:** A report on the public meetings will be included in the board packet. The schemes will continue to evolve and all of the versions during the early stages will not be posted. As we narrow these options down and the board gives staff direction, visuals from the meetings will be included in the notes. They are not as helpful without the dialog and explanation of the architects
- **Q:** Is temporary Central Library site a possibility for the TLL? **A:** May not be because of lack of parking but will look into it.
- It's important to have an artist's rendering of whatever you propose.



South Branch Conceptual Design Community Meeting #2 – 100109
Audience Comments / Survey Responses

Survey Responses

1. *What were three things that you heard today about the project that were most memorable?*

- Teens needing space for computer games, music, and talking to each other can be located at YAP

2. *What three issues do you consider most important to the South Branch Library?*

- Tool library most used by my family
- Functionality
- Parking
- Delivery of services
- Outdoor beauty – both building and landscaping
- Accessibility to people with disabilities

3. *What did you like most about the community meeting?*

- Land site too small for too many needs
- Does not have to host all above needs
- The architects were well prepared and presented the information well

4. *What did you like least about the community meeting?*

- Opinionated attendees that dominate discussion
- People with singular concerns speaking too much

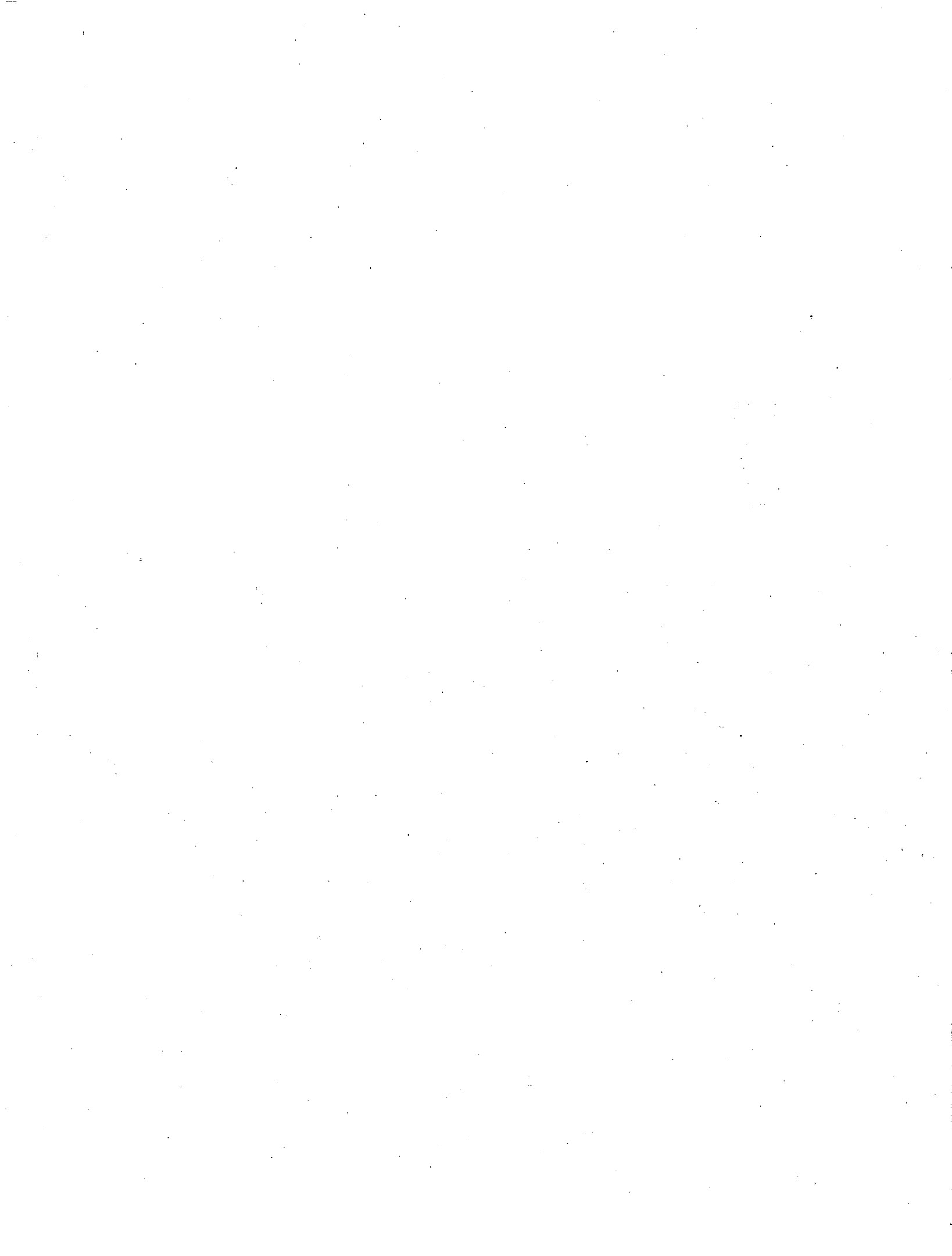
5. *Is there anything you would like the project team to know that was not said at the meeting?*

- Tool library could be located at another convenient site



WHAT WE HEARD

ISSUE	COMMENTS	RESPONSE
LIBRARY PRESENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be beacon for neighborhood • Should welcome community • Should have civic presence 	<p>Agree: Library should have Civic Presence and feel open to users</p>
LIBRARY OPERATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better accessibility • Need more space • Upgrade wiring, computers, lighting • More seating • Need defined teen area 	<p>Bond Funding will address these issues Tradeoffs on program spaces due to tight site Program to be discussed this evening</p>
TOOL LENDING LIBRARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLL is an important City-wide resource • Needs better space-storage; cramped • Need to keep parking if at this site • Could parking be in green zones along street? • Should TLL relocate for larger library on site? 	<p>Library exploring idea of relocating Library but option is not funded School properties not available Per Transportation Dept, more green curbs may be possible, with 2 spaces still on site</p>
COMMUNITY ROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep it here • Could it relocate? • Could Senior Center Community Room be used instead? 	<p>Library uses community room frequently Senior Center often booked; will stay here</p>
OPTIONS FOR NEW LIBRARY	<p>Looked at 4 conceptual options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Keep existing Children's & Main Reading Room B. Keep Main Reading Room C. All new library with corner entry D. All new library with entry on MILK 	<p>Will need 2nd floor May need 2nd floor Provides more civic entry Less interest in this option</p>
EXISTING BUILDING: PRESERVE OR REPLACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve all or at least Main Reading Room • Provide well-designed new structure • Don't sacrifice program to building 	<p>Met with Landmarks Preservation Commission Subcommittee for input Further options this evening to be discussed</p>



Tool Lending Library Survey


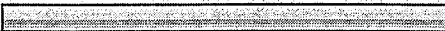



1. How often do you use the Tool Lending Library of the Berkeley Public Library?

		Response Percent	Response Count
At least once a week		25.6%	20
Once every three weeks		28.2%	22
Once a month		32.1%	25
Once a year		3.8%	3
Rarely		10.3%	8
<i>answered question</i>			78
<i>skipped question</i>			3

2. Besides the Tool Lending Library, which other BPL branches do you visit?

		Response Percent	Response Count
North		20.0%	15
West		9.3%	7
Literacy		2.7%	2
South		34.7%	26
Central		57.3%	43
Claremont		18.7%	14
<i>answered question</i>			75
<i>skipped question</i>			6

3. How did you get here today?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Walked		11.7%	9
Drove		71.4%	55
Public transit (bus)		2.6%	2
Bicycle		11.7%	9
BART		0.0%	0
Other		2.6%	2

answered question 77

skipped question 4

4. Please tell us what you think of this library building?						
	Poor	Adequate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Response Count
Condition of the outside of the library	3.9% (3)	23.7% (18)	35.5% (27)	19.7% (15)	17.1% (13)	76
Condition of the inside of the library	10.5% (8)	14.5% (11)	32.9% (25)	21.1% (16)	21.1% (16)	76
Ease of access entering the building	6.5% (5)	18.2% (14)	24.7% (19)	26.0% (20)	24.7% (19)	77
Ease of access inside the library	6.8% (5)	12.2% (9)	33.8% (25)	27.0% (20)	20.3% (15)	74
Layout and arrangements	13.0% (10)	9.1% (7)	32.5% (25)	27.3% (21)	18.2% (14)	77
Signs and signage	5.3% (4)	8.0% (6)	33.3% (25)	30.7% (23)	22.7% (17)	75
Service desks	2.6% (2)	7.8% (6)	26.0% (20)	26.0% (20)	37.7% (29)	77
Check-outs / Reutrn	3.9% (3)	7.9% (6)	19.7% (15)	31.6% (24)	36.8% (28)	76
Comfort	4.2% (3)	15.3% (11)	31.9% (23)	26.4% (19)	22.2% (16)	72
Lighting	3.9% (3)	13.2% (10)	23.7% (18)	34.2% (26)	25.0% (19)	76
Temperature	2.6% (2)	7.9% (6)	30.3% (23)	28.9% (22)	30.3% (23)	76
Acoustics	1.3% (1)	15.6% (12)	29.9% (23)	31.2% (24)	22.1% (17)	77
					answered question	79
					skipped question	2

5. The Tool Lending Library will be renovated; please rate the following features in terms of importance to you in a tool lending library building.

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Mandatory	Response Count
Space to store and browse tools	7.7% (6)	9.0% (7)	25.6% (20)	29.5% (23)	28.2% (22)	78
Community meeting room	39.2% (29)	21.6% (16)	23.0% (17)	13.5% (10)	2.7% (2)	74
Computer center	31.5% (23)	17.8% (13)	24.7% (18)	23.3% (17)	2.7% (2)	73
Space for library programs	25.7% (19)	21.6% (16)	32.4% (24)	18.9% (14)	1.4% (1)	74
Separate periodicals / magazine area	31.5% (23)	21.9% (16)	30.1% (22)	13.7% (10)	2.7% (2)	73
Space for children / family use	41.7% (30)	13.9% (10)	23.6% (17)	16.7% (12)	4.2% (3)	72
Shelf space for popular materials (DVDs, books)	20.8% (15)	19.4% (14)	34.7% (25)	16.7% (12)	8.3% (6)	72
Seating and tables for reading	31.1% (23)	13.5% (10)	24.3% (18)	20.3% (15)	10.8% (8)	74
Well functioning service desks	6.7% (5)	5.3% (4)	22.7% (17)	41.3% (31)	24.0% (18)	75
				<i>answered question</i>		79
				<i>skipped question</i>		2

6. What is your age group?

		Response Percent	Response Count
11 and under		0.0%	0
12-17		0.0%	0
18-29		8.9%	7
30-44		31.6%	25
45-57		29.1%	23
58-69		21.5%	17
70+		8.9%	7
<i>answered question</i>			79
<i>skipped question</i>			2

7. What is your home zip code?

		Response Percent	Response Count
94702		17.7%	14
94703		36.7%	29
94704		7.6%	6
94705		12.7%	10
94707		2.5%	2
94708		8.9%	7
94709		7.6%	6
94710		2.5%	2
Other		3.8%	3
<i>answered question</i>			79
<i>skipped question</i>			2

8. Additional Comments:

Response
Count

28

answered question

28

skipped question

53

Tool Lending Library Survey

Additional Comments:		Response Count
		28
	<i>answered question</i>	28
	<i>skipped question</i>	53

Response Text		
1	Robert, Awvel, and Jason are all great at their jobs.	Sep 2, 2009 6:17 PM
2	The Tool Lending Library is such an amazing resource that should be nurtured. Please fund the staff properly! They do a very specialized service that is very difficult to find! And of course, more & better tools would be great as well.	Sep 2, 2009 6:23 PM
3	The staff is what makes this place fabulous! They should have a safe and comfortable workspace. -Place where they can work to repair and refurbish tools. -Workshop to teach people hands on skills - roc ed- home repair. The staff should have the necessary space to be "reference libraries" they really are.	Sep 2, 2009 6:34 PM
4	Staff at tool lending library are excellent. Helpful and knowledgeable. More D14 info, media, activities linked to tool use might be helpful.	Sep 2, 2009 6:39 PM
5	I am very happy with this branch.	Sep 2, 2009 6:49 PM
6	THE tool library is essential to my ability to maintain my property in the best possible manner. I use this service almost as much as the the Post Office! It is so unique and the service desk is so knowledgable and patient with the huge crowd that comes to learn and get tools. Thanks so much for issuing this questionnaire and keep up the good work!	Sep 2, 2009 6:58 PM
7	Would like to see instructed videos.	Sep 2, 2009 8:18 PM
8	Very good staff, knowledgeable, and friendly.	Sep 2, 2009 8:23 PM
9	The Tool Library is the BEST! ...but thanks for making it even better!	Sep 2, 2009 8:33 PM
10	I love the tool lending library! I wish you didn't have to wait in line to return items.	Sep 2, 2009 8:36 PM
11	1. TLL parking layout is awkward for patrons who do and do not drive. 2. Layout of TLL is also awkward because only a few people can stand inside at a time while others have to stand outside and try and figure out who is next in line.	Sep 2, 2009 8:39 PM
12	1. Storage space + service center are critical. 2. Access counter is critical.	Sep 2, 2009 8:44 PM
13	1. Storage space + service center are critical. 2. Access counter is critical.	Sep 2, 2009 8:44 PM
14	Space to store is important, but not to browse. I am extremely satisfied with 1. Tool selection 2. personnel at the TLL And the price is right! Improvement would be more counter space and line-up space so staff can both advices people and move them along.	Sep 2, 2009 8:46 PM

Response Text		
15	I am quite happy with the BTLL as it is. Some possible improvements are 1. Classes 2. Books browsing (and mags). (i.e. reading room) THANKS!	Sep 3, 2009 4:19 AM
16	Love the tool library.	Sep 3, 2009 4:22 AM
17	parking situation is dangerous	Sep 3, 2009 4:32 AM
18	Friendly help, good knowledge of tools + helpful. Thank you Todd	Sep 3, 2009 4:50 AM
19	Build workshop with tarlrsaw extention tables	Sep 3, 2009 4:52 AM
20	think god they are here	Sep 3, 2009 4:54 AM
21	I have been very pleased with the services that I get from the library. It would be nice if they have a Kelly Blue Book and a list of reliable and honest workers who can help a disabled senior like me. I especially like the Tool Lending Library. They are very helpful and I am so glad I can borrow tools and not ahve to buy them and store them. Keep it up Luchi-Sellis	Sep 3, 2009 5:00 AM
22	thanks to the dedicated people who are in charge of the tool library on a daily basis; great service to the our neighborhood; would not be able to work well in the garden if we didn't have access to the well-maintained tools	Sep 10, 2009 7:19 PM
23	you rock --more of the same	Sep 10, 2009 7:20 PM
24	add tool donations (tax deductions); add website	Sep 10, 2009 7:22 PM
25	love it; don't close for too long	Sep 10, 2009 7:24 PM
26	TLL is superb; have many o my own tools but the lending library has tools that I cannot afford and am unable to have or use infrequently; it has been a great service for many years	Sep 10, 2009 7:28 PM
27	BPL should talk with City Car Share and dedicate a space next to the TLL for one of their pick-up trucks, like UC Storage on Shattuck does; cost would be minimal; just 1 parking space; benefits to tool users is clear	Sep 10, 2009 7:31 PM
28	TLL is great; tool guys are incredible	Sep 10, 2009 7:36 PM

Tool Lending Library Patron Count
Week of Tuesday, August 25 – Saturday, 29, 2009

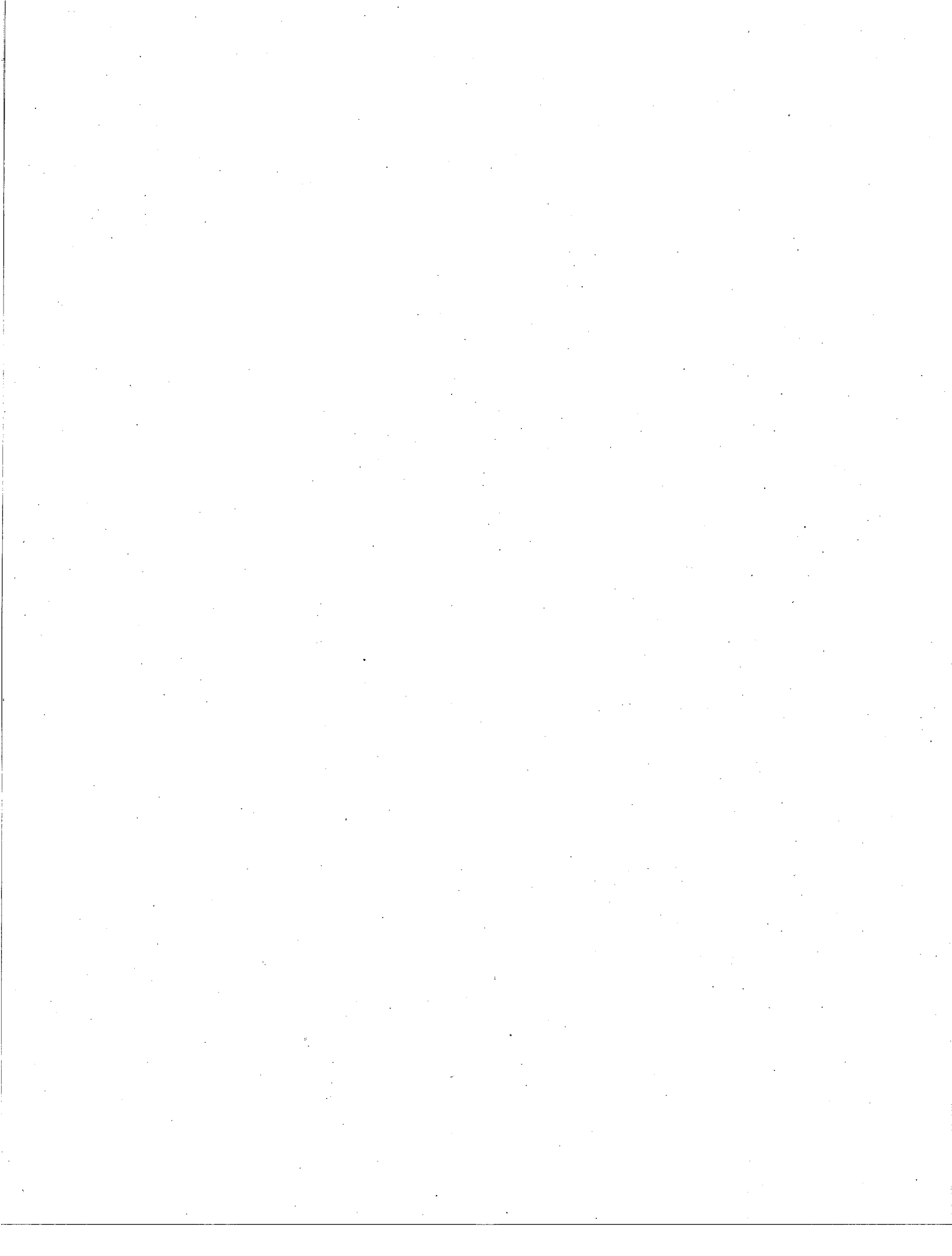
	Tuesday 10:00-5:30	Wednesday 12:00 – 7:30	Thursday 12:00 – 7:30	Friday 1:00 – 5:30	Saturday 10:00 – 5:30	Total
10:00 – 11:00	27				33	60
11:00 – 12:00	28				32	60
12:00 – 1:00	40	35	28		26	129
1:00 – 2:00	26	20	26	42	31	145
2:00 – 3:00	20	17	29	32	30	128
3:00 – 4:00	22	24	9	23	33	111
4:00 – 5:00	36	25	27	40	35	163
5:00 – 6:00	26	17	13	31	18	105
6:00 – 7:30		31	32			63
Total	225	169	164	168	238	964

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SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

COMMUNITY CONCERNS ABOUT LIBRARY SERVICE
EXPRESSED DURING FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

- Crowding and congestion
- Lack of disabled access
- Separate space for teens
- Separate space for children and families
- More computers needed / improved space for computers
- Increased seating capacity
- Separate reading area for magazines
- Improved lighting
- More functional service desks
- Increased, more functional space for Tool Lending Library

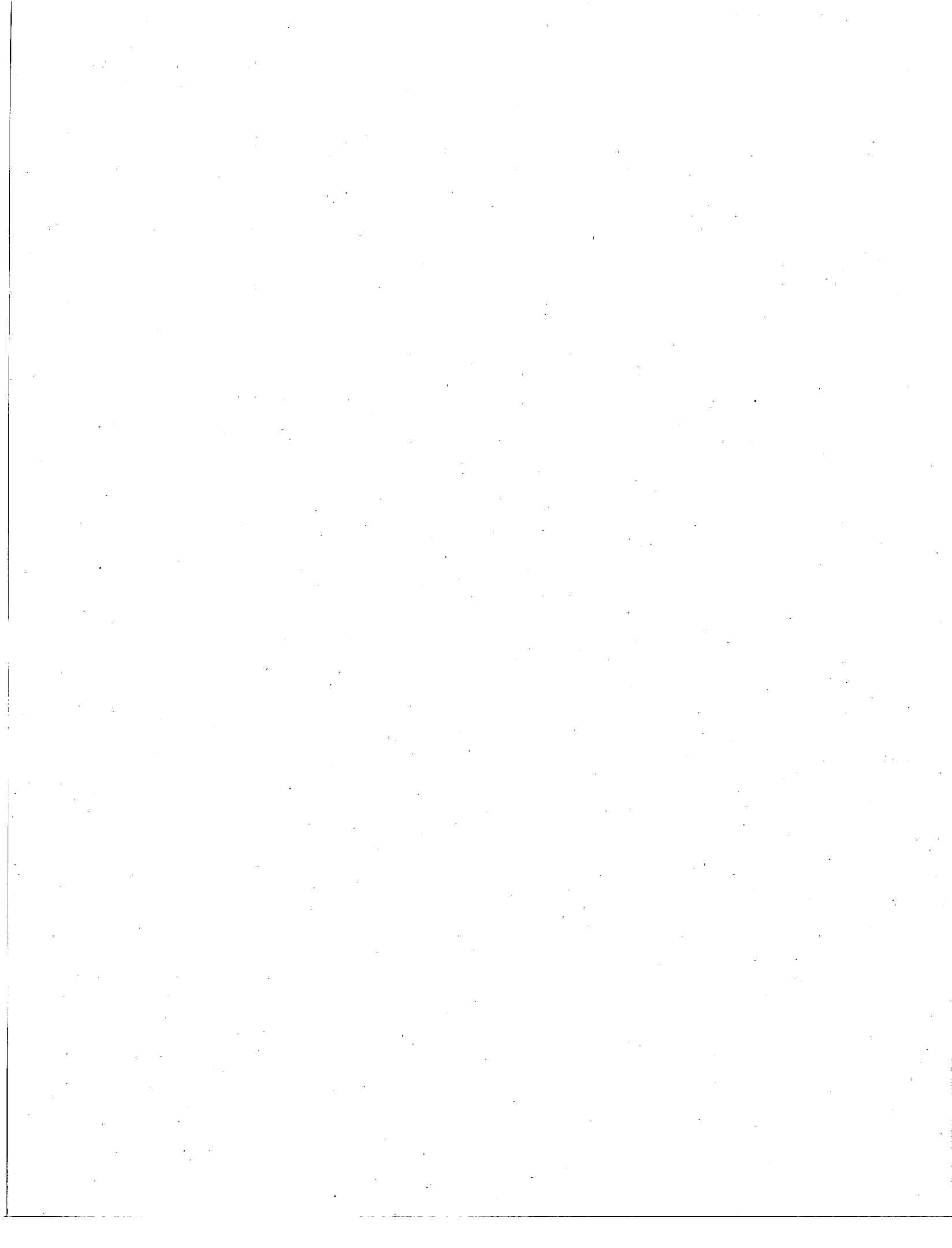


Presentation item, Attachment D

South Branch 09.17.09

Kathy Page Observations of South Branch Programmatic Issues

- Crowded, congested conditions throughout facility
- Lack of acoustical or activity level zones – quiet and active functions occur in same space or immediately adjacent to each other
- Too few seats
 - Teen space has no allocated seating even though library is an after-school gathering place for teens
 - Lack of quiet reading area as well as enclosed seating for collaborative work or tutoring
 - Too few seats for children and families
- Computers in high demand – more needed / computers located in central circulation space
- Lack of electrical outlets for laptop computer plug-in
- Shelving at 100% capacity
 - Collections cannot grow
 - Materials cannot be displayed
 - Collections shelved where they fit, not always where they belong, often difficult to locate specific categories of material
- Cramped, inadequate staff workspace
 - Impedes efficiency, productivity
 - Spills out into public space
 - Erodes meeting room / programming space
- Service desks serve as work space – poor relationship to public space, lack of visibility, congested, not ergonomic
- No space to accommodate new services
 - Self service checkout and holds pickup shelves - very limited space
 - No space for self service check-in
- Tool Lending Library space extremely crowded, splintered, dysfunctional
- Vehicle access/parking for Tool Lending Library is inadequate and awkward



**Berkeley Public Library
Board of Library Trustees**

**Regular Meeting
September 9, 2009**

**MINUTES
7:00 p.m.**

**Central Branch Library
2090 Kittredge Street**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of September 9, 2009 was called to order by Vice Chair Henry-Golphin at 7:05 PM.

Present: Trustees Winston Burton, Carolyn Henry-Golphin, Susan Kupfer, and Therese Powell.

Absent: Trustee Darryl Moore.

Also present: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services; Doug Smith, Deputy Director; Suzanne Olawski, Neighborhood Services Manager, Dennis Dang, Library Administrative Manager; Eve Franklin, Administrative Secretary; Rene Cardinaux, Consultant; Steve Dewan, Project Manager, Kitchell CEM

B. Public Comments – None.

C. Report from Union and Employees – None.

D. Report from Board of Library Trustees –

- 1) Trustee Powell reported she had attended the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago at her expense and provided a written report (Attachment 1.) She urged other Trustees to attend upcoming conferences.
- 2) Trustee Burton gave recognition to former Library Foundation Executive Director Roxanne Figueroa for her efforts on behalf of the library, especially during the Measure FF campaign.

E. Approval of Agenda

R09-75 Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Powell, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

R09-76 Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to approve the consent calendar as amended.

- Item F - Increase Director's Expenditure Authority for Service Contracts to \$100,000 deferred to next meeting.
- Item G - Contract: Smith, Fause & McDonald, Inc. for Information Technology design services for the Branch Library Renovation Program moved to Action Calendar, Item C.
- Item H - Contract: Gould Evans Baum Thornley for architectural services for the renovation and expansion of the Claremont Branch Library moved to Action Calendar, Item B.

Motion passed unanimously.

A. Approve minutes of July 8, 2009 Regular Meeting

R09-77 Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve minutes of July 17, 2009 Special Meeting

R09-78 Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2009 special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve minutes of July 21, 2009 Special Meeting

R09-79 Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2009 special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

R09-80 D. Approve minutes of July 22, 2009 Special Meeting
Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2009 special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

R09-81 E. Approve the following Library Administrative Regulations: AR 10.12 Volunteers in the Library; and AR 10.20 Managing Unclaimed Property and Lost and Found items in the Library
Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to adopt the resolution to approve the Library Administrative Regulations: AR 10.12 Volunteers in the Library; and AR 10.20 Managing Unclaimed Property and Lost and Found items in the Library. Motion approved unanimously.

F. Increase Director's Expenditure Authority for Service Contracts to \$100,000
Deferred to next meeting.

G. Contract: Smith, Fause & McDonald, Inc. for Information Technology design services for the Branch Library Renovation Program
Moved to Action Calendar, Item C.

H. Contract: Gould Evans Baum Thornley for architectural services for the renovation and expansion of the Claremont Branch Library
Moved to Action Calendar, Item B.

R09-85 I. Contract: Innovative Interfaces, Inc. for hardware and software services – increase contract R09-43 amount to \$150,000
Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to adopt the resolution authorizing an increase to the contract limit from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the agreement with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (R09-43) to provide maintenance services on the Library's online public catalog, circulation, acquisition, serial and cataloging modules that support patrons' access to the Library's collections and the INN-Reach (LINK+) module utilized to access collections beyond those owned by the Berkeley Public Library. Motion carried unanimously.

R09-86 J. Grant: CA State Library – Adult Literacy Services
Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Library Services to apply for and accept, if awarded, FY2009/2010 CLLS grant funds to fund Berkeley READS. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Report on Branch Renovation Program Presented by Steve Dewan, Kitchell CEM (Attachment 2)

Following the presentation the board discussed and asked for additional information and clarification:
Process

- The board asked for information on the need for an Environmental Impact Review (EIR) for the various projects. At this stage the Library has only had very-preliminary discussion on North and Claremont and will seek a mitigated negative declaration when ever possible.
- Among the other City Departments the library is working with on the building projects is the City of Berkeley Sustainability Office. The Sustainability/Green Building Team is part of City of Berkeley Planning staff focused on green building practices, energy efficiency practices, etc.
- The core team meeting weekly, described by Mr. Dewan, inclusive of city and Library representatives and consultants is usually 6-7 people.
- Trustee Powell inquired about the involvement of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Commission members / appointees will make up any subcommittee formed.

Budget/Schedule

- Trustee Powell commented she thought the original Branch Library Master Facility Plan (2008) never had more than one branch closed at a time. While this draft schedule had some overlap with more than one branch closed for 5-6 months, the proposed schedule has been compressed, with approximately 9 month overlap with two branches closed at same time. North and Claremont branches are likely to have overlapped closure times. South and West branches are likely to have overlapped closure times.
- General program costs were not detailed in the original budget. Mr. Dewan explained these are costs that are not site specific, such as Construction Manager, Bond Consultant, etc.
- Another area that has been detailed further is contingencies, by project and program wide. Mr. Dewan responded that generally the contingencies that were in the Master Facility Plan have been kept but the team concluded that additional funds should be added to make sure that we had a budget that was going to work. The original contingencies in the plan were 3-5% for inflationary costs. Those are still in the budgets but we are hoping to accelerate the design and construction process to help take advantage of potential reduced costs during this economy.
- While not discussed at this meeting the staff will return with additional information and recommendations related to continuity of services now that a refined schedule has been developed. This will include discussion of extending branch hours at those locations remaining open during closures for construction. The Director noted that Central Branch operating costs are higher than branch operating costs and that even with two branches closed, there would not be enough additional staff available to increase hours. As reported previously the Central Branch will have an increased demand for services during branch closures even without increased hours. Library staff and board will need to review options to help handle the demand for services.

IV. ACTION

A. Contract: Harley Ellis Devereaux / Green Works Studio for architectural services for the renovation and expansion of the West Branch Library

Edward Dean, Harley Ellis Devereaux, provided a summary of the Net-Zero concept. The Net-Zero concept looks at utility usage over a whole year. During summer months the building should generate energy, during the winter months the building will draw power from the grid. At the end of the year, it should balance out to net-zero. A net-zero building is almost by definition a carbon-neutral building. The City of Berkeley has embraced the concept of Net-Zero and every building built from 2020 onward will need to meet new improved energy standards, utilizing things like photo voltaic panels or simpler technologies such as skylights, windows, insulation and improved air flow/natural ventilation systems to reduce utility requirements.

In discussion of the possible costs of this option, Mr. Dean stated that there will be costs for photovoltaic system and extra design costs. Related to this he discussed possible rebates and supplemental funding opportunities from participation in the Savings by Design program from PG&E. This project would be one of PG&E's first net-zero projects, if funded and could provide some offset for the cost of installing a photovoltaic system and cover up to 75% or more of the extra design fees that would be required.

Numerous people will be involved in analyzing information and progress on these efforts will be reported to the board, including other funding sources from local, state or federal programs.

R09-87

Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Powell, to adopt a resolution to recommend City Council approve execution of a contract and any amendments with Harley Ellis Devereaux / Green Works Studio to provide architectural and engineering services for the West Branch Library renovation and expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$788,194 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period September 25, 2009 through December 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Contract: Gould Evans Baum Thornley for architectural services for the renovation and expansion of the Claremont Branch Library

R09-84 **Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Powell, to adopt the resolution to recommend City Council approve execution of a contract and any amendments with Gould Evans Baum Thornley to provide architectural and engineering services for the Claremont Branch Library renovation and expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$622,132 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period September 25, 2009 through February 30, 2012. Motion approved unanimously.**

- C. Contract: Smith, Fause & McDonald, Inc. for Information Technology design services for the Branch Library Renovation Program

Trustee Powell requested additional information on the scope and staff's involvement. Library information technology staff and the unit's manager will be deeply involved in the planning segment of the project. Staff prepared the RFP, interviewed and recommended the selected consultant which will bring technical expertise required for a construction project.

The Library recommends one firm for the four projects, to maintain consistency and gain cost efficiency. The consultant selected can provide a much higher level of technical expertise related to construction drawings and specification than library staff. The Technology Consultant contract scope includes working with the architects and engineers on layout, all the way through construction to opening day.

Trustee Powell asked if the Technology Plan will have any implications for Central Branch. This contract is part of the Bond funds and as such is strictly for Branches and how they tie in with Central. We may learn about new technologies that could be used in Central.

R09-83 **Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Burton, to adopt the resolution to recommend City Council approve execution of a contract and any amendments with Smith, Fause & McDonald, Inc. to provide technology consultant services for the Branch bond program in an amount not to exceed \$137,148 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period September 25, 2009 through June 30, 2014. Motion approved unanimously.**

V. INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. Update on the Branch Bond Program –
- i. Director Corbeil reported Community Meetings had been set for North and South and promotion of these commenced.
 - b. Tool Lending Library - Trustee Powell called attention to possibility of establishing a permanent separate location for the Tool Lending Library. Trustee Kupfer stated that if the Tool Lending Library moved it would open possibilities for more flexibility for South Library space. It might be a win-win to find an alternative site that the city has and gain more flexibility for South Branch site. The board requested additional information, including a discussion of possible locations and any survey information available regarding use and patron preferences. A preference for a location in South or West Berkeley along good travel arteries and adequate parking opportunities was expressed. Staff was asked by Trustee Powell to explore the possibility of partnering with City of Berkeley departments such as Parks and Recreation or Public Works.
- B. September 2009 Monthly Report from Library Director Donna Corbeil
- Library Development
 - Professional Activities
 - Programs, Services and Collections
 - Personnel
- a. Communications Plan – Trustee Powell stressed that the community input component needs to be addressed in the communication plan. Staff will revise accordingly.

- b. Upcoming Trustee Vacancy – Director Corbeil reported that normally when a Trustee resigns their term early, a replacement trustee can be appointed to complete the remaining term. However there is precedent to appoint the replacement to a 4 year term and re-align the trustee schedule. This would have the benefit of reducing the possibility of having more than one new trustee on the Board within a 12-month period. The Library will plan to recommend to City Council to approve the new trustee for a four-year term and re-align the trustee schedule.
- C. Library events: Calendar of events and press releases for various Library programs are posted at <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>.

VI. AGENDA BUILDING

- A. The next regular meeting will be held on October 14, 2009 at the South Branch Library, 1901 Russell Street.
- Berkeley Public Library Foundation Presentation
 - Tool Lending Library
 - Director's Expense Authority
 - Annual Report to City Council

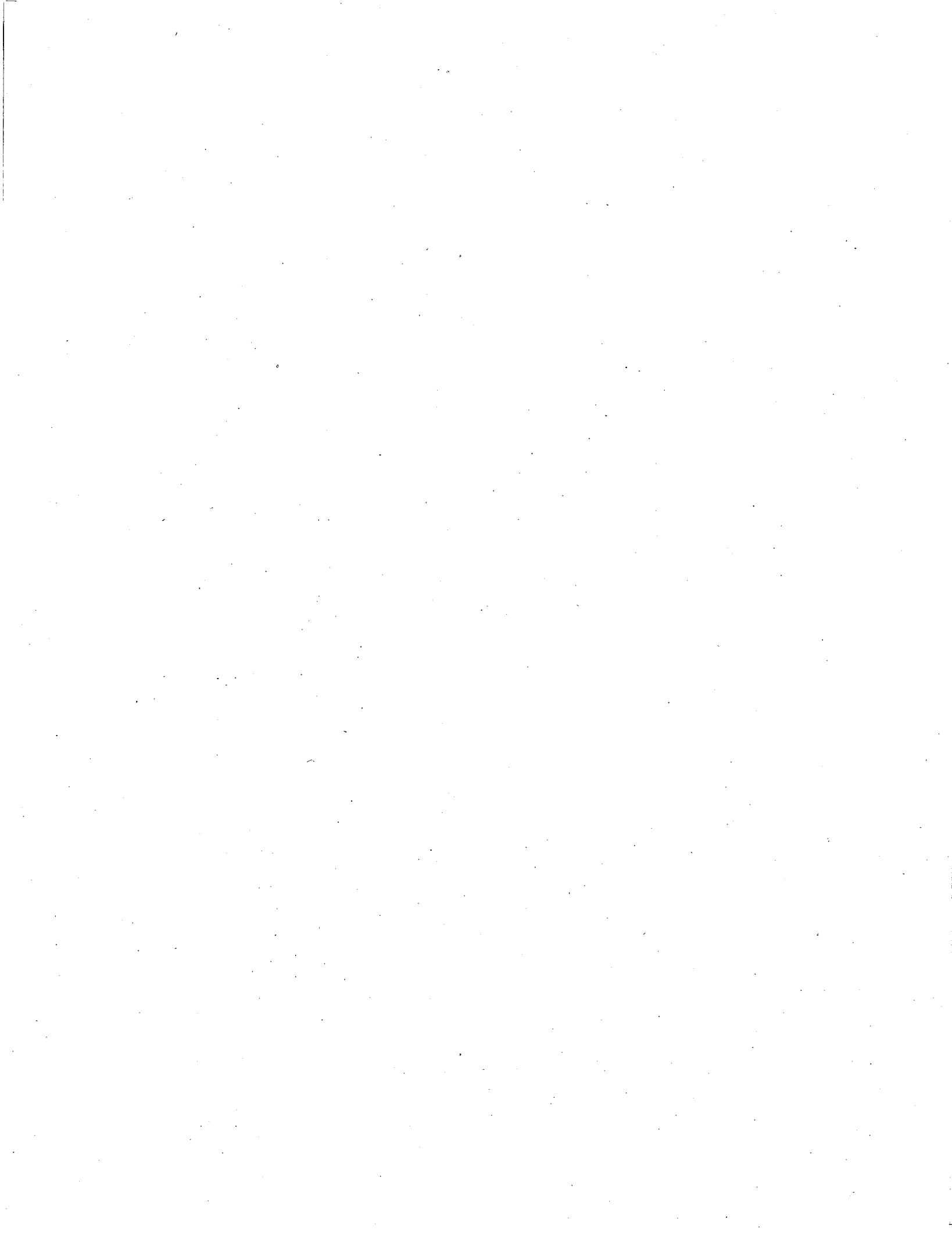
VII. ADJOURNMENT

- R09-88 Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Powell, to adjourn the regular meeting of the board at 8:35 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Action on Communications is limited to referral to staff or Trustee for investigation and/or recommendations.

None.



CHICAGO – JULY 2009 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HUGE CROWDS: Nearly 29,000 people attended (apparently a record, 28,941)
22,762 attendees and 6,179 exhibitors; most sessions were over-subscribed - standing-room only, or overflow out the door

THEMES: 3 Key areas:

- Library Struggles in Tight Economic Times – many sessions addressed “how-to’s” of dealing with budget cuts – and I attended a Library Advocacy workshop “Surviving in a Tough Economy.” Many great ideas came out of these sessions: coalition building, partnerships, patron-focused efforts, AND ADVOCACY TOOLS.
- The Future of Libraries – perceived value of libraries vs. influence of the Internet; – declining enrollments and lack of diversity among the professional librarian; future visions of the Library – very interesting session on 1) physical & virtual library, 2) individual vs. community (global) needs, and 3) Library as postal – access (vast stores) and archives (storehouse)
- Impact(s) of Technology – new roles for the library in communities; new services, new outreach efforts (see @your library – a website to stimulate more and better library usage, update the library’s image and appeal to a broader, more diverse audience base); trends toward mobile computing & the shift to photo and video content...

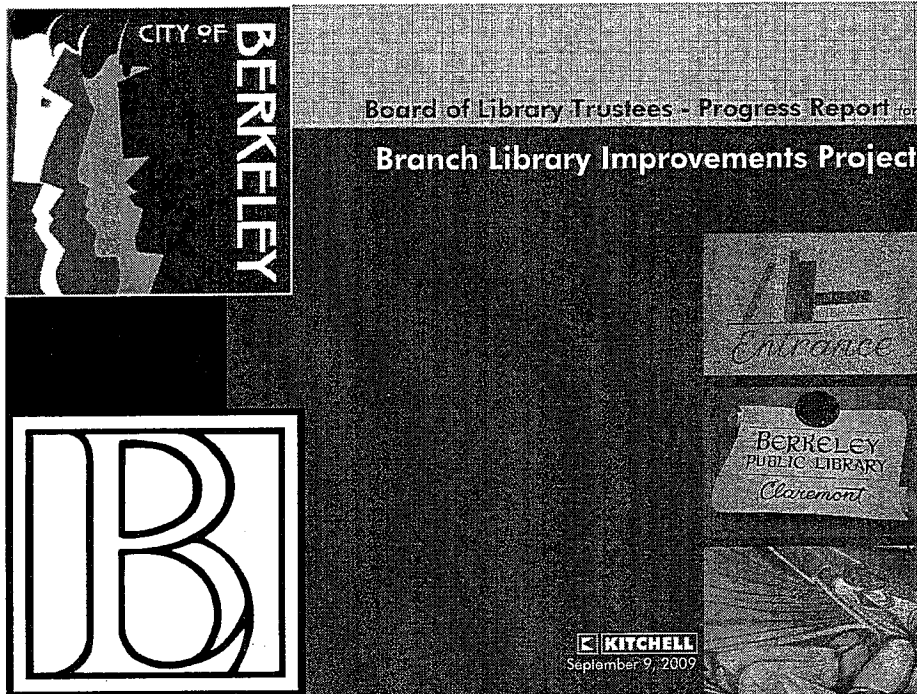
HIGHLIGHTS: 3 Stunning

- 1) **AUTHORS TEA**, sponsored by ALTAFF (joint org for Trustees & Friends of Libraries) – Five strong authors, & I have concerns that we don’t have these books available...
 - Kathryn Stockett, *The Help* (on the NYT best seller list) re Mississippi civil rights
 - Jane Stanton Hitchcock, *MORTAL FRIENDS*, re: Washington DC & women friendships
 - Jill McCorkle, *GOING AWAY SHOES: STORIES*, re: the past & secrets
 - Gillian Flynn, *DARK PLACES*, a mystery/thriller about Libby Day
 - Lisa Scottoline, *LOOK AGAIN*, a mystery – her 16th novel
- 2) **ADVOCACY WORKSHOP** (see above) and several sessions on Library marketing, advocacy and future funding...
- 3) **EXHIBITS** – some amazing demos and devices ... software tools: book reviews by local library patrons, online sign-up for computer reservation; Kiosks for 480 books (currently used @ BART); CD/DVD cases repaired (BPL uses this vendor) AND several self-check vendors & systems - we will learn more about this issue: there is likely to be a fairly easy, not-too-costly way to replace a current self-check vendor; security may be the most difficult element to resolve.

CONCLUSION: ATTEND CONFERENCES!

Boston midyear ALA meetings & conference: Jan 15-19, 2010;
Portland, OR, Public Library Association Annual Conference: Mar 23-27, 2010
http://www.placonference.org/general_information.cfm
Washington, DC, Annual Conference Jun 24-29, 2010

Submitted by Therese Powell, September 9, 2009



Agenda

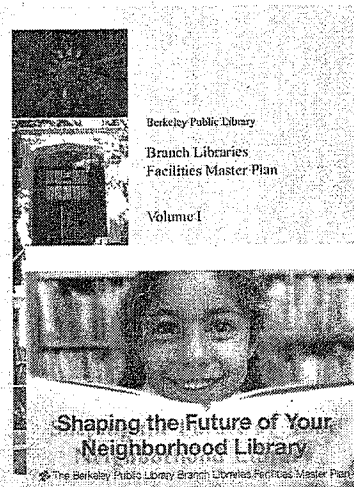
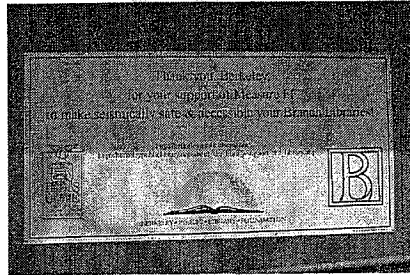
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Branch Library Improvement Project

- General Program Update
 - History
 - Assembling the Team of Consultants
 - Program Coordination
 - What's Next?
- Master Schedule
- Budget & Cost Control
- Branch Updates

Program Update – History

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- Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan – July 2008
- Measure FF passed – November 2008

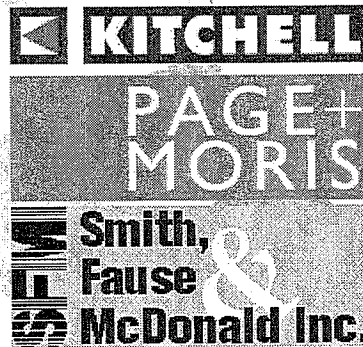


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Program Update – Assembling the Team of Consultants

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- Bond Consultant – Rene Cardinaux
- Program Manager – Kitchell
- Programming Consultant – Page and Moris
- IT Consultant – Smith, Fause & McDonald, Inc.
- Surveyor – Logan Engineering
- Architects Under Contract for North & South Branches
- Architects Selected for West & Claremont Branches

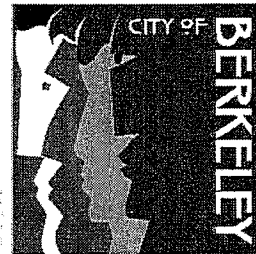


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Program Update – Program Coordination

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- Weekly Program Team Meetings
 - Berkeley Public Library Staff
 - City of Berkeley Representative
 - Bond Consultant
 - Kitchell
- Preliminary Meetings with City of Berkeley Planning Department & Traffic Engineer
- Setting up Landmarks Preservation Commission Sub-Committee for BPL Projects
- Preliminary Meeting with the City of Berkeley Sustainability / Green Building Team as well as PG&E



ENERGY & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

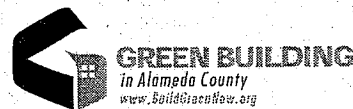


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Program Update – What's Next?

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- Seminar for Architects Describing Services and Resources:
 - City of Berkeley Sustainability Team
 - Alameda County's Stopwaste.org
- Start of Community & BOLT Meetings to Review Conceptual Designs
- Selection of Consultants
 - Traffic
 - Geotechnical



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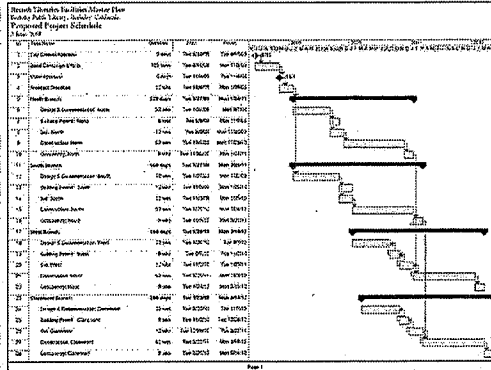
- Facilities Master Plan Schedule – June 2008

- Closure of No More Than 2 Branches at Any Time

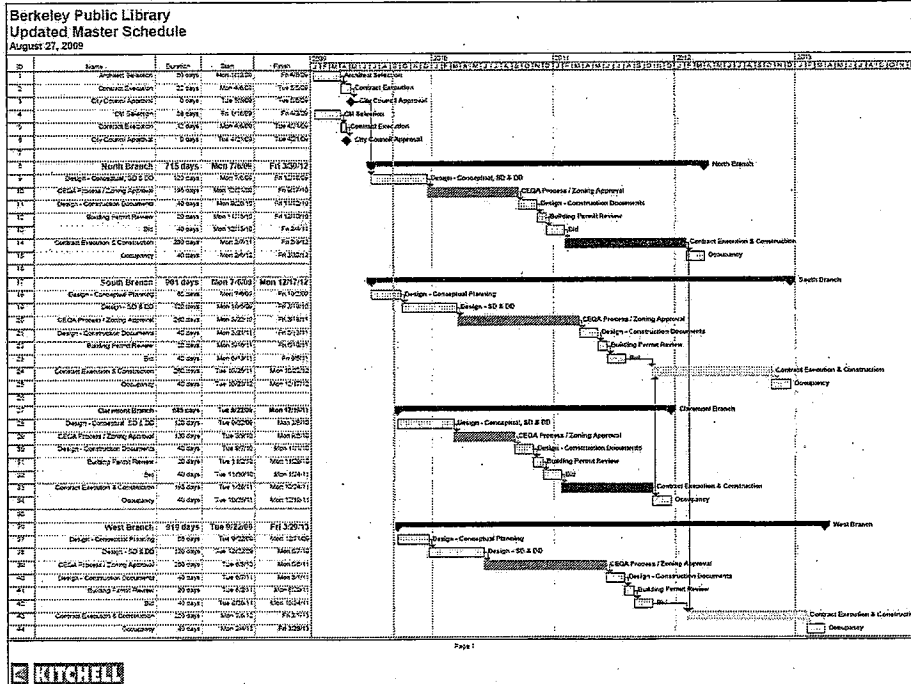
• Revisions:

- CEQA & Zoning Review
- Program Start-up Time
- North & Claremont First Branches Under Construction
- Start Design on All Branches

- Master Schedule Developed by Program Team



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Schedule

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- North Branch
 - Anticipated Closure – 1st Quarter 2011 to 1st Quarter 2012
 - Anticipated Construction Duration – 1 Year
- Claremont Branch
 - Anticipated Closure – 1st Quarter 2011 to 4th Quarter 2011
 - Anticipated Construction Duration – 9 Months
- South Branch
 - Anticipated Closure – 4th Quarter 2011 to 4th Quarter 2012
 - Anticipated Construction Duration – 1 Year
- West Branch
 - Anticipated Closure – 1st Quarter 2012 to 1st Quarter 2013
 - Anticipated Construction Duration – 1 Year



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Budget / Cost Control

BOLT Progress Report
Branch Library Improvement Project

- Branch Library Facilities Master Plan – Rough Preliminary Estimate
- Revised Program Budget Developed by Program Team
- Revisions:
 - General Program Costs Separated
 - Contingencies Established
 - More Comprehensive Breakdown of Anticipated Costs
- Cost Control Report
 - A Fluid Document to Compare Budget to Committed Costs
 - Report Updated Costs Monthly



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KITCHELL		PROGRAM COST CONTROL REPORT				07/23/09	
BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY Branch Library Improvement Program		Conceptual Estimate July 2008 BIFMP	Budget July 23, 2009	Previous Month's Committed Costs	Current Committed Costs	Expended to Date	Notes
NORTH BRANCH							
Plant Costs	\$ 4,766,238	\$ 4,267,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Soft Costs	\$ 1,216,657	\$ 1,175,473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Project Contingency	\$ 253,291	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Branch Total	\$ 6,236,186	\$ 5,642,473					
SOUTH BRANCH / TOOL LENDING							
Plant Costs	\$ 5,401,615	\$ 4,844,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Soft Costs	\$ 1,371,368	\$ 1,265,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Project Contingency	\$ 270,281	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Branch Total	\$ 7,043,264	\$ 6,309,000					
WEST BRANCH							
Plant Costs	\$ 5,974,895	\$ 5,515,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Soft Costs	\$ 1,508,037	\$ 1,420,955	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Project Contingency	\$ 285,753	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Branch Total	\$ 7,768,685	\$ 7,136,455					
CLAREMONT BRANCH							
Plant Costs	\$ 5,831,603	\$ 5,368,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Soft Costs	\$ 844,680	\$ 795,743	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Project Contingency	\$ 491,600	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Branch Total	\$ 6,167,883	\$ 6,364,243					
TOTAL SITE COSTS	\$ 26,015,874	\$ 23,620,685					
GENERAL PROGRAM SOFT COSTS							
Preparation Consultant	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
IT Consultant	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Board Consultant	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Cost Consultant	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Construction Management	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
IFPE Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Administration Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Board Fees	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Public Relations	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Tool Library Rental / Moving	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL GENERAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$ -	\$ 1,749,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL PROGRAM & SITE COSTS	\$ 26,015,874	\$ 25,369,685	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
PROGRAM CONTINGENCY	\$ -	\$ 736,315	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 26,015,874	\$ 26,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

Branch Updates - North

BOLT Progress Report
Branch Library Improvement Project

- Architect Team Under Contract – Architectural Resources Group (ARG) in Association with Tom Eliot Fisch



- Preliminary Conceptual Designs Being Developed
- 1st Community Meeting – Wednesday, September 23, 2009
- 2nd Community Meeting – Wednesday, October 7, 2009
- BOLT Presentation of Concepts Planned for October

Branch Updates - South

BOLT Progress Report
Branch Library Improvement Project

- Architect Team Under Contract – Field Paoli



- Preliminary Conceptual Designs Being Developed
- 1st Community Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2009
- 2nd Community Meeting – Thursday, October 1, 2009
- BOLT Presentation of Concepts Planned for October

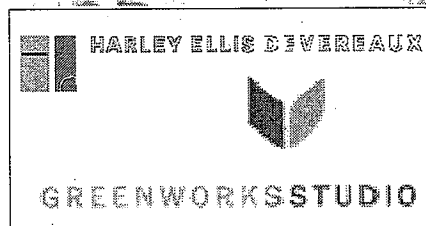


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Branch Updates - West

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- In Negotiations with Harley Ellis Devereaux / Greenworks Studio



- Possible Net Zero Energy (NZE) Opportunity
- Community Meetings – October/November/December



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Branch Updates - Claremont

BOLT Progress Report
Branch Library Improvement Project

- In Negotiations with Gould Evans Baum Thornley



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BAUM THORNLEY

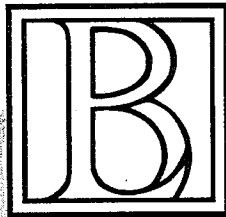
- Community Meetings – October/November/December



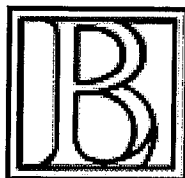
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QUESTIONS?

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BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

INFORMATION CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees
FROM: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving the Annual Report to the Berkeley City Council from the Board of Library Trustees for the period of July 2008 through June 2009.

BACKGROUND

Each year staff prepares a draft annual report to the Berkeley City Council for Board discussion. Following any revisions staff submits the Report to the City Clerk for inclusion on the City Council's agenda as an informational report.

FISCAL IMPACTS

This report will have no fiscal impacts.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

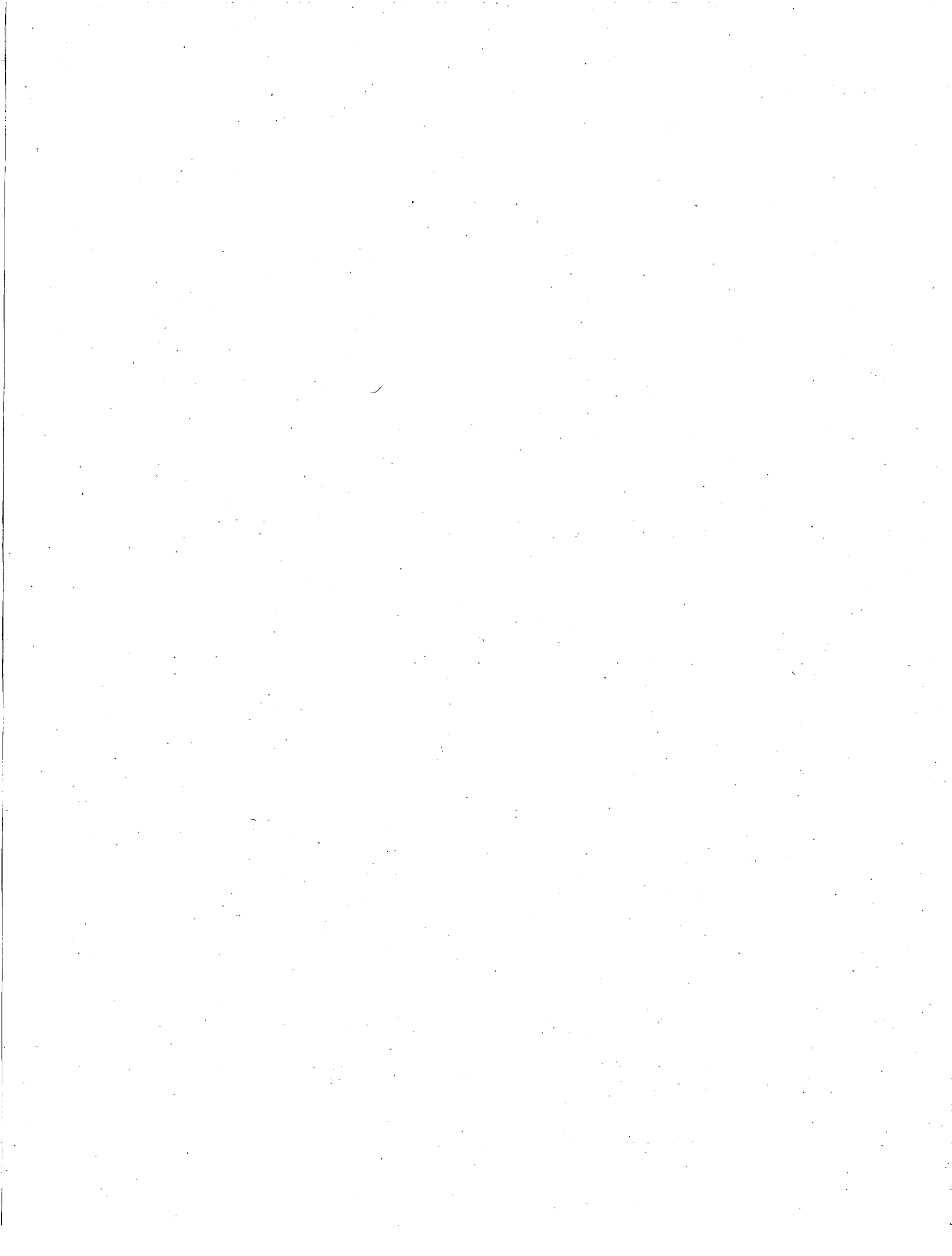
As proscribed by the City of Berkeley's Charter, the Board of Library Trustees should make an annual report to City Council giving the condition of the Library with a summary of their proceedings. In addition, reports and information, as requested on specific topics, are shared with the Council. In the past these reports have been both written and oral. The current document also includes the first annual report on significant branch library renovation activities and the use of Measure FF bond funds.

FUTURE ACTION

Once the draft annual report is approved by the Board, it will be submitted to the City Clerk as an informational item for the Berkeley City Council's agenda.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Berkeley Public Library Annual Report to the Berkeley City Council





**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO.: 09-91

**THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES APPROVES AND AUTHORIZES THE DRAFT
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL FOR THE JULY 2008 – JUNE 2009
FISCAL YEAR.**

WHEREAS, as proscribed by the City of Berkeley's Charter, the Board of Library Trustees should make an annual report to City Council giving the condition of the Library with a summary of their proceedings;

WHEREAS, each year staff prepares a draft annual report to the Berkeley City Council for Board discussion;

WHEREAS, the Annual Report includes information about programs, services, and major activities and decisions of Library staff and Board of Library Trustees during the previous year;

WHEREAS, the Annual Report is presented to the Berkeley City Council and the community to provide current information about the status and activities of the Public Library;

WHEREAS, the current document also includes the first annual report on significant branch library renovation activities and the use of Measure FF bond funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley approves and authorizes the draft annual report for the July 2008 – June 2009 fiscal year.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a regular meeting held on October 14, 2009.

AYES:

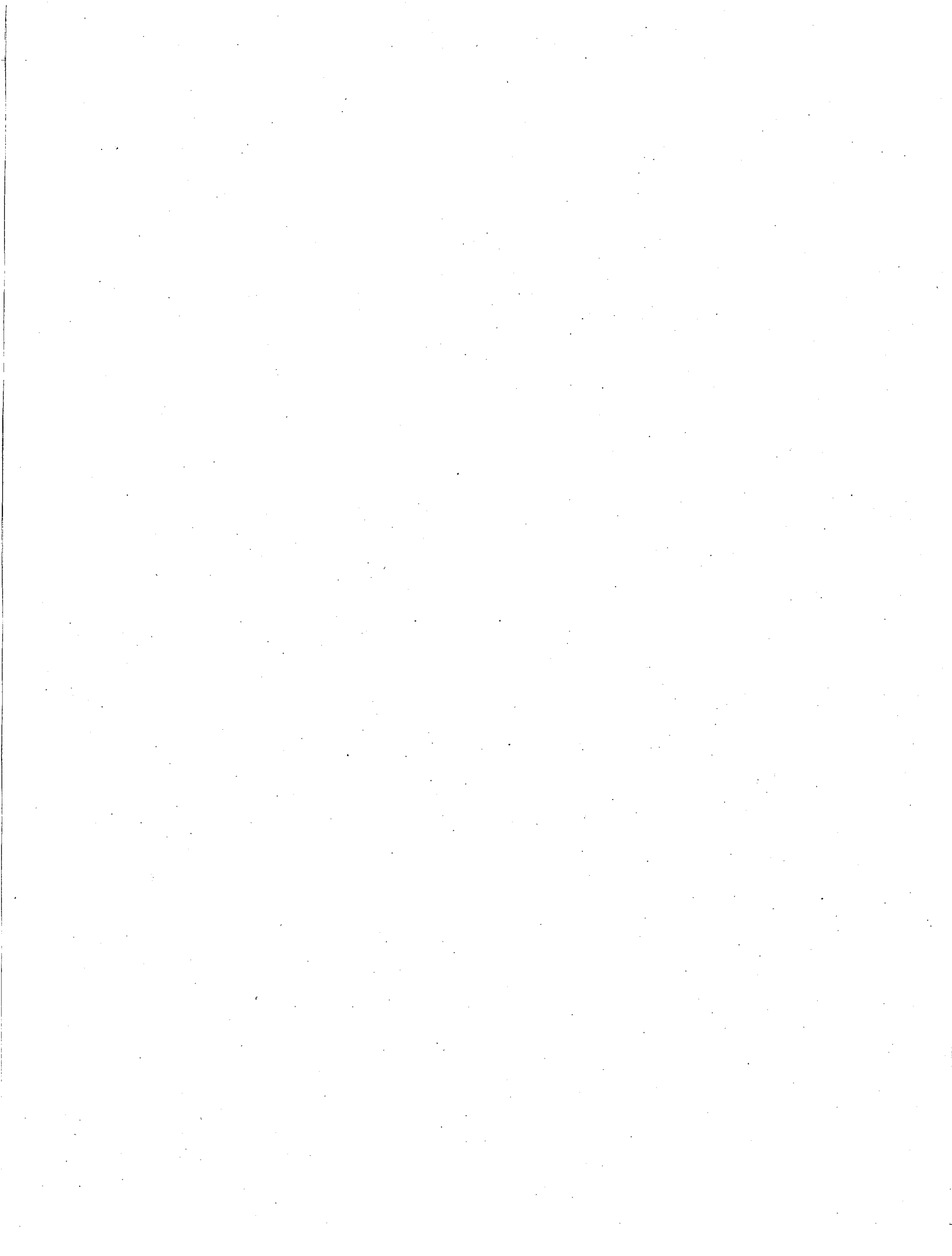
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darryl Moore, Chairperson

Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees



Berkeley Public Library Board of Library Trustees: Annual Report to City Council

Summary: This Berkeley Public Library Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is presented to the Berkeley City Council and the community to provide current information about the status and activities of the Public Library as it provides vital and valued services to the community. The Annual Report includes information about programs, services, and major activities and decisions of Library staff and Board of Library Trustees during the past year. With a commitment to its users, the Berkeley Public Library pledges to continue developing collections, resources, facilities, and services that meet the cultural, informational, recreational, and educational needs of Berkeley's diverse, multi-cultural community.

The Berkeley Public Library consists of the Central Library in the downtown district, four neighborhood branch libraries, and a tool lending library. The Library is staffed by 167 FTE. The Library's amended annual operating budget for fiscal year 2010 is \$14.45 million. Expenditures during fiscal year 2009 totaled \$15.05 million. In fiscal year 2009, the Library's total annual circulation (i.e. the number of items from the collection that were checked out) was 1.95 million. The Library's collection includes over 600,000 items, including books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and tools.

I. Berkeley Public Library Staff Report: July 2008 through June 2009

Library Bond: Measure FF

In the historic November 2008 election, more than 68 percent of Berkeley voters approved a \$26 million library bond dedicated to improving their four neighborhood branch libraries. This bond will be used to renovate, expand, and restore the branches, and will include seismic and access improvements as well as restoration and refurbishment of historic features. This was an epoch-making decision by Berkeley voters to support their public library into the 21st century and beyond. The architecture and design firms have been selected for all four branch projects.

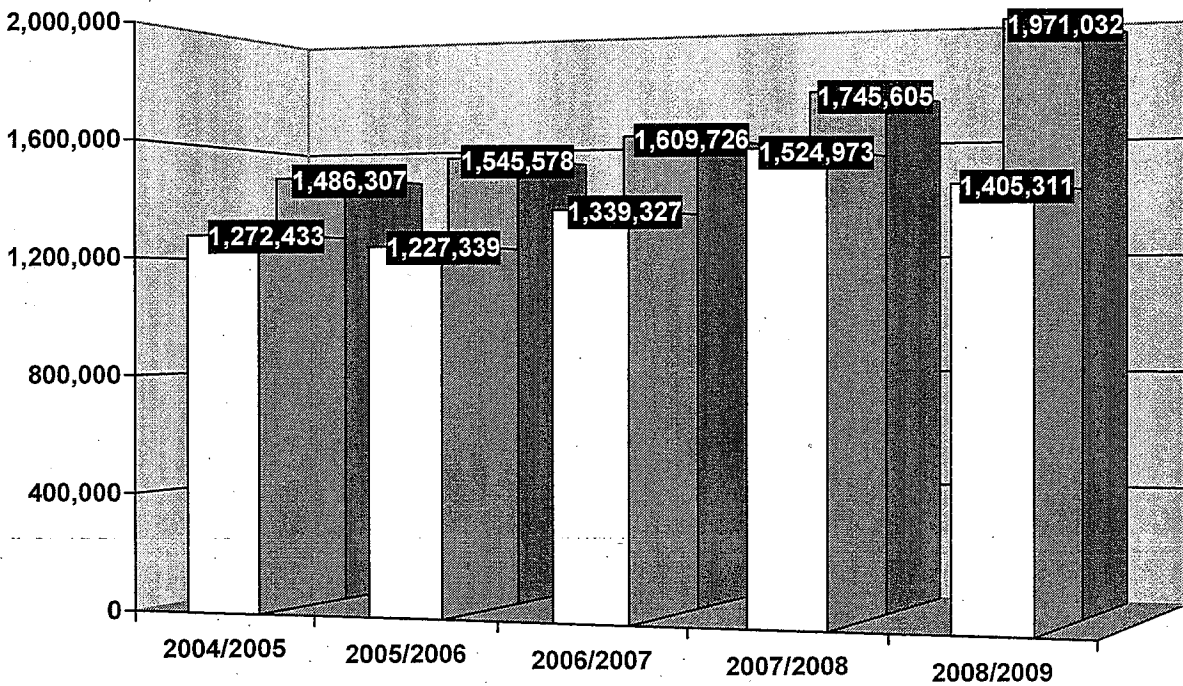
Berkeley voters voted not only to approve the bond measure, but over 77% of voters also said "yes" to Measure HH, which was the Gann Limit override renewal to reauthorize the expenditure of the previously-approved property taxes dedicated to the Library and several other City services. Both Measures FF and HH amounted to a resounding "yes" vote for public libraries in Berkeley: the "public option" favored by everyone.

Statistical Highlights: Building Community, Knowledge, and Talent

The Berkeley Public Library continues to be both a lasting cultural institution and a hub of community activity where knowledge, technological skills, creative talents and equality of access thrive. The popularity of the Library and its services is still growing. As our nation reels from the shockwaves of a severe recession, public libraries have been the first responders to the economic crisis. The Berkeley Public Library, with its wide array of free programs for kids and grownups, career and small business assistance, computer access, and of course free books, movies, music recordings, downloadable audio, and other materials has been no exception to this.

The Library today is far more than a set of attractive buildings filled with books—it is the focal point of our city’s shared community values. The talented staff of the Berkeley Public Library are passionate about what they do. They are creative, resourceful people with a hunger to serve residents and an inspired commitment to the transformational role public libraries play in our society. The Berkeley Public Library is building community stature and local value through the collective social capital that results from residents coming together to enjoy their shared resources. The Berkeley Public Library is our city’s gathering place:

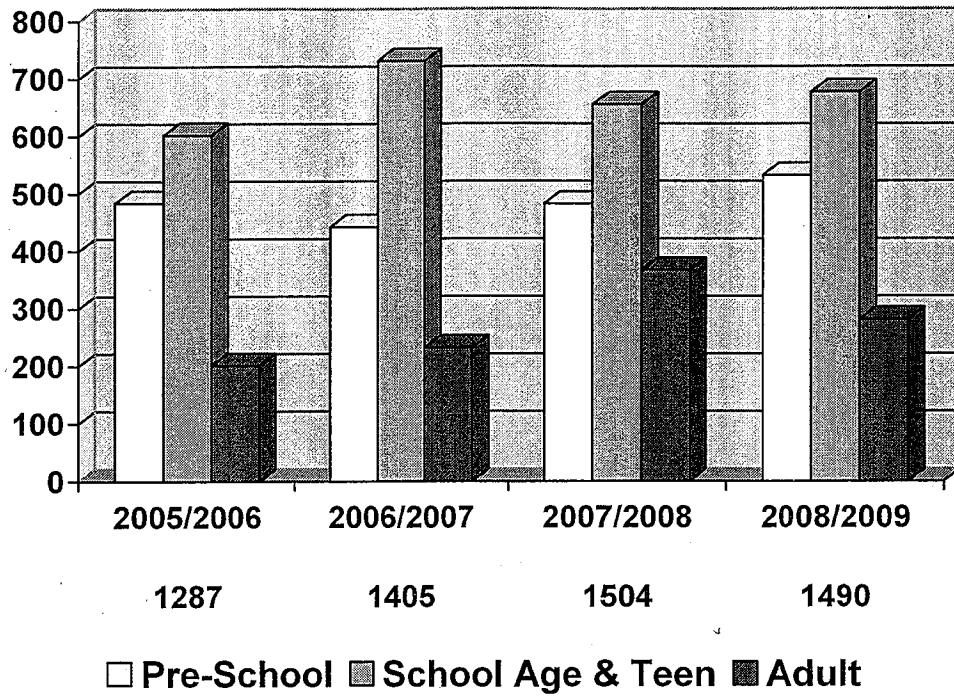
- During the 2008-2009 fiscal year 1,405,311 visits were made to the five Berkeley Public Libraries, a 5% increase over the past two years. That many people would fill Berkeley’s Memorial Stadium twenty times or equal forty sellout games at the Oakland Coliseum.
- Circulation of materials from the Library’s collections continues to rise: 1,951,032 items were borrowed by 95,275 registered borrowers in the past year—over 20 checkouts per patron. Since 2007 circulation has increased by over 21%.



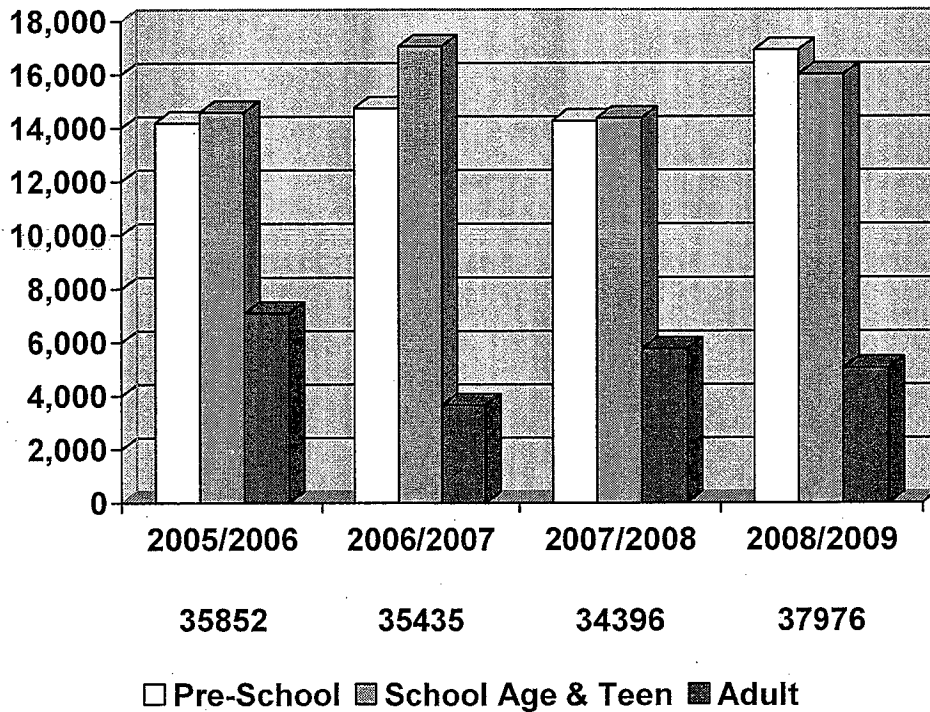
□ Attendance/Visitors ■ Circulation

- With collections comprising over 600,000 items, the total materials available is nearly 6 per resident, well over *double* the statewide average.
- These Library collections are popular and, better yet, delivered upon request directly to users’ most convenient location: last year, reserves for 189,811 different books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and other hoped-for items were filled—29% more than the previous year.
- The Library held nearly 1500 public programs at Library facilities and at other community locations, with a total of 37,976 persons in attendance. Of these programs, 1033 events were for preschool or school-age audiences, encouraging excellent reading habits and promoting lifelong library use among younger citizens.

Number of programs:



Program Attendance:



Children's Services

- Berkeley's children are at the center of the Library's mission. Last year librarians visited every 2nd grade classroom in the city to introduce children in this crucial age group to the worlds that are open to them with their library cards.
- Also, 32,922 people—close to a third of Berkeley's entire population—attended children's events both inside and outside the Library's walls.
- Annual holiday events for children attract many families to the Library. For example, the Halloween "Spooktacular" featured stories, live music, crafts, and a costumed parade.
- This summer's Summer Reading Program theme was "Be Creative @ Your Library", with 1403 kids participating and receiving hundreds of free prizes. This always-popular summertime activity helps local children and their families maintain strong reading skills between grades in an altogether fun way.

Teen Services

- The Library is a space dedicated to the City's teens, with innovative gaming and comics events, theatrical productions, youth employment opportunities, English language learning support, and a summer reading program visible all over town as well as on YouTube.
- This year, the Library built new partnerships with the California Center for the Book and the Berkeley Schools to host two very popular book clubs focused on the graphic novel genre.
- Berkeley's Teen Services librarians recruited, trained and employed five high school students for a one-year term. These teen workers assisted with collection maintenance, programs, and publicity, learning valuable job skills in the process.
- *Earphone English* is a weekly event at King Middle School and Berkeley High, in which a librarian selects high-quality audio recordings of books that appeal to teens. Students listen to the stories while reading the accompanying printed book, which enhances the linguistic skills of English language learners.
- Twice a month, a cadre of young people gather at the Library to enjoy Nintendo Wii and other games, events which appeal to teens' humor and social intelligence.
- Claremont, South, and West Branches participated in *Free Comic Book Day*. Comic books were distributed to about 100 library visitors, introducing them to new titles and encouraging wider readership of this unique storytelling form.
- The popular Teen Playreaders (winner of an American Library Association/YALSA Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults award) continues. This weekly program at the Claremont Library offers all teens a chance to explore dramatic literature by reading it aloud. Teens select, direct, and perform in the plays, and even write some of the pieces. Teen Playreaders presented a variety of monologues, scenes and one-act plays for over 125 people at the Central library and at Willard Middle School's Metal Shop Theater in December. They also staged a full production of Paul Rudnick's *I Hate Hamlet*.

Berkeley READS (Adult and Family Literacy)

The Library's literacy program offers a variety of services to adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills. Most students participate in one-to-one tutoring with trained volunteers; also available are family literacy programming for students with small children, computer-assisted learning, small group instruction, periodic workshops and student leadership opportunities. A student writes: *"Berkeley READS takes the time and effort to find tutors to support people like me. When I first came to the program I was scared because I couldn't read or write. I thought people would laugh at me. When I was a kid in school I was passed, grade by grade, without learning how to read or write. I felt bad. It led me to be a dope dealer, a burglar and eventually to spend time in prison. When I first got to Berkeley READS, I met my first tutor, and felt good working with her. She wanted to help me read and write. So I kept going and going."*

- Family literacy outreach storytimes, book distributions and early literacy workshops were conducted at eight outreach sites including all four Berkeley Head Start preschools, Women's Daytime Drop-In Center, Bahia and Centro Vida programs and Vera Casey Center Teen Parenting Program.
- Berkeley READS, in partnership with the Berkeley Adult School, continued their CBET (Community-based English Training) and family literacy for parents and children, providing direct-client service weekly on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings at the West Branch Library.
- Adult Literacy services including drop-in tutoring and computer lab instruction continue to be successfully provided at the Central Branch/ Electronic Classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays in addition to the West Branch.
- New adult literacy outreach sites were established at Youth Emergency Assistance Hostel—a seasonal shelter for youth ages 18-25 and Harrison House Family Shelter.
- Direct student referrals were established with Berkeley City College programs including Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities.
- A Berkeley READS student was elected to be the 2009/10 President of the Board for VALUE (a nationwide membership organization for adult literacy leadership).
- A literacy student won the Finalist title in recognition for his submission to the California State Library's Writer to Writer Challenge. *"While participating, I have come to the decision that when given the choice and the opportunity, we can learn to read and write. I have been enrolled in Berkeley READS for over a year and have been struggling with this problem for the majority of my life. Change is possible because of this program. It has helped me to become a better man."*

Grants

- The Library was among California public libraries selected as a participant in the State Library's initiative *Transforming Life After 50*, a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), federally-funded project. The purpose of this initiative is to assist public libraries in redefining, creating, and delivering new and innovative services to our state's growing population of active, older adults—a population expected to grow more than twice as fast as California's total population. As an outgrowth of this program, the Library received an \$18,754 grant to fund a project, *Coming of Age in the Civil Rights Era: Experiencing Berkeley School Desegregation 1964-1968*, to capture and store digital oral histories of the public school desegregation struggle in Berkeley.

- The Berkeley READS Adult and Family Literacy Program was awarded \$52,836 from the 2008/2009 California Library Literacy Services Grant Program.

Free Public Programs

A host of fascinating cultural, literary, and artistic events took place at Berkeley's libraries this past year, enjoyed by over 37,976 persons—more than a third of Berkeley's population. Most of these wonderful events would not have been possible without the support and devotion of the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, who gave grants totaling \$92,122 for program support:

- The ever-popular series of concerts at the Central Library continued for another great year with a wonderfully eclectic array of musician appearances:
 - The Junius Courtney Big Band ushered in the Downtown MusicFest to the Central Library's grand spaces, continuing the Library's ongoing participation in this community festival.
 - Folksinger Gary Lapow celebrated the American worker to a large audience at Central in September.
 - Traditional Japanese koto music, in honor of Asian Pacific Islander Month.
 - Live salsa dancing in the Library, in honor of National Dance Week
 - The Library's close relationship with the Berkeley City Opera continued with two live concerts featuring highlights of Offenbach's *The Tales of Hoffman* and Douglas Moore's *The Ballad of Baby Doe*.
- A city like Berkeley values its literary heritage, and events celebrating the written word continue to attract the attention of everyone: best-selling novelist Colson Whitehead presented his newest novel in the same week that audiobook star performer Wanda McCaddon spoke about how to read, and the Bay Area's rich history of oral literature.
- The nationally-renowned writer Dave Zirin—known for mixing sports and politics—presented his new book *A People's History of Sports in the US* to a standing-room only crowd in Central's Community Meeting Room.
- The much-loved *Café Literario* series of lectures and discussions of books in Spanish continued at the West Branch Library, sponsored by Friends of the Library.
- The Library continues to hit home runs with the ongoing series of Chinese cultural lectures, highlighting literature, cinema, and the martial arts. Overflowing crowds came to the Library for these weekend events.

Planning and Support

- The Berkeley Public Library Strategic Plan was adopted by the Board in Sept. 2008, and implementation of its initiatives continues apace, evidenced by the content of this report: attracting a broader base of habitual library users through a robust schedule of free public events, supporting lifelong learning, and innovative marketing. Additionally, staff have rethought many internal procedures and structural
- "Seventh Heaven" was the theme of the Berkeley Public Library Foundation's Seventh Annual Authors Dinner at the Central Library on February 7, 2009, with noted composer and author John Adams (*Nixon in China* and *The Death of Klinghoffer*) as Honorary

Chairperson. Among the other 30 eminent authors recognized included Vikram Chandra, Anna Halprin, Leah Garchik, Nancy Oakes, and the Kitchen Sisters. Held in the Main Reading Room of the landmark Central Library, the Authors Dinner celebrates the Bay Area's uniquely vibrant literary community and raises funds which directly aid the Library. The Fred and Pat Cody Award, created by local furniture maker Berkeley Mills, was awarded to Anna Rabkin.

- All of the Library Foundation's efforts enabled grants of \$50,000, launching a capital campaign to help furnish the soon-to-be renovated branch library facilities.
- The Library's other major support organization, the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, generously furnished the Library with grants totaling \$92,122 in support of a wide variety of services and programs.

The Library: Recession Sanctuary and Hometown Stimulus Package

The Library is one place where business is booming. As communities nationwide experience direct and personal impacts of the global recession, public libraries have stepped in as "first responders" to offer services and programs providing the tools for maintaining their citizens own economic stability. In Berkeley, circulation and borrower counts have jumped as patrons eschew book, music and movie purchases and instead turn to the Library's free collections. Program attendance is up, as more Berkeleyans take advantage of the Library's abundant opportunities for free entertainment for all ages. Hundreds of thousands use Library computers and the high-speed WiFi network.

The Library has also developed specific strategies to assist those in need:

- Hundreds of Library users got free, direct advice and support for their business ventures in an ongoing series of business development seminars, presented through a partnership with the Cal State East Bay Small Business Development Center. Topics included *Retail 101*, *Starting a Business*, *Accessing Capital*, *E-Commerce*, and *Successful Business Plans*. Other business and career-development events included:
 - This recession has seen the rise of the "reluctant entrepreneur"—business start-ups by those laid off from paid employment—and the weekly one-on-one counseling sessions for dozens of new entrepreneurs from the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) are serving this new user group.
 - Financial advisor Jonathan DeYoe spoke about the US economy and how patrons can best shield themselves from instability.
- Each week, in addition to the hundreds of individuals making use of the Library's free computers and broadband connectivity, those new to computers are taking advantage of the free *Basic Computing* classes to learn essential skills such as navigating the Internet, creating and using an email account, completing online employment applications, and drafting a resume. Recently the Library doubled the number of these classes being offered.
- Grantseeking is a major focus of Berkeley's Library, as it continues a productive partnership with the philanthropic support organization the Foundation Center. Among the public events this fruitful partnership generated:
 - Exploring Arts Funders
 - Identifying Fiscal Sponsorship

- GASP: Grant-writers Anxiety Support Program

It is in difficult times like these that public libraries truly shine as a community gathering place where citizens can seek ways to improve their lives.

Connecting the Disconnected

- In its mission to keep residents technology-ready, the Library is actively working to prevent the “Digital Divide”—the gap between those people with and those without effective access to digital and information technology—from expanding. At its 72 computers dedicated to Internet and public computing, over 200,000 individual sessions were logged by Library users. For many Americans the web is still very much stuck at 1.0, and broadband access is something that exists only at their public libraries. The Berkeley Public Library is re-connecting these persons, serving as the one of the few places where they can access a broadband connection to send email, apply for jobs, use social networking utilities, post to blogs, and buy and sell through such services as eBay and online retail sites. Through targeted enrichment activities, the Library is connecting this population with jobs, school, and the emotional support they need.
- The Library’s “electronic branch”—its web sites and the immeasurably rich electronic resources cardholders can access there—continues to be a vibrant conduit of knowledge and research information to the community. During the past year 1,033,375 visits were logged at www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org, an average of over 2800 people every day of the year. About 130,000 of these web visitors to the Library made use of the abundant resources accessible among the many subscription databases and e-books the Library provides free to cardholders, such as full-text journal articles, online career research, legal and computing e-textbooks, online test practice, and much more.

II. Board of Library Trustee Proceedings & Activities

Trustee Appointments

The Chair and Vice-Chair elections occurred in November 2008; Darryl Moore is currently serving as Chair and Carolyn Henry-Golphin is serving as Vice-Chair.

Trustee Ying Lee’s four-year term expired on March 22, 2009; she informed the board that she would not seek a second term. The board undertook a recruitment process to fill the vacancy which included an Open House on December 9, 2008, followed by candidate interviews on December 17, 2008 and January 14, 2009—The board unanimously adopted a resolution to recommend City Council appoint Winston Burton to a four-year term to the Board of Library Trustees commencing March 23, 2009.

On July 2, 2009, Trustee Therese Powell tendered her resignation effective January 1, 2010, indicating she would not complete her second 4-year term appointment. The Board began a recruitment process to fill the anticipated vacancy on the Board of Library Trustees.

Meetings

The Board set on November 12, 2008 the regular BOLT meeting time as the second Wednesday of the month, accepting the summer recess taken in August.

The Board held Regular Meetings on: July 8, 2008, September 10, 2008 (Closed Session for Conference with Labor Negotiator); November 12, 2008; January 14, 2009 (Closed Session for annual personnel evaluation of the Director of Library Services); February 11, 2009; March 11, 2009; June 10, 2009; July 9, 2009.

The Board held Special Sessions on: October 14, 2008; December 9, 2008 December 17, 2008; February 25, 2009; March 13, 2009; April 14, 2009; May 20, 2009; July 17, 2009; July 21, 2009; July 22, 2009.

Activities and Significant Decisions

Facilities

In July 2008, the board completed a process begun in September 2007, the finalizing of a Branch Library Master Facility Plan. The completed Plan was adopted by the board by Resolution 08-73. The final Plan is posted on the Library's website and available in paper at all locations.

In November the board approved by Resolution 08-98 the selection of a consultant to assist staff in the analysis of the existing floor plans for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors of the Central Library Kittredge building for furniture layout, public computer layout, shelving, traffic flow and way-finding. This assessment process continued into FY 2010.

The board approved a three-year agreement for use of space in the Central Library by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library and the Berkeley Public Library Foundation.

Services

In January 2008, the Board approved a process to involve the community and staff in development of a three-year Library Strategic Plan. The final Plan, approved in September 2008 by Resolution 08-81, occurred following extensive community involvement, staff participation, community meetings and a Board workshop in July 2008. Regular informational reports on progress were scheduled. The final Plan is posted on the Library's website and available in paper at all locations.

Fiscal

The Board requested Council consider placing a Gann Override (Gann Appropriations Limit) measure on the November 2008 voter ballot to reauthorize spending the proceeds, for a four-year period, of the Library Tax approved by voters in 1988. As a result Measure HH was placed on the ballot as GANN Limit Override Renewal for Parks, Library, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Emergency Medical Services for Severely Disabled Persons, the voters approved by 77.22%.

Recommendation to Council to set the Library Services Tax rate for FY 2010 with a growth factor of .8012% based on the San Francisco Bay Consumer Price Index (CPI) for April 2009.

The board adopted a biennial Library budget for operations and programs for FY 2010 of \$14,388,293 and for FY 2011 of \$14,684,487; and a biennial budget for Measure FF Neighborhood Branch Libraries Improvement Project bond funds for FY 2010 of \$9,884,605 and

FY 2011 of \$13,043,612. In addition, the board adopted at the December 2008 meeting by Resolution 09-08 Library Budget Priorities for FY 2010 and FY 2011.

Authorize the Director of Library Services by Resolution 08-79 to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and local union, SEIU 1021, as the Library board's representative.

Policy

Approval of:

- Library Fee Schedule for 2009
- Electronic Classroom Use Policy (Revised)
- Discontinue participation in the OCLC Inter-Library Loan program
- Hold Policy (Revised)
- Library Exam Proctoring Discontinued
- Library Records Retention Schedule (Revised)
- Library Card Patron Types (Revised)
- Library Privacy Policy (Revised)
- Rules and Regulations for Use of Library Grounds, Buildings and Equipment for Meetings and Other Events (Revised)

Administrative Regulations adapted to the Library operating structure and adopted by the Board:

- AR 1.8: Posting on Official Bulletin Boards
- AR 4.1: Telephone System Changes and New Installations
- AR 6.8: Charging electronic equipment policy
- AR 7.4: Lease / Rental of Vehicles
- AR 7.5: Use of Bicycles on Library Business

III. Significant Branch Renovation Program Activities, Measure FF

Included on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot was the following measure: *Shall the City of Berkeley issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$26,000,000 to renovate, expand, and make seismic and access improvements at four neighborhood branch libraries, but not the Central Library, with annual reporting by the Library Board to the City Council?*

Measure FF required a 2/3rd majority to pass, it was favored by 68.02% of voters. As required the Board of Library Trustees is pleased to make its first annual report to the City Council on the use of bond proceeds and other significant activities related to implementation occurring during the reporting period.

At the November 12, 2008 regular meeting the Board approved (R08-103) the initiation of the project schedule, with the process to select architectural services firms for the North Branch Library and the South Branch Library per the original schedule.

The City released two Requests for Proposals (RFP) *Architectural Services for the Renovation and Expansion of the North Branch Library* and *Architectural Services for the Replacement or Renovation and Expansion of the South Branch Library* on January 16, 2009; pre-proposal meetings were held on January 27, 2009; and proposals were due on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

In February 2009, the Library engaged Rene Cardinaux AIA, on an hourly basis, in an amount not to exceed the Director's authority to provide services related to the design and engineering portion of the bond program.

Board approved on February 11, 2009, by Resolution R09-14 approval of the budget for the \$26M Library bond program and the project schedule.

Per library request, the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for *Project Management and Construction Administration Services* on January 16, 2009; a pre-proposal meeting occurred on January 28, 2009; and proposals were due on Thursday February 12, 2009.

The Board interviewed the three most qualified firms for the North Branch Library project at the March 11, 2009 regular meeting; and on March 13, 2009 discussed fully the qualifications of the firms under consideration and determined that they be ranked as 1st Choice: Architectural Resource Group (Resolution R09-23).

On Wednesday, March 11, 2009 the board interviewed three firms representing the most qualified applicants for the South Branch project; and on March 13, 2009 discussed fully the qualifications of the firms under consideration and determined that they be ranked as 1st Choice: Field Paoli (Resolution R09-24).

On March 24, 2009 Berkeley City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds, series 2009 (Measure FF – Branch Library Improvement Project).

At a regular meeting on April 14, 2009, the board by Resolution 09-35, voted to recommend to City Council execution of a contract with Kitchell CEM to provide project management and construction administration services for the branch library bond program, in an amount not to exceed \$996,900 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period of May 7, 2009 through October 30, 2012.

On Tuesday, May 5, City Council approved the execution of a contract and any amendments with Kitchell CEM to provide project management and construction administration services.

At a special BOLT meeting held on May 20, 2009, the Board approved the FY 2010 and FY 2011 budget for the Library bond program, Measure FF.

At the May 20, 2009 meeting, the board by Resolution 09-41, voted to recommend City Council approve execution of a contract and any amendments with Field Paoli Architects to provide a full range of architectural and engineering services for the South Branch Library project in an amount not to exceed \$785,000 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period June 15, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

On May 20, 2009 the board approved (Resolution 09-42) initiating a process to select an architectural services firm for the West and a firm for the Claremont branch renovation project.

In June 2009, the Library contracted with Kathy Page, of Page + Moris for consultant services related to the branch renovation program to develop a set of formal building programs to guide each branch's interior design, spatial relationships and define programmatic requirements, for the period July 5, 2009 through December 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed the director's authority.

Upon request by the Library, the City's Purchasing Department released, on June 1, 2009 Requests for Proposals (RFP): *Architectural Services for the Renovation and Expansion of the Claremont Branch Library and Architectural Services for the Renovation and Expansion of the*

West Branch Library. A pre-proposal meeting occurred on June 11, 2009, proposals were due on June 23, 2009.

At the June 10, 2009 BOLT meeting, the Board approved by Resolution 09-51, to recommend City Council approve execution of a contract with Architectural Resources Group (ARG) to provide architectural and engineering services for the North Branch Library renovation and expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$682,950 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period June 30, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

On June 23rd the City Council approved on consent the board recommended contracts with Field Paoli Architects (South Branch) and with Architectural Resources Group (North Branch).

The July 8, 2009 board meeting included an informational item and report on, Discussion of Plan for Continuity of Service during Temporary Closures.

The board interviewed the three most qualified firms for the Claremont Branch project at a special meeting held on July 21, 2009; on July 22, 2009, the board discussed fully the qualifications of the firms under consideration and by Resolution R09-72 rank as 1st Choice: Gould Evans Baum Thornley, Inc. and instructed staff to negotiate a scope of services and a contract amount.

The board interviewed the three most qualified firms for West Branch project at a special meeting held on July 17, 2009; on July 22, 2009, the board discussed fully the qualifications of the firms under consideration and by Resolution R09-70 rank as 1st Choice: Harley Ellis Devereaux and Green Works Studio and instructed staff to negotiate a scope of services and a contract amount.

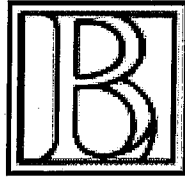
At the September 9, 2009 BOLT meeting, the Board approved by Resolution 09-84, to recommend City Council approve execution of a contract with Gould Evans Baum Thornley to provide architectural and engineering services for the Claremont Branch Library renovation and expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$618,150 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period September 25, 2009 through February 29, 2012.

At the September 9, 2009 BOLT meeting, the Board approved by Resolution 09-87, to recommend City Council approve execution of a contract with Harley Ellis Devereaux / Green Works Studio to provide architectural and engineering services for the West Branch Library renovation and expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$787,705 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period September 25, 2009 through December 30, 2013.

At the September 9, 2009 BOLT meeting, the Board approved by Resolution 09-83 to recommend City Council approve execution of a contract and any amendments with Smith, Fause & McDonald, Inc. (SFMI) to provide technology consultant services for the branch library renovation program in an amount not to exceed \$137,148 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period September 25, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

On September 22, 2009 the City Council approved on consent the board recommended contracts with Harley Ellis Devereaux / Green Works Studio (West Branch), Gould Evans Baum Thornley (Claremont Branch) and with Smith, Fause & McDonald, Inc. (Technology Consultant Services).

Community planning meetings in the neighborhoods, with accompanying promotion began in September for the North and South Branch libraries.



BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

To: Board of Library Trustees
From: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Subject: CONTRACT: UNIVERSAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Library Services to enter into an agreement with Universal Protective Services for the provision of security services at the Central Library for the period November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2012 in a total amount not to exceed \$350,000. The agreement will also allow for two one-year extensions beyond the initial period of the contract.

BACKGROUND

Security service during regular hours of operation at the Central Branch and at all branch sites for special events is currently provided under an agreement set to expire October 31, 2009 with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.

Anticipating the expiration of the Securitas contracts with the City and the Library in 2009, the City approached the Library in late 2008 to participate in an RFP designed to solicit bids for city-wide services with the intent that by consolidating all city security service needs enhanced interest and economies of scale would be achieved. Subsequently in July 2009 in response to RFP specification 09-10422-C the City received 20 responses. All offers were then evaluated by a committee made up of members from each department that procures security services. The committee was instructed to evaluate bids based on services and price. After a series of committee meetings Universal Protective Services was scored as the vendor offering the best value to the City.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Library's contract with Securitas will expire on October 31, 2009. The Library has participated in a Request for Proposal process undertaken by the City of Berkeley for like services. This process has concluded and Universal Protective Services has been selected by a committee composed of members from all participating departments. Universal Protective Services is scheduled to commence service provision on November 1, 2009. Upon Board authorization the Library will negotiate and enter into its own agreement with Universal Protective Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Library is able to secure competitive rates for security services through achieved economies of scale as a participant to the recent City-wide administered RFP (specification 09-10422-C).

The contract with Universal Protection Service for the period of November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2012 is not to exceed \$350,000. The anticipated cost of security service through Universal for the balance of FY10 is \$90,000.

FUTURE ACTION

No future action is necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution



**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO.: R09-92

AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AND APPROVE PAYMENTS WITH UNIVERSAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES NOVEMBER 1, 2009 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2012 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Public Library currently contracts with a vendor to provide security services for the Central Library during public operating hours and at all branch locations for special events; and

WHEREAS, the current contract with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. expires on October 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal process was conducted by the City of Berkeley for like services, in which the Library participated; and

WHEREAS, Universal Protective Services' bid was scored highest on service and price of all received offers by a committee composed of members of all City departments that procure security services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley to authorize the Director of Library Services to execute a contract and approve payments with Universal Protective Services for the provision of security services beginning November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2012 in a total amount not to exceed \$350,000.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a regular meeting held on October 14, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

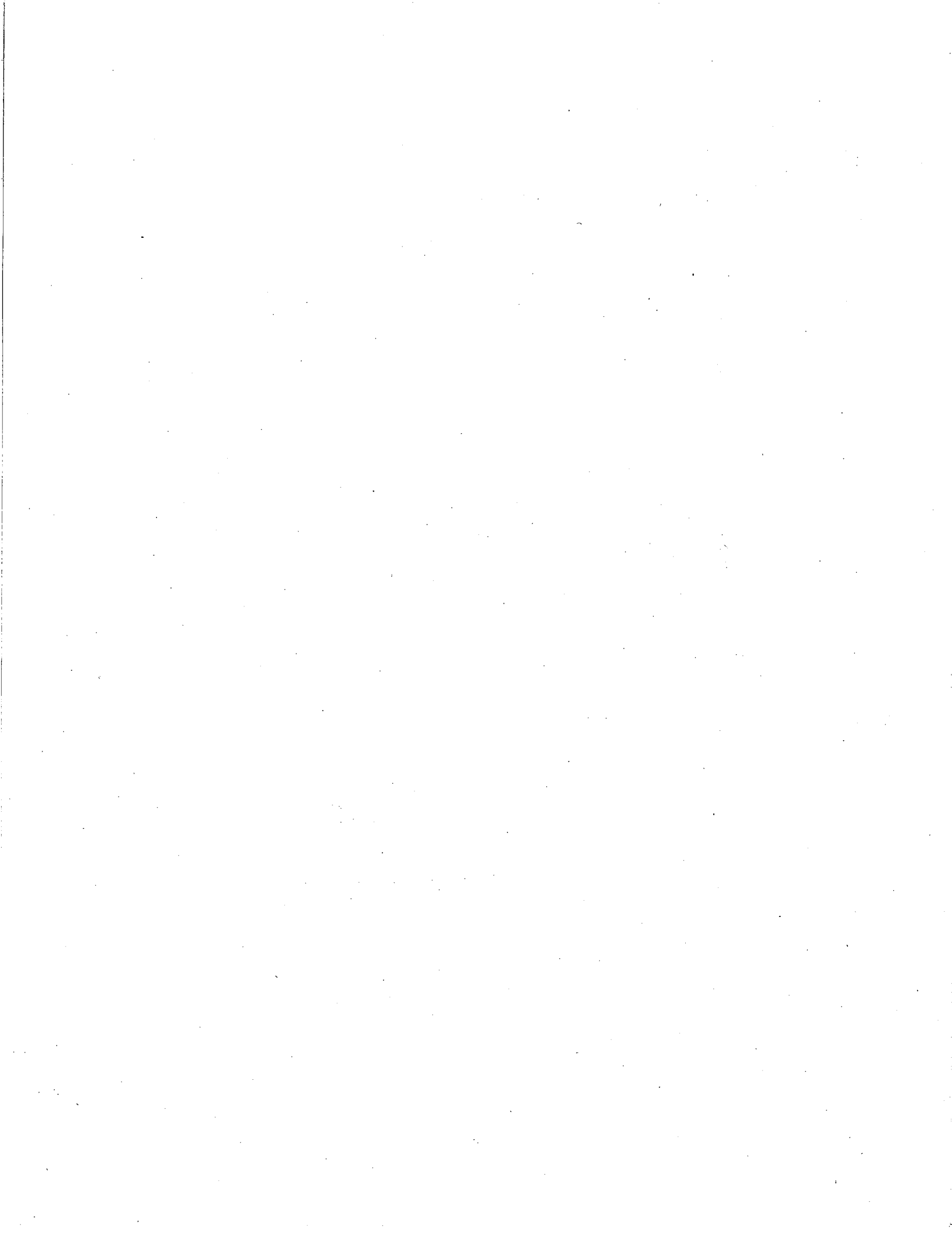
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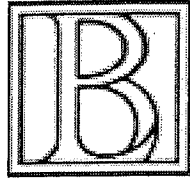
ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darryl Moore, Chairperson

Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees





BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

To: Board of Library Trustees
From: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Subject: AMENDMENT TO FY 2010 ADOPTED BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution amending the FY 2010 Adopted Library Budget for all Funds – except for Branch Renovation Project Funds 307 and 308 – based upon recommended re-appropriation of committed prior year funding and other adjustments totaling \$473,034.

FISCAL IMPACT

On June 10, 2009, the Board of Library Trustees adopted the FY10 Library Budget authorizing appropriations totaling \$14,426,928 for the Library Tax, Direct Loan/Inter-library Loan, Grants and Library Services and Technology, Public Library Fund, and Gift Funds.

The FY 2010 adjusted budget request totals \$15,043,738.

Summary of Recommended Changes:

FUNDS	FY 2010 Adopted	Carryover	New Appropriations	FY 2010 Projected
Library Tax	\$14,073,256	101,789	30,468	\$14,205,513
Other Funds	\$266,500	6,357	8,326	\$281,183
Gift Fund	\$87,172	22,815	447,055	\$557,042
TOTAL	\$14,426,928	130,961	485,849	\$15,043,738

BACKGROUND

Throughout the year, the Library Board takes actions that amend the adopted budget. These may include, but are not limited to, the acceptance of new grants, revisions to existing grants, and adjustments to adopted expenditure authority due to unanticipated needs.



The adopted budget is also amended annually to reflect the re-appropriation of prior-year funds for contractual commitments (i.e. encumbrances) as well as unencumbered carryover of unexpended funds previously authorized for one-time, non-recurring purposes. These budget changes or modifications include re-appropriating FY09 spending authority to FY10 for coverage of commitments entered into in prior years. The adopted Amended FY10 Library Budget will be sent to the City's budget office for inclusion in the appropriate City Council Appropriations Ordinance.

Types of Carryover

FY 2010 Encumbrance Carryover, totaling \$130,961 reflects contractual obligations from fiscal year 2009 which had not been paid as of June 30, 2009. Funding for these "encumbered" commitments is brought forward into the current fiscal year to provide for subsequent payment of these obligations.

FY 2010 Unencumbered Rollover, reflects the carrying forward of funding authorized by the Board of Library Trustees for specific purposes that had not been expended by year-end. The Library did not request any unencumbered rollovers in FY10.

FY 2010 New Appropriations/Adjustments total \$485,849 and reflects any actions taken by the Board, Library, and/or City since adoption of the FY10 budget as well as adjustments required since budget adoption. These adjustments may occur within all Funds and reflect appropriation of grant funding and the use of available fund balances.

Below is a summary breakout of the FY10 Encumbrance Carryover, and New Appropriations for the Library Tax Fund, Other Funds, and the Gift Fund.

Library Tax

The adjusted Library Tax Fund budget increases \$132,257 due to carryover requests of \$101,789 and other adjustments that include the following items:

Carryover \$101,789

- \$33,059 for Universal Building Services (janitorial services)
- \$17,404 for Unique Management (collection management services)
- \$15,000 for Karen Coyle (consultant services: self-check systems)
- \$8,074 for Securitas (security services)
- \$6,809 for Township Building Services (janitorial supplies)
- \$5,121 for Pivot Interiors (furniture)
- \$3,796 for Freitas (landscape maintenance)
- \$2,864 for Agnitsch Electrical (electrical systems)
- \$2,748 for Syserco (building systems)
- \$1,103 for 3M (self-check system maintenance)
- \$1,091 for Marina Mechanical (HVAC systems)

Adjustments (\$30,468)

Adjustments to the budget reflect Library related City of Berkeley labor costs of \$19,892 and non-labor expenses of \$7,412 that were not captured in the original budget build. Additionally, an FY09 vendor refund of \$3,164 for library materials is requested to be appropriated back to library materials for use in the current fiscal year.



Other Funds

Other Funds appropriated monies increases \$14,683 due to:

The Grants and Library Services and Technology Fund (LSTA) is adjusted by \$8,076 due to an extension of the LSTA grant Coming of Age in the Civil Rights Era, and a CLLS award of \$250 paid through the Silicon Valley Library System on behalf of the California Library Literacy Services program.

The Public Library Fund (305) has a FY09 carryover of \$6,357 for the lease expense of the public copiers from Ricoh.

Gift Fund

The Gift Fund requests additional appropriated monies of \$469,870 due to:

The Gift Fund (306) includes monies accumulated through donations from the Berkeley Public Library Foundation, the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, donations from individuals, the SLM gift, the Alice Meyer Trust Fund, and the Max Delaware Neidorf Fund. At the end of FY09 the Gift Fund balance stood at \$875,064, or \$96,996 below that at the beginning of the fiscal year. This decline can be attributed to three one-time large donations received in FY08 – the estates of K. Shrader and J. Book, and a Bayer Foundation gift.

Current carryover and adjustments made to the adopted Gift Fund budget total \$27,765, of which \$22,815 was carryover – primarily attributable to the Page+Moris Central Space Planning project at \$20,815 – and labor adjustments of \$4,950 for previously accepted Friends of the Berkeley Public Library FY10 gift funding that required inclusion to the budget after closing of the adopted FY10 budget so as to allow for non-specification of monies to actual individuals.

Additional requested adjustments to the Gift Fund include:

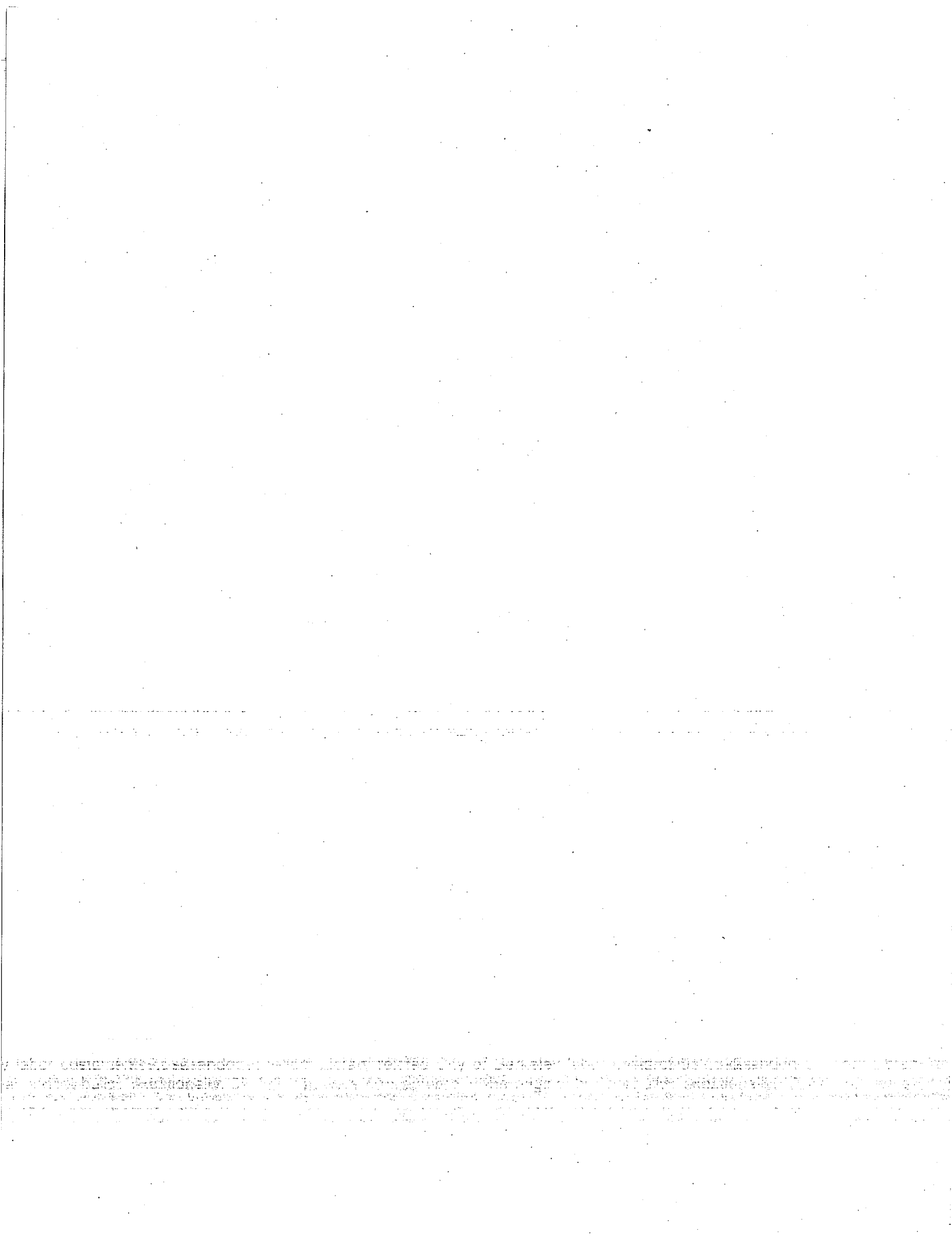
- \$325,000 for facility improvements and enhancements from the Fund balance
- \$80,000 for Children's collections from the Alice Meyer Gift Trust
- \$10,717 for collections from the SLM gift
- \$21,741 for library services from Friends of BPL FY09 remaining funds
- \$3,647 for Children's programs from Friends of BPL FY08 remaining funds
- \$1,000 for Art & Music collection from the Deupree Family Foundation of New Hartford, CT

FUTURE ACTION

The Library will report the amended budget to the City Manager's Office for inclusion in the amendment to the FY10 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

Attachment:

1. Resolution





**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO.: R09-93

**AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR A TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2010
AMENDED BUDGET OF \$15,043,738**

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees approved the FY 2009 Adopted budget authorizing appropriations of \$14,426,928 on June 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted Budget must be amended to include adjustments to funds committed in FY09 for carryover encumbrances of \$130,961, and new appropriations totaling \$485,849; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to a balanced FY 2010 budget that uses available fund balances to ensure the expenditure of all funding sources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley that the Fiscal Year 2010 Adopted Budget is amended based upon recommended re-appropriation of committed FY 2009 funding and other recommended adjustments authorized since June 10, 2009 and totaling \$616,810.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley to adopt an Amended FY 2010 Library budget of \$15,043,738.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a regular meeting held on October 14, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

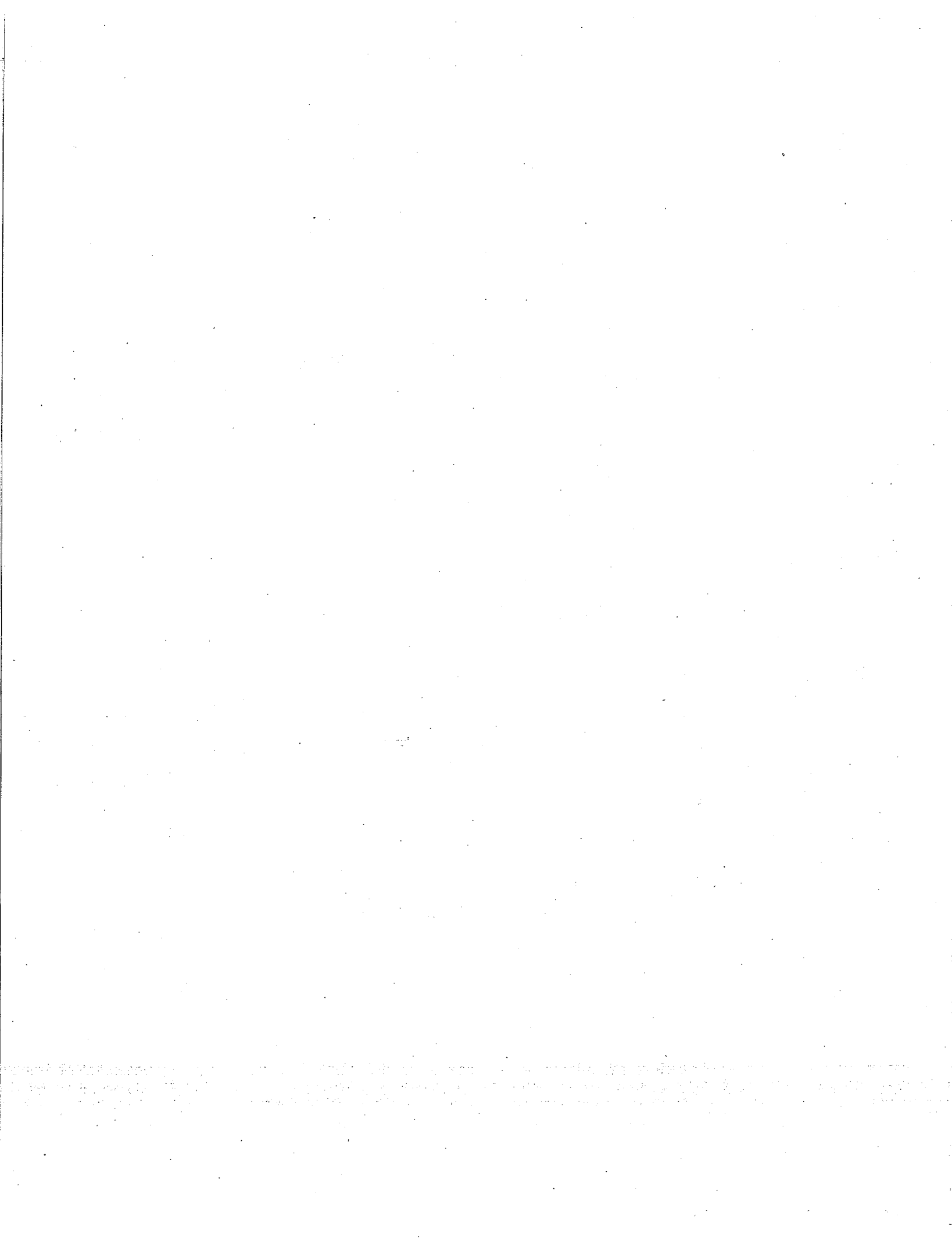
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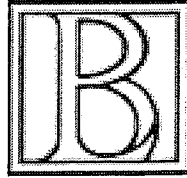
ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darryl Moore, Chairperson

Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees





BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees

FROM: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services

SUBJECT: INCREASE THE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES' AUTHORITY FOR PURCHASING GOODS, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution to amend the Berkeley Public Library Administrative Regulation 3.4, Purchasing Policy and Purchasing Manual, to increase the Library Director's expenditure authority, the ability to enter into contracts for purchasing goods, materials, and equipment, from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

The primary fiscal impact of this recommendation will be to increase efficiency in managing contracts, which is expected to result in savings for the staff in terms of improved staff productivity and improved timeliness in completing and approving contracts to meet the needs of the Library. In addition, it complies with the Library's initiative to achieve consistency and uniformity with the City in fiscal areas. It is also consistent with established procedures adopted by peer library systems.

BACKGROUND

The Purchasing Policy & Purchasing Manual (AR Number 3.4) adopted by the Board of Library Trustees on June 9, 2008 "ensure(s) that the Berkeley Public Library receives the most favorable price, quality and/or service available for all purchases whenever feasible and in accordance with the adopted budget." Section IV, Approval Limits states, "approval by the Board of Library trustees is required for purchases of services over \$50,000 as established by Resolution R08-56 and goods, materials, and equipment over \$50,000, as established by Resolution R07-10."

During its June 10, 2009 regular meeting, the Board of Library Trustees adopted the FY10 budget which included funds for services, materials, and supplies. At this meeting Trustee Moore requested that the Director bring a resolution for discussion and possible approval increasing the current expenditure authority to that set for the City Manager by Ordinance No. 6,875-N.S.. Prior to recommending this modification for the City Manager, City staff researched the thresholds for local jurisdictions in the Bay Area. Consequently, as Library expenditure authority limits are typically set to reflect those of the City Manager, and, as these



have changed, it is appropriate to consider an equivalent increase for the Director of Library Services.

- The Berkeley City Council by Ordinance No. 6,875-N.S. increased the goods, materials, and equipment expenditure authority of the City Manager to \$100,000

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently, the Director may authorize the purchase of goods, materials, and equipment not exceeding \$50,000; the Board of Library Trustees authorizes expenditures or contracts for goods, materials, and equipment exceeding this amount; and Library staff prepares a BOLT report for all contracts for goods, materials, and equipment in excess of the \$50,000 threshold. It is important to note that all expenditures are detailed in the budget which is approved by BOLT. The authority subject to this resolution is the authority to enter into the purchasing contracts.

The City Manager's authority limit for goods, material, and equipment expenditures is established at up to \$100,000, based on the following changing conditions: "Inflation and general increases in the cost of services deem it prudent to establish an authority level consistent with our budget and that of comparable municipalities in the Bay Area. Reducing the time requirement for staff to produce and record City Council reports for relatively low dollar services." The Library may achieve similar gains by considering the same approach for the Library.

In fiscal year 2009, the Library executed 24 contracts ranging in value from \$1,200 to \$996,000, a chart showing the number and fund source demonstrates that for this period a change in authorization would have resulted in the execution of two additional contracts by the director.

Contracts by funding source	\$1,200 to \$25,000	to \$25,001 to \$50,000	to \$50,001 to \$100,000	to Over \$100,001
Library Tax	10	2	2	4
Measure FF		2		6
<i>subtotal</i>	10	4	2	10

In July 2009, the board approved the expenditure of funds for services, materials, and supplies exceeding the director's authority of \$50,000. As represented below, if the proposed increase was approved nine vendor purchases would be affected.

Vendors purchases	\$55,000 to \$100,000	\$100,001 to \$150,000	\$150,001 to \$300,000
Utilities		1	1
Library materials	4	2	
taxes	1		
<i>subtotal</i>	5	3	1

All significant expenditures are included in the annual board budget process and included in the annual and supplemental appropriation of funds. This method of approval of large expenditures through the appropriation approval process was practiced by several large urban libraries contacted. When this was the case, individual contracts were not brought for approval to the governing body. In a sampling of various public libraries, of both similar and not governing structures and size, there exists a wide range in expenditure authority, though generally the



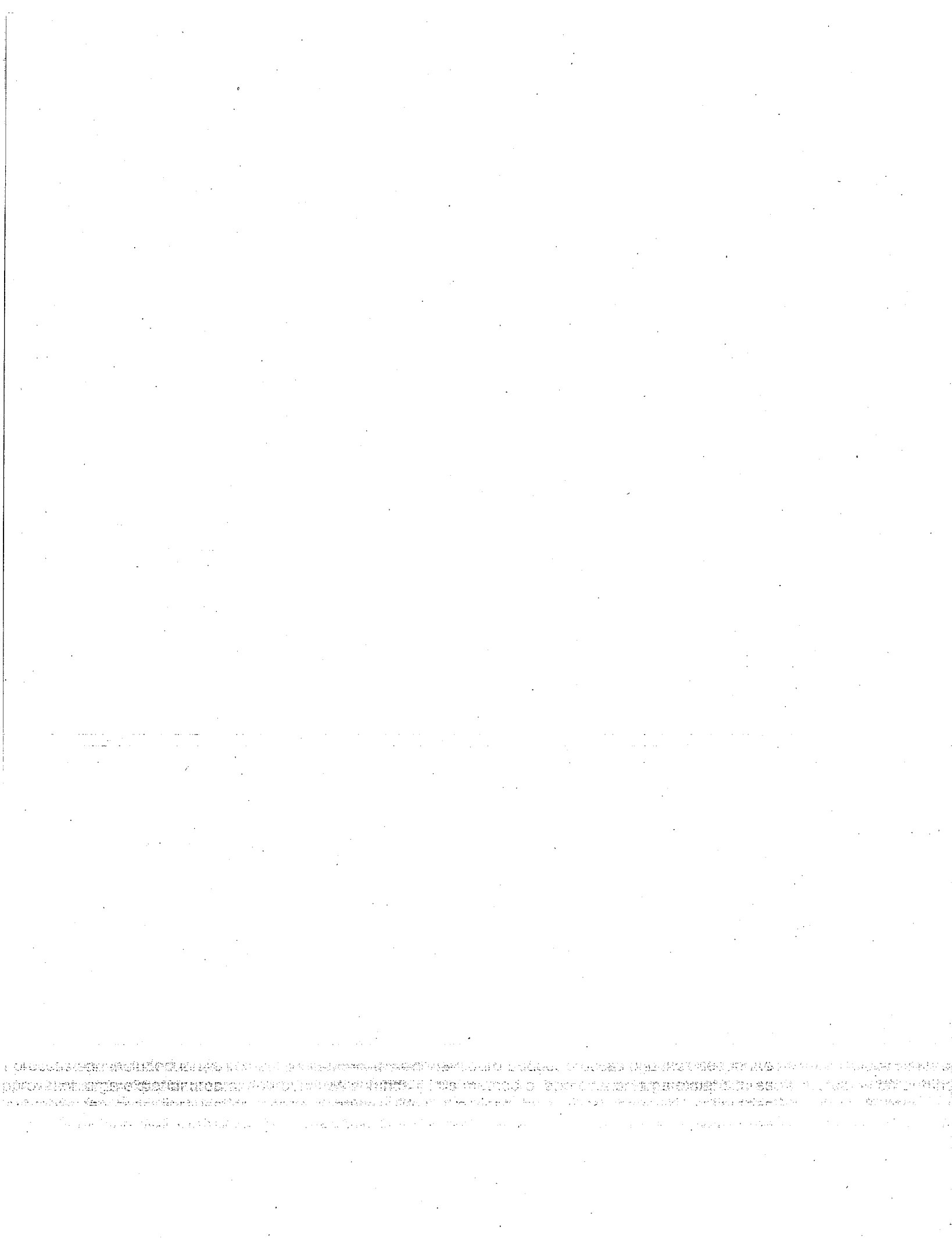
larger the library (and budget) the greater the authority level of the director. While Berkeley is a mid-size City it's budget and personnel number are more in line with larger urban systems.

FUTURE ACTION

No further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Resolution





**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO.: 09-94

**INCREASE THE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES' AUTHORITY FOR PURCHASING
GOODS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000**

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees adopted Administrative Regulation 3.4, Purchasing Policy & Purchasing Manual, on June 10, 2008, which authorized the Director of Library Services to approve purchases for goods, materials and equipment up to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees approved the FY2010 budget on June 10, 2009, which included funds for services, materials, and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council per Ordinance No. 6,875-N.S. increased the City Manager's authority to approve service payments up to \$100,000 after researching comparable municipalities in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Library Services' limits were established to reflect the City Manager's purchase authority; and

WHEREAS, the board may revise operational practices to reflect those policies and procedures successfully implemented by peer library systems; and

WHEREAS, the board retains ultimate authority for all expenditures through the library budget development, approval and appropriation process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley to amend the Berkeley Public Library Administrative Regulation 3.4, Purchasing Policy and Purchasing Manual, to increase the Director of Library Services' expenditure authority for services to \$100,000.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a regular meeting held on October 14, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

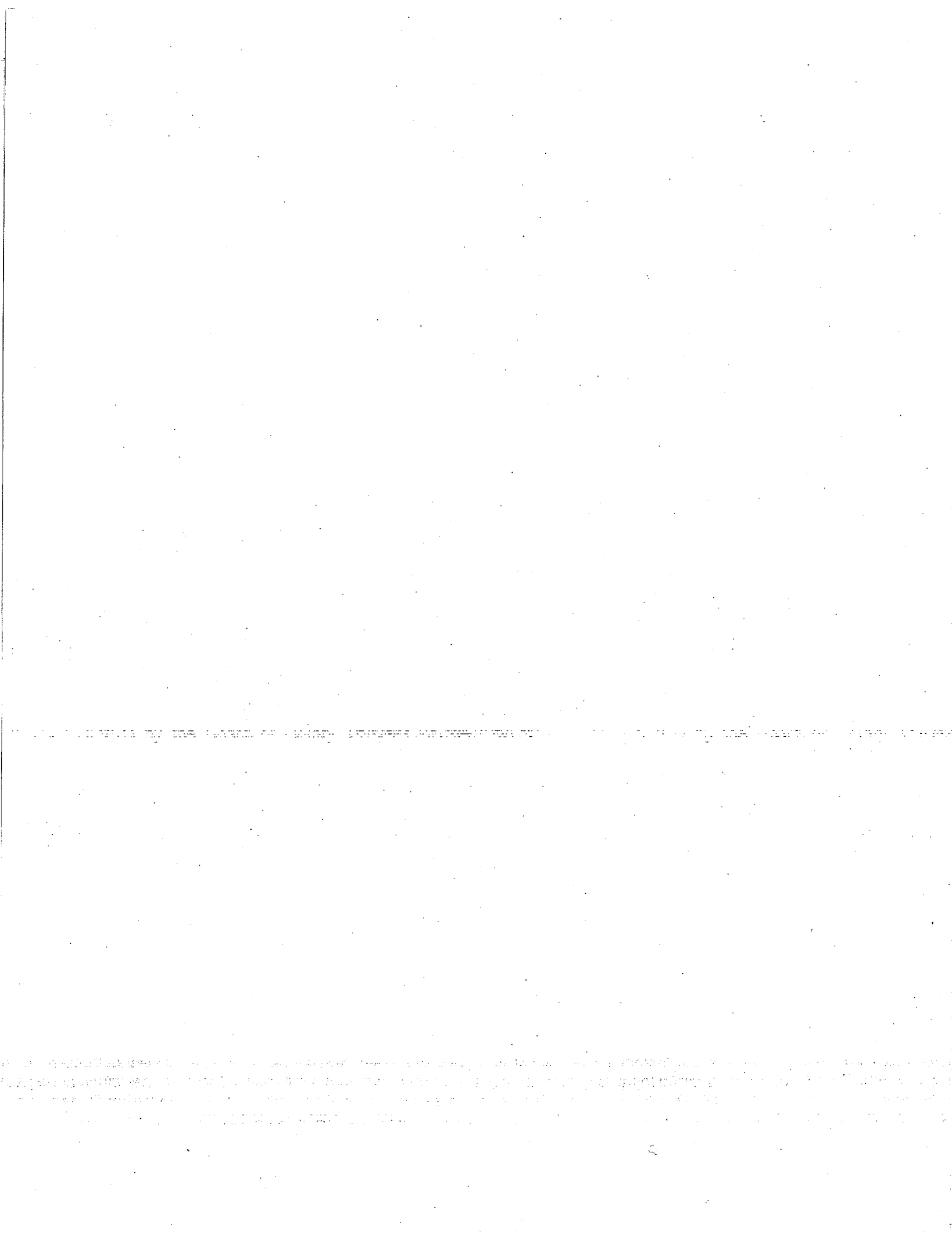
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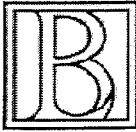
ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darryl Moore, Chairperson

Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees





**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION NO.: 09-95

**THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO
EVELYN GAHTAN, WHO SERVED AS A LIBRARIAN FOR THE BERKELEY PUBLIC
LIBRARY FROM JULY 1950 TO SEPTEMBER 2009**

WHEREAS, over fifty-nine years ago in July of 1950 Evelyn Gahtan began working in the Order-Catalog department of the Berkeley Public Library at a monthly salary of \$221; and

WHEREAS, with few interruptions since 1953 Ms. Gahtan has worked as a reference librarian at the downtown branch of the Berkeley Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gahtan came to the Berkeley Public Library after earlier employment that included work contributing to America's collective wartime effort as a riveter at the Douglas Aircraft assembly plant in Santa Ana, CA; and

WHEREAS, for a brief hiatus in the late 1950s Berkeley was without Ms. Gahtan's services while she served with the US Army Library Service in Germany and France; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gahtan has with great interest and creativity overseen the Central Library exhibits for over four decades, and applied her wide-ranging knowledge to materials selection throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, for many years Ms. Gahtan has very capably maintained the integrity and accessibility of the Berkeley Public Library's periodicals collections; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 Ms. Gahtan was the first City of Berkeley employee to request and be granted a maternity leave upon the birth of her daughter Maia, thus paving the way for future mothers pursuing careers; and

WHEREAS, while the standards and practices of librarianship have evolved to an extraordinary and dramatic degree over the course of her career, Ms. Gahtan never ceased learning new skills, adapting to the introduction of new tools, and taking great pleasure in the fundamental tasks of helping Library patrons; and

WHEREAS, in the course of decades of helping countless citizens at the reference desk, Ms. Gahtan has had a positive impact on the lives of many, many persons—a gift to the community that goes beyond measure—and is a paradigm of service and a model librarian to all of her admiring colleagues; and

WHEREAS, she will be greatly missed by those who work with her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley expresses its profound gratitude to Evelyn Gahtan, who served as a Librarian for the fifty-nine year period from 1950 to 2009, for her service to the Berkeley community and the Berkeley Public Library.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a regular meeting held on October 14, 2009.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darryl Moore, Chairperson

Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees



**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION NO.: 09-96

**THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE
TO CONSTANCE REYES, WHO SERVED AS A LIBRARY ASSISTANT AND
LIBRARY SPECIALIST FOR THE BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM
FEBRUARY 1975 TO AUGUST 2009.**

WHEREAS, in February 1975 Constance Reyes began 34 years of service to the Berkeley Public Library and her community in the position of Library Assistant at the North Branch Library; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes frequently provided Spanish-language assistance to Library patrons as well as her colleagues, in addition to selecting Spanish-language materials for the Library collections, thus helping to effectively broaden the Library's audience and user base; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes' colleagues have long valued her reliable attention to detail in the compilation of staff schedules, maintenance of a variety of regularly-updated reference services, and steady continuity during the temporary relocation of the Central Library; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes has been a principal force behind Café Literario, the popular and long-lasting Spanish-language literary program held at the West branch Library; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reyes has consistently placed a high value on excellent customer service and brought a calm, polite presence to the reference desk, qualities which resulted in many happy patron compliments about her work; and

WHEREAS, through the statewide fiscal instability resulting from the tax cuts that Proposition 13 mandated in 1978, Ms. Reyes weathered several layoff notices which were later withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, often praised by her supervisors as a part-time employee producing the work of a full-time person, Ms. Reyes' years of service to the community have had many positive and enduring impacts on the citizens she has assisted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley expresses its gratitude to Constance Reyes, who served as a Library Assistant and Library Specialist from 1975 to 2009, for her service to the Berkeley community and the Berkeley Public Library.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a regular meeting held on October 14, 2009.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darryl Moore, Chairperson

Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees

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**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION NO.: 09-97

**THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE
TO NORINE NOMURA, WHO SERVED AS A LIBRARY ASSISTANT AND
LIBRARY SPECIALIST FOR THE BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM
OCTOBER 1980 TO SEPTEMBER 2009.**

WHEREAS, Norine Nomura began working in October of 1980 as a full-time Library Assistant in the Art and Music section of the Central Library; and

WHEREAS, prior to her employment with the Berkeley Public Library, Ms. Nomura gained many of her skills working for the Albany Branch of the Alameda County Library; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nomura brought to the Berkeley Public Library effective communication skills acquired while serving with the Peace Corps teaching English in Kenya; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nomura took a two-year hiatus from employment with the Library in order to teach at a local preschool before again rejoining the Library in 1988 as a part-time Library assistant; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 she was assigned to the West Branch Library as a part-time Library Assistant and in 1992 promoted to Library Specialist in the Reference section at the Central Library; and

WHEREAS, brought a friendly, helpful, and patient attitude to all assignments helping patrons at a number of service desks with the Library; and

WHEREAS, during the course of her years at the Library, Ms. Nomura very capably adapted to the introduction of new technologies, procedures, and practices; and

WHEREAS, because of her positive outlook and good cheer in her work she will be missed by all of her coworkers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley expresses its gratitude to Norine Nomura, who served as a Library Assistant and Library Specialist from 1980 to 2009, for her service to the Berkeley community and the Berkeley Public Library.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a regular meeting held on October 14, 2009.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

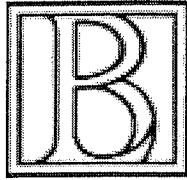
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BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ACTION CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees

FROM: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON (PRESIDENT) AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON (VICE-PRESIDENT)

INTRODUCTION

Each year the Board of Library Trustees elects Officers for a one-year term. Following discussion, the Board will nominate Trustees to sit as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, for the term commencing November 10, 2009, for a one-year term.

FISCAL IMPACT

This report will have no fiscal impacts.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Board of Library Trustees appoints a Trustee to sit as Chairperson and a second Trustee to sit as Vice-Chairperson for the following year. *Section 3.04.040 Organization of Board* of the City of Berkeley Municipal Code specifies that each year the Board of Library Trustees shall elect one of its members president and another vice president for a term of one year at the first meeting of the board in October of each year.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

For the past eleven months, Trustee Darryl Moore has sat as the Chairperson for the Board of Library Trustees and Trustee Carolyn Henry Golphin has held the post of Vice-Chairperson. At the October 14, 2008 Board meeting, the Action item was held over until November 14, 2008 Board meeting in deference to the absence of trustee Henry-Golphin. At that meeting, nominations were made from the floor; a unanimous vote resulted in the election of Chair Moore and Vice-Chair Henry Golphin, per Resolutions R08-93. Appointments were made effective immediately, with the gavel handed from Chair Powell to Chair Moore. The term set at that time was from November 14, 2008 until the time of election in 2009.

Process

In October of each year, an open nominations process is followed for the election of officers for the Board of Library Trustees Chair and Vice-Chair one-year term to the Board of Library Trustees. Nominations taken "from the floor" allow all of the Trustees the opportunity to nominate others as well as themselves.



The election of officers is a public process, with the vote announced at the conclusion of voting. The one-year term will commence at the first scheduled meeting in November.

FUTURE ACTION

No future action is needed.

Attachments:

Resolution



**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO.: 09-98

**APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE TO SIT AS CHAIRPERSON AND A TRUSTEE TO SIT AS
VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, each year the Board of Library Trustees must appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to sit in those capacities for the following year; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to establish a consistent practice for this process to be followed in the current term and in the future, such that in October of each year, an open nominations process will occur, to be followed by election of Library Trustee Chair and Vice-Chair for a one-year term to the Board of Library Trustees; and

WHEREAS, nominations will be taken "from the floor", thereby allowing all of the Trustees the opportunity to nominate others as well as themselves; and

WHEREAS, the election of officers is a public process, with the vote announced at the conclusion of voting with the term commencing at the first scheduled meeting in November.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley to appoint _____ to sit as Chairperson for the remainder of 2009 and through the time of election in 2010 and to appoint _____ to sit as Vice-chair for the same period.

ADOPTED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Berkeley at a regular meeting held on October 14, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

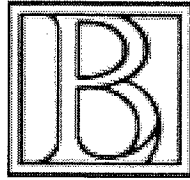
ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darryl Moore, Chairperson

Donna Corbell, Director of Library Services
Serving as Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees





BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

INFORMATION CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees
FROM: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
SUBJECT: OCTOBER 2009 MONTHLY BRANCH RENOVATION PROJECT REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

INTRODUCTION

Every month the Library Director gives the Board a report on branch renovation activities and updates from the previous month.

FISCAL IMPACT

This report will have no fiscal impacts.

SUMMARY OF WORK

During this reporting period staff arranged and facilitated the following bond program conceptual design community meetings:

- South Branch / Tool Library
Thursday, September 17 and Thursday, October 1, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- North Branch
Wednesday, September 23 and Wednesday, October 7, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Other meetings included:

- Weekly project meetings facilitated by the Project manager
- Informational presentation for all of the design firms by Alameda County *Stopwaste.org* and the City's Sustainability Office
- Preplanning meetings associated with the community meetings held at South Branch and North Branch
- Kickoff meeting with Gould Evans /Baum Thornley design team
- Meeting with Landmark Preservation Commission Subcommittee about South Branch
- Meeting with City Parks, Recreation & Waterfront department Parks division staff about landscaping and trees

Contracts

At the September 22, 2009 regular City Council meeting, board recommended contracts with Smith, Fause & McDonald Inc (Bond Technology Consultant), Harley Ellis Devereaux / Green Works Studio (West Branch design) and Gould Evans Baum Thornley (Claremont design) were



all approved as part of the Consent Calendar. Staff will complete the process and expect to execute these contracts with 30 days of the approvals.

COMMUNICATION

The September 2009 director's report included a draft communication plan. Following board discussion it was revised to include community input. The Community Input and Outreach section has been revised to read as :

A proactive community involvement process will provide the public with a greater understanding of the branch renovation program process as well as opportunities for the public to express themselves. Opportunities for community input include an online comment form, which is accessible 24/7 via the project's webpage; public meetings, during which public comments will be captured by note takers; public comment during board meetings, which directly will be addressed to the Library Board of Trustees and Director of Library Services; and public surveys, which solicit public opinion and provide a means to express reactions to the program processes. Outreach efforts will include presentations to, answering questions from, and visiting with local neighborhood and community groups regarding the status of the Branch Renovation Program. All of these opportunities will provide a means for the public to bring their opinions and ideas into the planning process.

The staff continues to print and distribute the half sheet meeting updates promoting community meetings at the branches.

WORK ANTICIPATED

Following the Gould Evans / Baum Thornley project team kick-off meeting, a series of community meetings and a board presentation on the Claremont Branch project will be planned and scheduled to take place in November and December 2009. Following the kickoff of the West Branch project with Harley Ellis Devereaux a community meeting will be scheduled prior to the December holidays.

A second meeting with the Landmarks Preservation Commission subcommittee for the South Branch project will be scheduled and an initial meeting with the subcommittee for the West Branch project will be scheduled for early November.

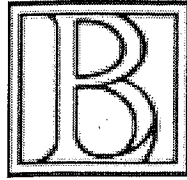
Staff will arrange a meeting with the Planning department and representatives of the Claremont Branch project team for October.

Staff will continue to work with Kathy Page to schedule meetings to develop the library program for the West Branch and the Claremont Branch libraries.

KEY PROJECT ISSUES

At the September 3, 2009 Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting, the commission agreed to establish subcommittees for the Branch Library Projects. Library staff is working with the Chair of LPC, Gary Parsons, to establish meeting dates and times. These subcommittees are an opportunity for Commissioners to comment on the projects:

Working with Other City departments, Commissions and Community Groups: The City of Berkeley Planning department has allowed for the creation of a sub-committee to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to specifically address the 4 branch library projects.



BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

INFORMATION CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees
FROM: Dennis Dang, Library Services Administrative Manager
SUBJECT: FY09 ANNUAL BUDGET UPDATE: YEAR-END CLOSING REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide ongoing information regarding the status of the Library's finances.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from this report.

BACKGROUND

The Library has several revenue sources that fund its day-to-day operations. The largest revenue source is the Library Tax, which is generated from a special assessment on local property taxes. The Library also receives annual allocations from the California State Library in the form of the Public Library Fund (per capita based formula), the California Library Literacy Services program (per capita based formula), and the Inter-Library Loan and Direct Loan programs. In addition, the Library receives donations and gifts from the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, the Berkeley Public Library Foundation and individual contributions.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Excluding Gift (306) and Branch Renovation Program (307 and 308) funds, ending FY09 revenues totaled \$14,152,215 and expenditures reached \$13,930,138. This was a 4.6% year-over-year revenue increase over FY08, attributable to Library Tax collections; and a 0.12% decrease over prior year expenditures, primarily due to a reduction in library materials spending, lower computer and software purchases, and a drop in professional services expenditures; offsetting some of these reductions were higher labor costs.

1. Library Tax Fund

On a net basis the Library Tax Fund ended the fiscal year with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$295,079 increasing the Fund's year-end balance to \$1,102,151.

The Library Tax Fund is made up of revenue from the dedicated library tax, fines and fees charged to patrons, and miscellaneous revenue. The largest component of revenues in the Fund is the library tax itself which is received periodically during the fiscal year – generally September, February, April and June – from the County Assessor's Office and is indexed to the higher of the increase in the California Personal Income Growth or the San



Francisco Bay Area Consumer Price Index rates. In FY09, the tax rate was pegged to the 4.29% increase in the California Personal Income Growth, and at total receipts of \$13,651,761 accounted for an incremental gain of \$601,742 over fiscal year 2008. Other revenues in the Fund from fines, fees and miscellaneous revenue sources were \$305,266.

Expenditures at year-end declined modestly at 0.8% from the prior year primarily due to a decrease in spending for library materials down 23.5%, and a reduction of 77.7% or \$60,120 in capital improvement projects. These were offset by a 3.1% increase in labor costs due to the implementation of the 2008 contract settlements.

2. Gift Fund

The ending FY09 fund balance at \$875,064 reflects a decrease over the prior year of \$96,996. Non-labor expenditures from the Gift Fund totaled \$174,024 of which \$91,625 was spent on library materials primarily paid for from the Alice Meyer Trust and SLM gifts. At year-end, the Gift Fund balance holds \$10,717 from SLM, \$30,199 from the Max Delaware Trust, and \$287,021 from the Alice Meyer Trust.

3. All Other Funds

The Library receives revenue from a variety of sources in addition to the Library Tax Fund and the Gift Fund. The California State Library pays the Berkeley Public Library an annual allocation from the Public Library Fund based on a per capita calculation and share of population. The FY09 allocation was \$36,329, a decline of 11.0% from FY08 attributable to a 10.9% lowering of the funding rate by the State Library and a 0.7% decrease in Berkeley's percentage share of the measured population. The use of Public Library Fund monies are unrestricted and in FY09 were used to pay some of the Library's security and public photocopiers expenses; thus, relieving some of the burden on the Library Tax Fund

Receipts from the California State Library Literacy Program fund the literacy program at BPL and experienced a year-over-year decline of \$13,926. This reduction in funds was minimally offset by an increase in monies received through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). FY09 LSTA grant funds of \$16,879 were earmarked for execution of the Coming of Age in the Civil Rights Era program. FY09 expenditures in the grants fund totaled \$68,595, and were \$8,850 below that of FY08 allowing the fund to trim its beginning FY09 deficit from \$5,262 to \$1,655 at year end.

On a quarterly basis, the Library receives reimbursements from the State Library for Direct Loan and Inter-Library Loan programs; of which these funds are used to pay for the delivery of library materials between branches and the cost of the Link+ system and related services. In FY09, the revenue from these programs totaled \$65,739, a drop of 29.3% or \$27,253 from the prior year. The decline in these receipts was primarily due to timing as one extra receipt was posted in FY08 versus FY09; however it is necessary to note that these programs were adversely affected by an 8.2% reduction in the reimbursement rate from FY08 and a 1% increase to 66% in the withheld portion of the calculated distribution.

FUTURE ACTION

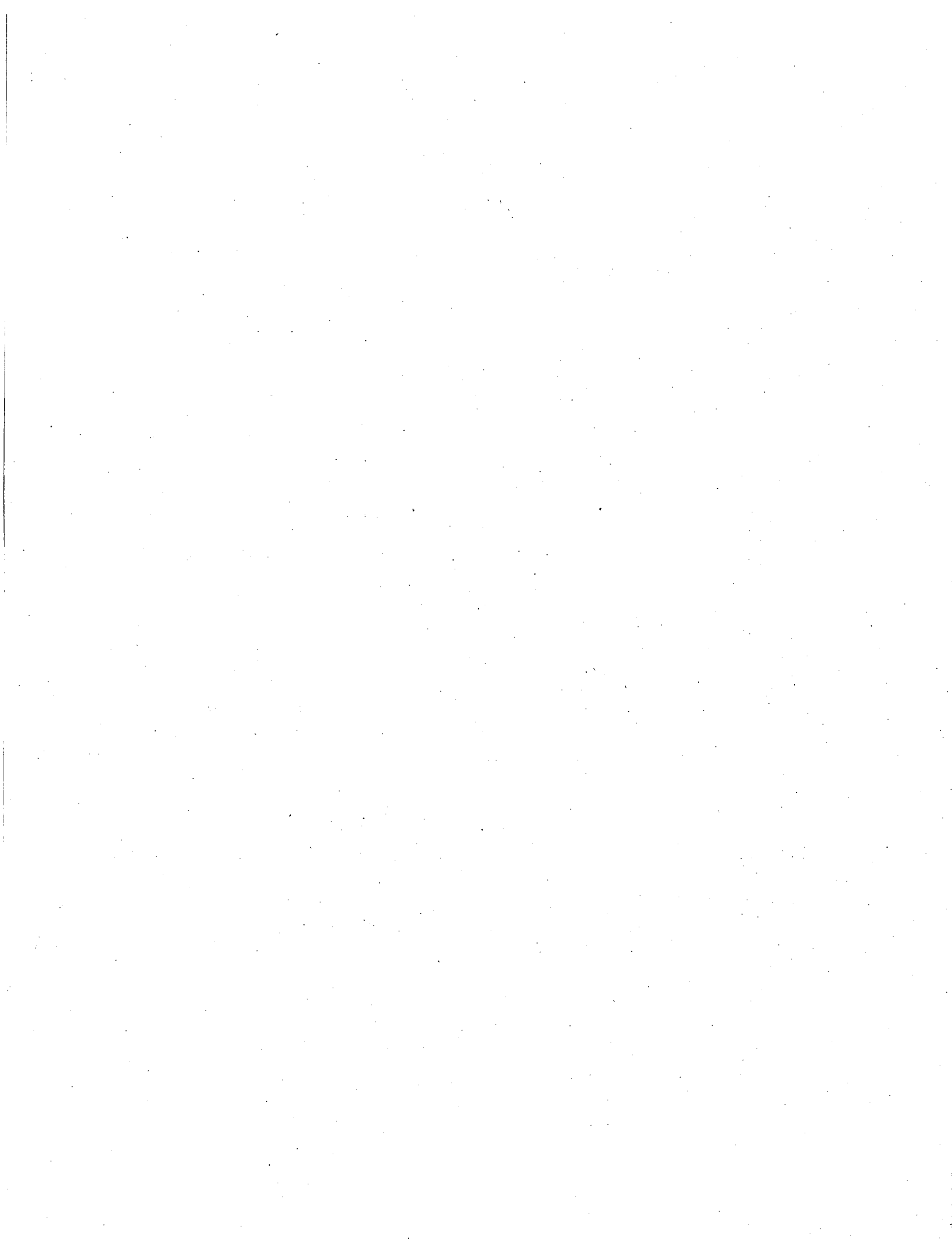
The Library Tax Fund has a projected operating deficit of \$228,022 for FY10, and at projected 3% annual library tax rate increases anticipated deficits of \$32,082 in FY11 and \$476,475 in FY12, based on the adopted and projected budgets. Consequently, as the Library Tax Fund is spent down, the Library, in order to maintain a healthy financial foundation continues to address



its annual operating shortfall, pursues new and ongoing funding sources, addresses short-term and long-term facilities issues and seeks to maintain the viability and stability of the Library Tax Fund and all its other Funding resources.

Attachments:

1. Expenditures by Fund: FY09 Close
2. Vendor Expenditures Details: FY09 as of 07/14/2009



Berkeley Public Library System (w/CoB)

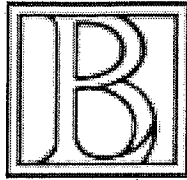
Actual Expenditures

Elimnt-Object	Description	Bdgt ORG FY09	Bdgt REV FY09	Lib Dscr 301	DL / ILL 302	Grants 304	Pub Lib 305	Gift 306	Actual FY09	% REV Spent
11-01	Monthly Rated Employees	6,835,046	6,910,046	6,600,316	46,110	885		2,039	6,649,350	96.2%
11-02	Wage Continuation Payment				176				176	
11-03	Hourly and Daily Rated Empl	126,736	126,736	173,420		54,484		1,161	229,065	180.7%
11-04	Monthly Rated - Part Benefitted	401,705	401,705	413,367					413,367	102.9%
11-42	Terminal Vacation Pay			79					79	
11-59	Reg Retro Gross Adjust.			12,725		455			13,180	
11-60	Excess Hours Pay			167,374				87	167,461	
12-12	General Summer Youth	20,000	20,000	16,605					16,605	83.0%
13-01	O/T-Monthly Rated Employee	6,000	6,000	1,511					1,511	25.2%
13-05	Holiday Pay	4,500	4,500	1,005					1,005	22.3%
Personal Services-Salaries and Wages		7,393,987	7,468,987	7,386,402	46,286	55,824		3,287	7,491,799	100.3%
Personal Services-Fringe Benefits		3,778,313	3,778,313	3,867,548	31,999	4,521		1,389	3,905,457	103.4%
20-99	Salary Savings		(350,590)							
Personal Services-Employee		11,172,300	10,896,710	11,253,950	78,285	60,345		4,676	11,397,256	104.6%
30-38	Professional: Misc Prof Svcs	365,807	599,297	324,147		8,250	55,961	65,727	454,085	75.8%
30-39	Hazardous Materials Handling	4,560	4,560							
30-42	Maint Svcs: Office Equip Maint Svcs	28,500	25,200	7,386					7,386	29.3%
30-43	Maint Svcs: Bldg & Structures Maint Svcs	135,000	117,625	88,909					88,909	75.6%
30-44	Maint Svcs: Field Equip Maint	63,450	47,675	20,601					20,601	43.2%
30-46	Maint Svcs: Computer Maintenance	10,200	9,800							
30-47	Maint Svcs: Software Maintenance	90,000	102,300	102,232					102,232	99.9%
Purchased Professional & Technical Svcs		697,517	906,457	543,275		8,250	55,961	65,727	673,213	74.3%
Grants & Governmental Payments		5,000	5,000	2,756					2,756	55.1%
40-10	Professional Dues And Fee	32,850	33,061	30,364					30,364	91.8%
40-20	Insurance		561	560					560	99.8%
40-31	Communications: Telephones	64,100	108,350	66,747					66,747	61.6%
40-33	Communications: Cellular	19,150	19,150	8,015					8,015	41.9%
40-41	Utilities: Water	20,600	21,300	15,521					15,521	72.9%
40-42	Utilities: Gas/Electricity	261,000	291,000	266,798					266,798	91.7%
40-43	Utilities: Refuse	33,912	23,912	17,238					17,238	72.1%
40-50	Printing And Binding	27,850	28,025	12,783					12,783	45.6%
40-61	Travel: Commerical Travel	7,200	7,200	4,108					4,108	57.1%
40-62	Travel: Meals & Lodging	10,000	10,000	10,485					10,485	104.9%
40-63	Travel: Registration/Admin Fees	21,000	23,381	13,911				2,222	16,133	69.0%
40-64	Travel: Transportation	6,704	6,704	2,773					2,773	41.4%
40-70	Advertising	6,544	8,649	6,914					6,914	79.9%
40-90	Other	1,625	207,685	90					90	0.0%
Other Purchased Services		512,535	788,978	456,307				2,222	458,529	58.1%
50-10	Rental Of Land/Buildings	500	1,125	625					625	55.6%
50-20	Rental Of Equip/Vehicles	1,500	29,643	1,416			25,544		26,960	90.9%
50-30	Rental Of Office Equipment & Furniture	23,500	16,206	14,534					14,534	89.7%
Rentals / Leases		25,500	46,974	16,575			25,544		42,119	89.7%
51-10	Postage	32,500	32,320	22,525					22,525	69.7%
51-20	Messenger/Deliver	6,000	27,000		19,389				19,389	71.8%
Mail Services		38,500	59,320	22,525	19,389				41,914	70.7%
55-11	Office Supplies	29,500	31,870	21,081					21,081	66.1%
55-20	Field Supplies	255,362	204,623	141,910			3,263	11,357	156,530	76.5%
55-33	Equip & Veh Supp: Petroleum, Oil, Lubricant		300							
55-34	Equip & Veh Supp: Spare Replacement Parts	5,000	4,139							
55-50	Food	6,000	7,226	4,595				2,067	6,662	92.2%
55-60	Library Materials	972,121	1,379,714	819,881			29,906	91,625	941,412	68.2%
55-70	Misc.	2,140	1,790	670				215	885	49.4%
Supplies		1,270,123	1,629,662	988,137			33,169	105,264	1,126,570	69.1%
Purchased Property Services		170,000	153,426	144,152					144,152	94.0%
Infrastructure		25,000	23,260	17,214					17,214	74.0%
70-41	Machinery And Equipment	12,450	15,950	4,195					4,195	26.3%
70-43	Furniture And Fixtures	6,000	1,697	90					90	5.3%
70-44	Computers & Printers	45,000	45,123	47,774					47,774	105.9%
70-47	Computer Softwares & Lic	20,000	2,130	1,481					1,481	69.5%
Property		83,450	64,900	53,540					53,540	82.5%
71-10	Small Equipment	32,000	40,449	23,140					23,140	57.2%
71-43	Mach & Equip: Furniture And Fixtures	17,500	9,474	1,697				811	2,508	26.5%
71-44	Mach & Equip: Computers And Printers	15,000	12,512	5,165					5,165	41.3%
71-47	Mach & Equip: Software & Licenses	7,000	15,094	14,461					14,461	95.8%
Property Under Cap Limit		71,500	77,529	44,463				811	45,274	58.4%
Internal Services		10,517	11,137	7,666					7,666	68.8%
Debt Service		114,316	117,619	111,392					111,392	94.7%
Balance Sheet Accounts			(8,250)							
Other Expenses		3,023,958	3,876,012	2,408,002	19,389	8,250	114,674	174,024	2,724,339	70.3%
Berkeley Public Library System (w/CoB)		14,196,258	14,772,722	13,661,952	97,674	68,595	114,674	178,700	14,121,595	95.6%



Type	Description	Vendor Name	Amount	
Professional & Technical Services	Professional Services	Securitas Security Services	\$144,007	
	Software Maintenance	Innovative Interfaces Inc	89,170	
	Professional Services	3M Company	48,897	
	Professional Services	Page & Morris	29,184	
	Professional Services	OCLC Online Computer Lib Ctr	27,971	
	Professional Services	Agnitsch Electric Company	21,301	
	Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Marina Mechanical	21,179	
	Professional Services	Freitas Landscape & Maintenance	20,878	
	Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Thyssen Krupp Elevator	19,534	
	Professional Services	O'Reilly, Matthew T	17,016	
	Professional Services	CMTC, CA Manuf Tech Consulting	13,500	
	Professional Services	Checkpoint Systems Inc.	13,406	
	Professional Services	Cardinaux, Rene	10,797	
	Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Bay Alarm Company	10,245	
	Professional Services	Information Partners Inc.	10,033	
	Field Equipment Maintenance	Kray Cabling, Inc.	8,391	
	Professional Services	Unique Management Services	8,261	
	Professional Services	Life on the Water, Inc.	8,000	
	Software Maintenance	Landesk Software, Inc	7,818	
	Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Syserco, Inc.	7,201	
	Professional Services	Bay Area Library & Info. Sys.	7,000	
	Field Equipment Maintenance	AMS.net, Inc	5,989	
	Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Honeywell Inc.	5,899	
	Software Maintenance	The Active Network Inc	5,244	
	Professional Services	Lauren Wohl Design	4,999	
	Professional Services	Accutite Enviromental Engineer	4,986	
	Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Big Chief Tree Service	4,975	
	Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Intec Solutions Inc	4,307	
	Professional Services	A-Total Fire Protection Co.	3,355	
	Office Equipment Maintenance	Sharp Electronics Corporation	3,154	
	Professional Services	Eastbay Small Business Dev Ct	3,000	
	Professional Services	Iron Mountain Records	2,916	
	Professional Services	E.S.B. Management	2,810	
	Office Equipment Maintenance	BMI Imaging Systems Inc.	2,800	
	Professional Services	Nordby, Leslie	2,750	
	Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Bender Fire Protection	2,691	
	Field Equipment Maintenance	Uptime Resources	2,526	
	Professional Services	Fusionbox, Inc	2,500	
	Professional Services	Alice Prussin Lighting Design	2,446	
	Building / Structures Maintenance Services	Valley Power Systems North, In	2,266	
	Professional Services	Aerc Recycling Solutions	2,228	
Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Simplex Grinnell-Grinnell Fire	2,214		
Professional Services	Berkeley Community Media	2,200		
Building and Structures Maintenance Services	Orkin Exterminating	2,060		
Professional Services	Liu Consulting Inc.	2,000		
	Other		47,535	
Professional & Technical Services		Subtotal	\$671,640	
Other Purchased Services	Gas / Electricity	Pacific Gas & Electric Co	\$266,796	
	Telephones	AT&T	51,955	
	Professional Dues and Fees	Bay Area Library & Info. Sys.	17,084	
	Water	EBMUD	15,521	
	Telephones	AT&T Internet Services	13,140	
	Professional Dues and Fees	Urban Libraries Council	9,000	
	Cellular	Nextel Communications-Airtime	6,527	
	Registration / Admin Fees	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	5,215	
	Registration / Admin Fees	Peninsula Library System	4,675	
	Printing & Binding	Roger Dunn Printing Inc.	4,636	
	Printing & Binding	Copy Central-Shattuck	3,696	
	Advertising	Saviorprint.Com	2,694	
	Printing & Binding	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	2,634	
		Other		35,142
	Other Purchased Services		Subtotal	\$438,717

Type	Description	Vendor Name	Amount
Rentals / Leases	Rental of Equipment / Vehicles	Ricoh Americas Corporation	\$25,544
	Rental of Office Equipment / Furniture	Pitney Bowes Credit Corp	10,980
	Rental of Office Equipment / Furniture	US Bancorp	1,766
	Rental of Equipment / Vehicles	Pinnacle Document System	1,411
	Rental of Office Equipment / Furniture	Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	1,202
	Rental of Land / Buildings	American Library Assn	625
	Rental of Office Equipment / Furniture	Sharp Electronics Corporation	587
Rentals / Leases		Subtotal	\$42,113
Mail Services	Postage	Pitney Bowes Reserve Account	\$22,000
	Messenger / Delivery	Tricor America Inc.	19,308
	Other		525
Mail Services		Subtotal	\$41,833
Supplies	Library Materials	Baker & Taylor, Inc.	\$172,348
	Library Materials	BWI/Book Wholesalers, Inc.	153,774
	Library Materials	Midwest Tape	112,192
	Library Materials	State Board of Equalization	57,880
	Library Materials	Midwest Library Service	53,897
	Library Materials	Gale Group	51,430
	Library Materials	Califa Group	37,019
	Field Supplies	Demco	28,482
	Field Supplies	Universal Building Service	26,000
	Library Materials	Proquest LLC	22,445
	Office Supplies	Office Depot Business Serv Div	19,425
	Library Materials	Bay Area Library & Info. Sys.	18,722
	Field Supplies	Califa Group	15,057
	Library Materials	Bowker	14,461
	Library Materials	Info USA Marketing, Inc.	14,420
	Library Materials	Music Library Service Company	13,610
	Field Supplies	Office Depot Business Serv Div	11,901
	Library Materials	Oxford Univ Press Inc	11,340
	Field Supplies	McMaster-Carr Supply	10,634
	Other		281,404
Supplies		Subtotal	\$1,126,442
Janitorial Servicing	Janitorial	Universal Building Service	\$106,797
	Janitorial	Township Building Services	37,211
Janitorial Servicing		Subtotal	\$144,008
Building	Building	Syserco, Inc.	\$8,471
	Building	Certapro Painters	6,090
	Other		2,653
Building		Subtotal	\$17,214
Property	Computers & Printers	Dell Marketing LP	\$37,697
	Computers & Printers	AMS.net, Inc	5,688
	Machinery & Equipment	Sharp Electronics Corporation	4,195
	Other		5,600
Property		Subtotal	\$53,180
Property < \$1,000	Computers Software Licenses <\$1K	CDW Government, Inc	\$7,647
	Small Equipment <\$1K	Dietrich,Mark	4,300
	Small Equipment <\$1K	CDW Government, Inc	4,240
	Small Equipment <\$1K	CDW-G	3,882
	Computers Software Licenses <\$1K	CDW-G	3,155
	Computers & Printers <\$1K	Dell Marketing LP	3,104
	Small Equipment <\$1K	Tech Depot	2,416
	Small Equipment <\$1K	Wells Fargo Merchant Services	2,203
	Computers Software Licenses <\$1K	Faronics Technologies USA Inc.	1,882
	Small Equipment <\$1K	Industrial Caster & Wheel	1,241
	Computers Software Licenses <\$1K	Citrix Systems, Inc.	923
	Computers & Printers <\$1K	CDW Government, Inc	817
	Other		9,466
Property < \$1,000		Subtotal	\$45,275
Debt Servicing		Subtotal	\$111,391
Adjustment to Year-end		Subtotal	\$54,902
FY09 - Vendor Purchases		Total	\$2,746,715



BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

INFORMATION CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees
FROM: Douglas Smith, Deputy Director of Library Services
SUBJECT: CENTRAL LIBRARY SPACE PLANNING STUDY

INTRODUCTION

The Central Library is a treasured Berkeley landmark. The community has demonstrated love for the facility through increased visitor and circulation counts, and through feedback both quantitative and qualitative collected by Library staff. This report provides an update and summary of the space planning project staff have undertaken to optimize the investment the Berkeley community has made in its downtown library, and to identify options for feasible customer improvements on the first three floors of the Kittredge Street facility.

FISCAL IMPACT

This report has no fiscal impacts. Implementation of specific recommendations will have fiscal impacts and will be brought to the Board.

BACKGROUND

Since reopening in early 2002 the Berkeley Public Library's Central Library has become a beloved downtown destination, heavily used by patrons numbering in the hundreds of thousands. Although in the years since its expansion, various onetime changes have been made to the location of some minor collections, the layout of the interior space of the Central Library remains essentially unchanged from what was developed a decade ago under the pressures of a tight construction timeline and patron expectations that differed from the present day. A comprehensive evaluation of the floor plan, patron wayfinding, furniture layout, placement of shelving, deployment of public computers, and service desk efficiencies has yet to be undertaken. Feedback from Library users—both informal and through survey instruments such as that used in 2008 for the Strategic Plan—as well as collection use statistics and staff observation have demonstrated a need to assess ways to ensure the best and most efficient use of the valued resource that is the Central Library and the space contained within its architectural program.

In 2008 the Library Board of Trustees approved a Strategic Plan that establishes the foundation for the provision of Library services to the community. Foundational principles identified in the Plan which relate directly to the Central Library include:

- Berkeley residents visit the Central Library to have quick and easy access to the wide variety of materials and information they need from their Library.

- The Central Library is a community destination, where citizens seek a welcoming, safe, functional, and comfortable environment, and within which collections are accessible, service points are user-friendly, navigation is uncomplicated.
- The Library provides lifelong learning and learning support—opportunities for self-directed learning and connections to formal learning programs through its multifaceted collections, dedicated spaces, and skilled staff.
- Patrons look to the Central Library's electronic resources, in particular its public access computers, as a means of quick and convenient access to online information and communications, and to bridge the digital divide caused by economic disparities in the community.
- The Library is viewed as an important resource for youth services, and a hub of activity for children, teens, and their guardians.

The strategic planning process included community surveys, focus groups, public forums, and staff work sessions. It was with these principles in mind that the decision to begin a customer improvements study of Central was made by Library management.

In November 2008 the Library contracted with Library consulting firm Page and Moris LLC to assist with a usability study of the first three floors of the Kittredge Building. A steering committee of Central Library staff from a variety of classifications and work assignments launched the project and undertook a public input process including surveys and focus groups. Working with the committee, the Page and Moris team developed and refined floor plan proposals over a series of work sessions. In early 2009 the Library's Deputy Director led presentations of the ongoing space planning developments to the Library Council and Library Management Team, and the final study was printed in August.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

A Library survey has shown that many patrons of the neighborhood branch libraries intend to use Central while their home branch is closed for renovation in the coming years. This anticipated increase in visitation as a result of branch library closures, coupled with the extant increases exemplified by a 21% increase in circulation since 2007, indicate the need to implement changes to improve seating availability, public computer numbers, service desk and collection locations. A public workshop, in which a presentation of the space planning study and the suggested layout schemes was made by the project consultants and the Library's Deputy Director on September 21, 2009. A widely positive response was heard from the attendees as further public comment was gathered and questions answered.

Library staff will now evaluate individual recommendations within the study to select specific improvements that provide the most cost-effective solutions to the challenges presented by current and anticipated future use patterns, and which conform to the values and objectives contained within the Berkeley Public Library Strategic Plan.

FUTURE ACTION

Updates on proposed Central Library layout changes which are aspects of the study will be presented to the Board of Library Trustees as needed at future meetings.

Attachments:

1. Berkeley Public Library Annual Report to the Berkeley City Council



BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

INFORMATION CALENDAR

October 14, 2009

TO: Board of Library Trustees
FROM: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
SUBJECT: OCTOBER 2009 MONTHLY REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

INTRODUCTION

Every month the Library Director gives the Board a report on Library activities and updates from the previous month.

FISCAL IMPACT

This report will have no fiscal impacts.

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND COLLECTIONS

Among the many library programs held in September and early October was the national recognition of Banned books week. BPL held a read-aloud on the Central Library steps on September 28th of books banned in various states and venues.

A collaborative effort, under the management of Doug Smith, was launched as **Get Well! Alternative Practitioners Talk With You About Healing**. These programs are sponsored by Berkeley publisher North Atlantic Books, in partnership with Berkeley Public Library. The four-part symposia launch October 24th at Berkeley Public Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street in downtown Berkeley. All panels are from 2-4 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Community Meeting Room. The events are free and will feature short author presentations and readings, where practitioners describe their practice, theoretical framework, and basics of treatment. Audience questions will be followed by a book signing. All but three authors are Bay Area residents, with most having practices in Berkeley.

On Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Megan McArdle, Marti Morec, and Alan Bern attended the Green Book Fair and Business Recognition Event put on by the Sustainable Business Alliance, of which the Library is a member, and held in the ballroom of the newly renovated Hotel Shattuck Plaza, "Berkeley's newest 'green' venue." It was an opportunity to meet local green authors and 'gurus' in order to make connections, search out materials for purchase, discover new organizations with which to ally and spread the word through our community information database and our information handout areas in each library location. The Branch Renovation

Program offers the Library a significant opportunity to go green, and outreach to those with those same goals and interests supports that opportunity.

- Megan and Marti emphasized to visitors to the table that the Library is, by definition, a green institution in what we do – sharing and recycling books, giving them to the Friends to sell, etc. Note: they asked often if Central was a 'green' building.
- Megan created a book list called Public Library = GREEN!

Outdoor events were held at Central Library Plaza

Outdoor concert by the Dry Spells the eve of Sept. 15th, on the patio in front of Central Library. Autumn was welcomed in by this new band described in *Indiepit* as "hands-down the most gorgeous female vocal harmonies we've heard all year." Dry Spells Band includes our very own April Hayley.

Berkeley Public Library had another front steps performance: on September 22nd, 2009, Beeswax Magazine and Volta Press presented Books Unbound: a multimedia reading and performance that took place outdoors on the steps of the Berkeley Public Library. Staff organizer was Dayna Holz.

PERSONNEL

Personnel Board Petition

As a follow-up to the process initiated by the board in July 2009, the City Manager filed a petition on behalf of the Library requesting a change in the representation unit for Library Services Manager, Circulation Services Manager, and Library Information Systems Administrator from Professional (P1) to Management (M). In accordance with the Employer-Employee Relations Resolution, the Personnel Board makes representation unit modifications. A public hearing was scheduled to review this matter during the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting on October 5, 2009. Jenifer Shurson and Donna Corbeil attended and spoke on the issue. The board approved the request unanimously.

Trustee Vacancy

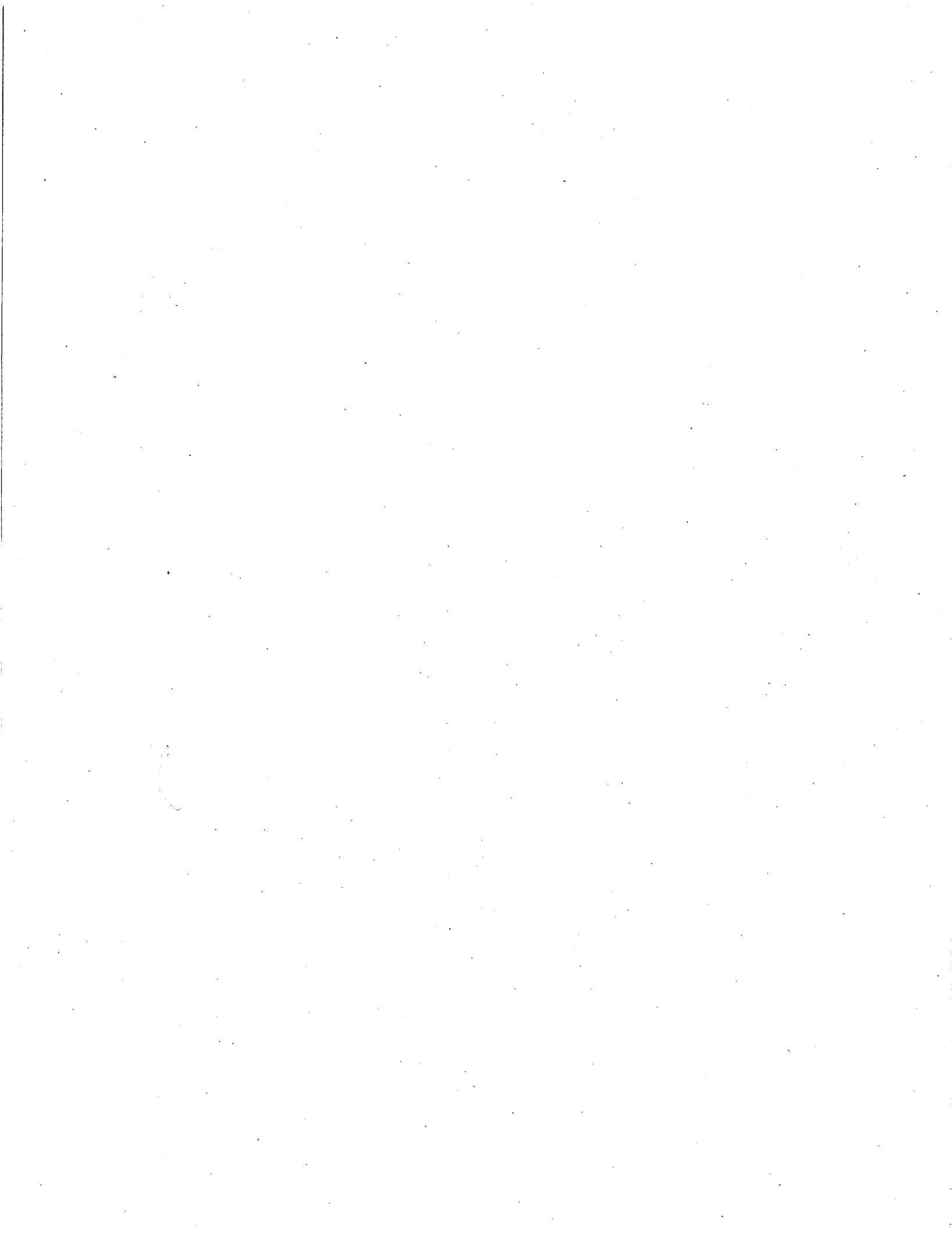
The Library has produced and distributed a flyer announcing the upcoming vacancy. In addition, a paid ad has been placed in the Daily Planet for two weeks in October. Applicants may submit forms online through the City's website.

FACILITIES

Staff has initiated an effort to reduce the spread of germs during the upcoming flu season. Maintenance has installed multiple hand-sanitizer dispensers in the staff and public areas at Central. The automatic dispensers are motion activated and consist of an alcohol-based foam which dissipates quickly leaving no messy residue. Initial feedback from staff and public has been positive. Maintenance plans to move ahead with installation of these dispensers at the Branches over the next couple of weeks. Staff was provided with information regarding the use of new sanitizer along with instructions to wipe down equipment at shared and personal work stations (mouse, keyboard, phone etc.) prior to use with disinfecting wipes. Maintenance is currently working with our own IT division to determine best methods for cleaning items subject to a heavy amount of public contact like computer keyboards and headsets. Additionally, they have contacted our janitorial service to discuss the possibility of intensifying cleaning efforts for certain hot spots (hand rails, table tops, door handles etc.).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Staffing Report



Directors Report Attachment 1

Staffing Report: 10/06/09

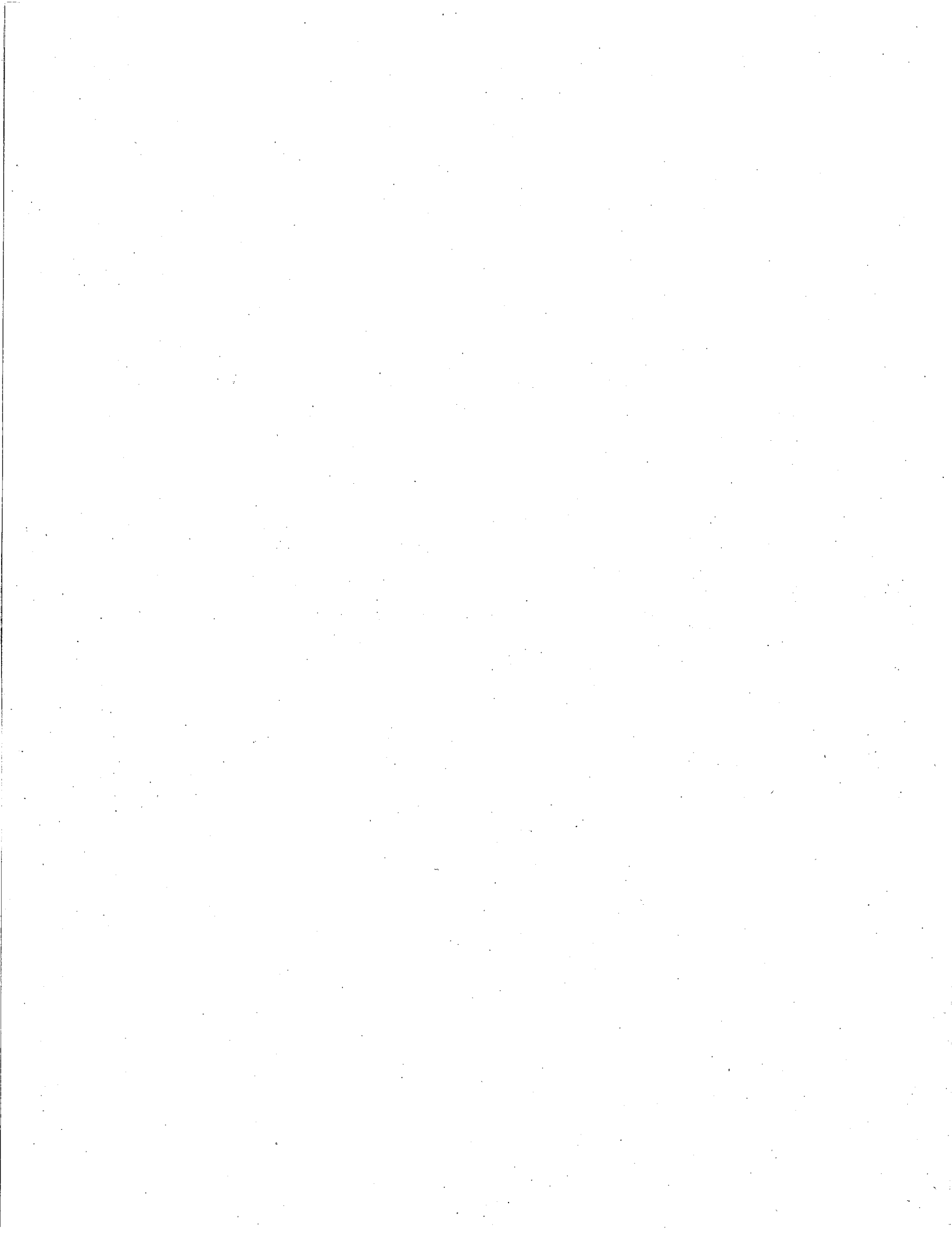
Current vacancies in the Library include;

(2) 15-hr Library Aide positions. (Claremont/North) Library Aide recruitment to run 10/13/09 thru 11/2/09. Written exam to be scheduled for mid to late November. Supervisors are using AP hrs as needed to backfill vacancies until new list established and interviews conducted.

(1) 40-hr Supervising Librarian at North. This position is currently being filled by David Howd on a temporary basis. Open competitive recruitment to run from 10/13/09 thru 11/9/09 providing us with the additional opportunity to recruit candidates at CLA. No exam required but will be rating supplemental questionnaires.

(1) 40-hr Librarian I/II in Reference. Current Librarian I/II eligible lists valid thru 8/2010. We will be conducting interviews to fill this on a temporary basis (NTE 6 mos) mid October.

(2) 20-hr Library Specialist II in Reference. Mgmt and staff are still considering possible staffing configurations. Currently vacant hours are being backfilled filled on an as needed basis as determined by the supervisor and schedulers.



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Berkeley residents can get library renovation questions answered at community meetings

By Kristin Bender
Oakland Tribune

Posted: 09/13/2009 12:01:00 AM PDT

BERKELEY — During the next four to six years, each of the city's four branch libraries will be closed for several months, possibly a year or more, while the buildings are made earthquake safe, handicapped accessible and much better looking.

Ten months ago, 68 percent of Berkeley voters approved Measure FF, a \$26 million bond measure that will increase property taxes by \$19 to \$27 annually over 30 years to pay for branch library improvements. Library officials since have been interviewing and hiring architects and a building manager and setting up community meetings, which will start this week.

"In an economic climate like this, we are very fortunate to have the money to do this, and we are very, very conscious of that," said Berkeley community relations librarian Alan Bern. "Everybody wants to know, 'Are we spending the money responsibly?'"

At the meetings, which will run into October, community members can share ideas, meet the architects, learn about the scopes of the projects and ask questions, Bern said.

It has not been decided which of the four branches — West, South, North or Claremont — will close first.

Library officials don't know how long it will take to bring each branch up to code, restore and refurbish historic features, and add space. Those details are expected to be decided within a few months.

Renovation of the Berkeley Central Library several years ago took 3 1/2 years, 18 months over schedule because of construction issues, Bern said. That library is much larger than the branches, however, and the project was more complex.

"I would say we are talking four to six years for all the work at all the branches if we don't run into some major problems," Bern said. "Some branches are more complex than others. North Branch is a historic landmark, so we are dealing with that."

Bern said library officials are trying to work out how to keep the Tool Lending Library at the South Branch open during renovation.

One thing is for certain: The branch libraries are in bad shape.

At Berkeley's North Branch library, the 70-year-old flooring is called "battleship linoleum" because it looks as if it has been through a war. At the Tool Lending Library, one cramped room holds more than 5,800 rental tools. At the seismically unsafe South Branch, there are floods each winter, and six to eight people share one desk, library officials said. The West Branch, more than 85 years old, is decaying from pests and rot.

Most of the branches have not been renovated for more than 30 years, and last summer's Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan study shows that buildings are overcrowded, structurally unsafe and lack handicapped accessibility and the infrastructure to meet future technology needs.

In the spring, the Board of Library Trustees and the

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City Council approved Architectural Resources Group in association with Tom Eliot Fisch as the architectural design team for North Branch and Field Paoli as the architectural design team for South Branch and Tool Lending Library, library officials said. Later this month, the council is expected to decide on the architects for the Claremont and West branches, Bern said.

While bond money will be used only for renovations, the Berkeley Public Library Foundation has launched a \$3 million capital campaign to buy furniture, fixtures and equipment for each branch.

"Within just a few years, Berkeley will have safe, accessible and modern neighborhood libraries for the new millennium," said City Councilmember Darryl Moore, who also is president of the library board.

For updates on the branch projects, check bulletin boards in neighborhood branches or online at visit www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/about_the_library/b-renovation.php. To receive e-mail updates, contact Bern at alb2@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

If you go Who: Berkeley Library officials and architects for South and North branch improvements
What: Community meetings
Where and when: South Branch, 1901 Russel Street, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday; North Branch, 11709 The Alameda, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sept. 23.

Advertisement

Calendar

calendar@dailycal.org

Tuesday, September 15

WHAT FILM SCREENING The Pacific Film Archive screens Shirley Clarke's "Portrait of Jason" as part of the showcase Alternative Visions.

WHEN 7:30 p.m.

WHERE Pacific Film Archive Theater, UC Berkeley.

COST \$9.50 general. \$5.50 for UC Berkeley students.

CONTACT 510-642-5249

Wednesday, September 16

WHAT LECTURE Walter Mondale speaks at the Sibley Auditorium in an event sponsored by the Blum Center for Developing Economies.

WHEN 3 p.m.

WHERE Bechtel Engineering Center, UC Berkeley.

COST Free.

CONTACT 510-643-5316

WHAT CONCERT The Arctic Monkeys play the Fox Theater in Oakland.

WHEN 8 p.m.

WHERE 1807 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

COST \$27

CONTACT 510-548-3030

Calendar listings may be submitted as follows: fax (510-849-2803), e-mail (calendar@dailycal.org) or in person (sixth floor Eshleman Hall, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Always include contact name and phone number along with date, day, time, location and price (if applicable) of event. Placement is not guaranteed. Events that do not directly relate to UC Berkeley students or Berkeley residents will not be listed.

Corrections

Last Tuesday's op-ed "State of the State: Student's Perspective" incorrectly stated that more than 300,000 UC students receive Cal Grants every year. In fact, 46,000 UC students received Cal Grants last year.

Last Friday's article "Students, Faculty Protest UC Budget Cuts" incorrectly identified Susan Li as the external vice president of the UC Students Association. In fact, she is the external vice president of the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association.

Monday's sports column "Two Big Wins Reveal Little About Cal" incorrectly stated that the Cal football team was winless in away games in 2008. In fact, the Bears defeated Washington State on the road last season.

Monday's article "UC Students May

CRACKDOWN: Police Join Forces to Curb Partying

FROM FRONT

12-passenger van to transport individuals causing disruptions. Complaints were relayed to the command vehicle, located at Parker Street and Hillegass Avenue. Officers were then sent to the locations of the disturbances.

The program, which was funded by the Cal Athletics Department, only dealt with post-game partying rather than pre-game partying, according to Yao.

From the end of the game until 2 a.m., police issued nine citations and eight Field Interview cards, and arrested one student for drunkenness, according to police reports. Students who were issued a citation or Field Interview card could be subject to action by the Student Conduct Review Board.

Yao said the program was a success because UCPD got positive feedback.

"Our goal has always been two-fold: To educate the residents about what is acceptable ... and to minimize the negative impacts on the community," Yao said.

Complaints raised in recent years may have to do with the increased number of night games. According to George Beier, president of the Willard Neighborhood Association, the impact of student partying is greater when students can start drinking earlier in the day.

"The neighborhood would just rock," Beier said.

Beier noticed a difference in the level of student partying due to the use of the program.

"We very much appreciate what the university is doing," Beier said. "(Game day activities are) a wonderful part of student life, but there are limits to what the neighborhood can take."

Party Safe at Cal coordinator Karen Hughes heard about the pilot program during the Maryland game and decided to observe student experiences with the mobile command center. She felt the vehicle was useful in that it served as a "big visual reminder for students of the alcohol policies they can be held accountable to."

Hughes said the program is a positive tool for raising awareness about the impact partying has on neighborhoods but noted that student partying can be just as problematic to the nearby community on nights without football and felt that further initiative focusing on all nights would benefit the community.

Although the program was not employed for the second home game against Eastern Washington University, Berkeley Police and UCPD plan to use the program at the next home game versus the University of Southern California on October 2.

Lawrence Lab Reviews Sites for

by **Hannah Edwards**
Contributing Writer

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory officials are currently in the early stages of locating new spaces in Emeryville for its Earth Sciences Division and a potential biofuel technology project.

The new spaces would be used to house administrative offices and research space for the division, which is currently spread among six different locations throughout Berkeley.

An additional facility space is being sought for the potential biofuel research, which is currently awaiting approval for federal stimulus funds, officials said.

If approved, the research would be conducted by the Joint BioEnergy Institute—a partnership among the lab, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, the Carnegie Institution for Science, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories.

Initial media reports said locations in the East Bay, such as Richmond and Alameda, were under consideration.

But Lynn Yarris, a spokesperson for the Berkeley lab, said the field of potential host cities had been narrowed down to the city of Emeryville

because it offered several attractive locations with much of the necessary infrastructure already installed.

Laura Crosby, a contract administrator at the lab, said ten offers from prospective landlords are currently being reviewed.

A final decision about where to place the approximately 93,000 square feet of needed space for the research facilities can only be made after an inspection of potential locations ensures that a candidate meets the necessary criteria for the lab, she said.

The lab is currently supported by the U.S. Department of Energy, but negotiations for the new spaces will be handled entirely by the lab.

Beyond research opportunities and increased efficiency, Crosby said the biofuel research would also create additional green-economy jobs in the local community if it is approved.

For the Earth Science Division's relocation, Yarris said facilities like the one that hosts the institute are good examples of top-line facilities already located in the city.

"The Earth Science Division wants to put all of its people in a single, more modern building (which is) a state-of-the-art facility," Yarris said.

He added that no plans have recently been made for present facilities which would be vacated if 78,000

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Meetings to Discuss Library Renovations Begin Thursday

Within the next four to six years, Berkeley's four library branches will close for renovations to make them more earthquake safe and handicapped accessible, an initiative that will be discussed at a series of community meetings that begin this Thursday.

The Berkeley Public Library will be holding the meetings—the first of which is this Thursday—at which residents can meet the architects and give their feedback on the renovations.

"We've had some people say they didn't want the renovation to happen, but we're having many meetings and we have a responsible community that will give us great ideas," said Alan Bern, Berkeley community relations librarian.

The renovations were paid for with the passage of Measure FF in November 2008, which increases property taxes

over 30 years and provides \$26 million for branch library improvements.

However, anything beyond structural changes, such as new equipment, will be funded by the Berkeley Public Library Foundation, a campaign aiming to raise up to \$4 million for such purposes.

Bern stated that the goals of the renovations are to bring the buildings up to safety and accessibility standards.

"These buildings have never been renovated in a structural way, so when we renovate the buildings, we're trying to save lives, not the building, that's your logical goal," he said.

The Architectural Resources Group in association with Tom Eliot Fisch will be the design team for the North Branch, and design team Field Paoli will work on the South Branch. The firms for the West and Claremont branches will be determined later this month.

The first of the meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. at the South Branch.

—Allie Bidwell

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through this hard time?

Any amount will help and may be just what we need to continue to bring you the news that you won't get anywhere else. To donate, or to just read the news of the day, go to www.fsrn.org

For those of you with more means than most, you might want to sponsor one day of FSRN news, which costs approximately \$2600. And if you are really blessed with lots of money, \$30,000 would fill our current gap and get us safely to Oct. 15, when we are expecting another payment from Pacifica.

Susan da Silva
FSRN Board Member

OBATA BUILDING

Editors, Daily Planet:

Thanks to Richard Brenneman and the Planet for covering the endless "reconstruction" torment of long-time residents in the old Obata building ("Fate of Historic Building," Sept. 17). The attention of elected officials, neighborhood activists, and community press is of vital importance in the asymmetrical landlord-tenant legal arena.

For the sake of tens of thousands who began renting their homes in this century, it is important to correct the statement that "the state legislature abolished rent control" in 1999. If memory serves, rent limitations were gradually moved from the rental unit to the unit renter by the 1995 legislation by Rep. Costa (D-Fresno); in other words, an initial rent may be set by the landlord for each new tenant, but then rent, and often more importantly, eviction, protections are fully in effect.

Jeff Jordan

AFGHAN NARCOTICS

Editors, Daily Planet:

True, I am not an economist. I am curious though. Afghanistan has not been conquered since Alexander the Great. We are now engaged monetarily, militarily in what looks like a no win.

Narcotic crops support the Taliban. Growth of poppies are definitely not in our interest. Suppose we offer to pay poppy farmers the same as they get for growing poppies, to not grow poppies. They don't lose income. It costs us much less than the cost of military presence, and the lives of our young soldiers.

The Afghan farmers then would be free to grow food crops, which would bring added income to them.

We save lives, money, and improve the Afghan standard of living.

Harry Gans

BIKE HELMETS

Editors, Daily Planet:

Why you should wear a bike helmet: here you are, slowly riding your bike on a quiet street, in the bike lane. A car suddenly turns right, in front of you, not noticing you, and you are whacked to the ground. Your head hits the curb. You are injured; you may have a concussion. If your spine is damaged, you may be paralyzed. A skull fracture may mean you are dead. Of course it is the distracted driver's fault, but you are the one injured! That's why bike riders should wear helmets!

Colleen Houlihan

HELMET-FREE

Editors, Daily Planet:

At least George Rose has clarified what at least one helmet-free rider wants on his tombstone: "I love to feel the wind in my hair."

Carol Denney

RADIATION SAFETY AT LBNL

Editors, Daily Planet:

Strange things are happening in Radia-

tion Safety at LBNL. One would think that at this level laboratory, topnotch people are handling radiation safety. Apparently there is not the case. There is no Certified Health Physicist in LBNL Radiation Protection Group and there is no one on staff with appropriate education and experience.

Radiation Safety Technologists are filling the role of Health Physicists and Radiation Safety Manager (RSO) has no Health Physics degree and only few years of experience. The RSO position was currently advertised. The requirements specified for this position were M.S. degree and three years of experience. This was in strong contrast with the other posted positions. For example the requirements stated for Health Physicist who reports to RSM are: Advanced degree in Health Physics or related field and 7-10 years of applicable experience; a BS and 15 years experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Actually the requirements for the top position in Radiation Protection at LBNL did match the requirements for a junior Industrial Hygienist in the same Environment, Health and Safety Division. In times when governments are strapped for money it seems strange that LBNL is willing to pay managerial salary to someone with three years of experience.

I wonder what comments LBNL management might have on this issue.

Krzysztof Szornel
Oakland

BERKELEY CONCERTS

Editors, Daily Planet:

I consider myself blessed to have attended hundreds of concerts in my lifetime and to have heard world famous musicians perform in magnificent concert halls—San Francisco, New York, London, Vienna and Rome. If I appear to be boasting, I mention all of the above for a reason. I'm contrasting these concerts with the one I attended this past Sunday evening in the modest, unpretentious Berkeley Fellowship Church at Cedar and Bonita Street. This program was unlike any I've ever attended.

Called "The Seventh Annual Family and Friends Concert," the concert was organized by Debbie Carton and her mother, Joy Kawaguchi, both accomplished musicians. Debbie is an Art & Music Librarian at the Berkeley Public Library, where she plans and presents concerts. Her mother, Joy, has played with several community orchestras. Debbie's adorable 10 year-old son, Tom Ronningen, plays the flute; her lovely daughter, Audrey, a junior at Albany High School, is a violinist. She also has a brother, a flutist, who could not attend.

Another family performing that evening was the Yamamoto family—Satoko Yamamoto and her sons, Albert, a 12-year-old violinist/pianist and Nathan, viola virtuoso, a senior at Marin Academy in San Rafael.

Mother and sons added much to the program.

I think you understand now why the program was described as a "Family and Friends Concert." Here we have musicians who have played together since childhood for the sheer pleasure of sharing their passion for music. Debbie modestly claims to be an amateur musician, but those hearing her play a Handel sonata and Bach's Prelude in F minor think differently. And the Yamamotos' dual rendition of Fritz Kreisler's "Tambourin Chinois" and a Handel Viola concerto was nothing short of brilliant.

To sum up that unique and intimate performance Sunday evening, played to an overflow audience—it was clearly the joy of playing together as families that gave such meaning to the evening's program. I look forward to "The 8th Annual Family and Friends Concert."

I should mention that Debbie's pas-

sion for music is equalled by her love of theatre, as evidenced by her class, "Playreading for Adults," held every Wednesday in the Fourth Floor Story Room at the Berkeley Public Library from noon to 1 p.m. The play currently being read and discussed is *Madwoman of Chailior*. I ask you, could there be a better way to spend one's lunch hour?

Dorothy Snodgrass

ACORN

Editors, Daily Planet:

I hope you will agree that the right's gleeful attack on ACORN is really an attack on anyone who dares to stand up for the victims of this economy, especially if they are black. Now is the time to stand with ACORN, and to shame the right! They are also asking for donations to offset the loss of federal funds. It seems to me that it is a mark of ACORN's importance that they have been subjected to this sort of scrutiny and attack.

Jane Easley

POLICE IN TRAFFIC COURT

Editors, Daily Planet:

Why were five Berkeley Police Officers sitting in traffic court for two hours? Or better yet, why were we, the citizens of Berkeley, paying for five Berkeley Police Officers to sit in traffic court for two hours this morning?

This past spring finally the city wisely ended their policy of paying five or six police officers to stand guard in front of MRS (marine recruiting station) doors protecting military recruiters—who are getting highly paid (by us) to ensnare our youth into the violent web of cannon fodder for our empire—from a handful of CodePINK women protesting their violent presence in our peace-loving city.

Yet today, five of those same police officers appeared in traffic court with the main honcho of the MRS, the captain, and sat for two hours waiting for what they thought was an infraction case to be heard.

An infraction. Traffic court. In case we have forgotten as some seem to have forgotten, an infraction is a minor violation of the law which carries no jail time or hefty fine but merely a ticket and/or fine if found guilty.

This is a priority for our police in this day of budget crisis and dwindling funds?

And why were the police sitting cozily with the military? The very same military that has not stopped training our youth to become killers as we keep our troops in Iraq, escalate troops in Afghanistan, and increase killing in Pakistan?

Why were the police not sitting on the other side, with the citizens of Berkeley?

Maybe these upside down, inside out priorities are but a poor reflection of our larger society, but I would expect and hold Berkeley to higher standards and priorities that reflect our long-standing, elevated core values of peace, sanctuary, equity, love, anti-war we mostly all hold so dear here.

Xan (Zanne) Sam Joi

CHEVRON

Editors, Daily Planet:

I see that Chevron was the No. 2 greenhouse gas emitter in the Bay Area in 2009. Maybe a little background on Chevron is in order.

Chevron is the fifth largest corporation in the world with \$263 billion in 2008 revenues. In 2008, Chevron's affected communities came together to create *The True Cost of Chevron: An Alternative Annual Report*, released by Global Exchange at Chevron's 2009 annual shareholder meeting. It reveals a corporation with a consistent pattern of using its vast financial and political weight to operate with blatant disrespect for the health, security, economic livelihood, safety, and environment of far too many communities within which it operates.

The report details gross human rights

abuses by the company in Burma and Nigeria; environmental and public health devastation in California, Alaska, Mississippi, New York, New Jersey, Angola, Canada, Chad, Cameroon, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, and the Philippines; participation in a war for oil in Iraq; and great political and consumer price manipulation throughout the U.S. and globally.

I for one do not patronize Texaco/Chevron. Texaco was an independent company until it merged into Chevron Corp. in 2001.

Ralph E. Stone
San Francisco

A LOCAL SCAM

Editors, Daily Planet:

Some young men claiming to be students from San Francisco State University Communications Department were raising money in the following way, going door to door.

This is the scam: If contributors buy subscriptions to magazines, they will be sent to hospitals or to soldiers overseas. You can choose who gets the magazine, maybe children in hospitals. This donation is tax deductible. The students get credits towards going on a trip to London.

It turns out that none of this is true. The students are not in that department. The money is a standard magazine subscription, perhaps, but it is not tax deductible. There is no sense in which it is a donation.

The magazine company prints a form that says that these are not their agents, and that this is not a charitable donation. It isn't clear how they make money since the checks are made out to the magazine supplier in Georgia.

The important thing to do if they come to your door is to read the fine print and call the police in such a way that the police come before they leave.

Arianna Doxis

RACISM

Editors, Daily Planet:

Racism has not moved into the past. It is only harder to spot now, as people are more careful in what they say and think; one senses it lurking around every corner. Conservatives and Republicans insist "racism is over." Tell that to the legion of Rep. Joe Wilson followers and think-alikes.

Americans are deluding themselves, in denial, if they think racial prejudice is a thing of the past! Look at the volume and viciousness of the attacks being leveled against our president of color under the guise of health care debate.

Racism is far from dead. Racist behavior has declined but racist attitudes have not. And racial hatred is no longer just a product of the South; it exists and infects every city and town in America.

White supremacy and power is deeply ingrained in a portion of the American psyche. Bigots and conservative white folk are not happy about giving up the power they've held for so long.

Ron Lowe
Nevada City

BUS PASSES FOR SENIORS

Editors, Daily Planet:

I am urging the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District to pressure both the state and federal government for more money so they can lower the price of the bus pass for both the seniors and disabled. Twenty dollars is just too much for both of them to handle because they had to make a choice of either a bus pass or buying food. That is not right. The majority of both the seniors and disabled are loyal bus passengers.

They use the bus as their only transportation. As a result, they are fighting global warming. So in conclusion, I am urging the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District to demand more money from both the state and federal government so they can lower the price of the bus pass for both seniors and disabled.

Billy Trice, Jr.
Oakland

OBITUARIES

■ **Earline "Lee" Bock**, 64, media specialist at Pulaski (Wis.) School District's Glenbrook Elementary School, died March 26 of lymphoma. She was also author of the children's book *Oh, Grumps!*, a puppeteer with Kokopelli Puppet Theatre, and an adjunct instructor at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh.

■ **Jody (Margaret Ann) Bush**, 72, deputy director of Berkeley (Calif.) Public Library until her 1999 retirement, died June 14 of lung and soft tissue cancer. Her career included stints in Washington, D.C., and Providence, Rhode Island; activities included starting a librarians' union, establishing a bookmobile, and advocating for library accessibility, ESL and adult literacy, inclusion of gay literature, taking books into prisons for inmates, and diversity on library staffs.

■ **Bea Evans**, 92, ALA deputy executive director in 1973-84, died May 9. She also served as executive secretary of ALA's Library Administration Division, and as a librarian with the U.S. Army and the State Library of Michigan.

■ **Lillie Mae Harris Fincher**, 75, immediate past president of the Birmingham (Ala.) Public Library Board of Trustees, died June 15.

She had served as trustee since 1999 and president of the board in 2006-2008.

■ **Miriam Lee Hilton**, 43, reference librarian at Dayton (Ohio) Metro Library, died suddenly May 13.

■ **Margaret Taylor Lane**, 90, who served for many years as recorder of documents for the State of Louisiana and as a law librarian, died May 10. The Louisiana Library Association named an award in her honor to recognize excellence in the field of government information.

■ **Edward Connery Latham**, 82, Dartmouth College dean of libraries emeritus, died May 15. He wrote more than 30 books and edited works by poet Robert Frost. Latham served as president of the Association of Research Libraries in 1976-77 and was a trustee of the Dr. Seuss Foundation from 1985 until his death.

■ **Barry Levine**, trustee of Homer Township (Ill.) Public Library, died April 29. He received the Illinois Library Association's Trustee of the Year award in 2001 and the Alexander J. Skrzypek Award for outstanding contribution to advancement of library service for blind and physically

disabled individuals in 2004.

■ **James Joseph Michael**, 81, Data Research Associates vice president emeritus, died May 20. He was named Fellow of the National Information Standards Organization in 1995.

■ **Margaret M. Nichols**, 92, a children's librarian in Tucson, Arizona, for more than 20 years, died March 22 of congestive heart failure and COPD. She was a lifetime member of ALA and served on the Caldecott Committee in 1983.

■ **Regina Ann Sinclair**, 59, who served as preservation librarian at the University of Missouri at Columbia, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and the University of Iowa in Iowa City, died April 30.

■ **Paul Wasserman**, 85, founding dean of the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies, died May 8. He held the deanship from 1965 until 1970, when he returned to a full-time faculty position. Wasserman was inducted into the Special Libraries Association Hall of Fame in 2007.

■ **Opal Ziemer**, 91, a children's librarian at Dearborn (Mich.) Public Library for 39 years until her 1983 retirement, died June 5.

■ **Deborah White** is new youth services librarian at Meridian-Lauderdale County (Miss.) Public Library.

■ **Judy R. Williams**, library director at the American School of Quito, Ecuador, left in July to return to Connecticut.

■ **Barbara Winters** has left Marshall University in Huntington, West Virgin-

ia, after nine years as dean of libraries.

AT ALA

■ **Casey Bayer** was appointed production editor for ALA Publishing June 16.

■ **Katharine Fronk** was promoted to ALA Graphics coordinator June 1.

■ **Amy Cellman** became program officer for continuing education for the

Young Adult Library Services Association May 18.

■ **Susan Hornung** became executive director of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies and the Reference and User Services Association July 27.

■ **June 15 Mare Huber** joined the Development Office as assistant director.


■ **May 28 Chris Keech** was promoted to managing editor of production services for ALA Publishing.

■ **July 17 Jennifer Palmer**, senior production editor for ALA Publishing, including *AL*, left ALA.

■ **Louisa Worthington**, manager of communications for the Public Library Association, left ALA June 25. ■

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Shaping the Future of Your Neighborhood Library



**Planning Your
South Branch Library Renovation**
Meet the Architects Field Paoli

Thursday, September 17th
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Meeting will be held at South Branch Library @ 1901 Russell Street

Thursday, October 1st
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Meeting will be held at South Branch Library @ 1901 Russell Street

Wednesday, October 14th
7:00 PM
Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Meeting will be held at South Branch Library @ 1901 Russell Street

Planning Your North Branch Library Renovation
Meet the Architects Architectural Resources Group
w/ Tom Eliot Fisch

Wednesday, September 23rd
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Meeting will be held at North Branch Library @ 1170 The Alameda

Wednesday, October 7
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Meeting will be held at North Branch Library @ 1170 The Alameda

Tuesday, October 20
7:00 PM
Special Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Meeting will be held at North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue (at Martin Luther King Jr. Way)

Please come and share ideas, meet the design firms, learn about the projects' scopes, and ask questions. We value your input!

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2468 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 94704
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 - Noah's Bagels
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 - North Berkeley Senior Center
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1855 Solano Avenue
and
2349 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, 94704
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 - The Vault Café and Restaurant
3250 Adeline Street, Berkeley, 94703
(Cross street: Harmon)
 - Walgreens
2801 Adeline Street, Berkeley, 94703
 - Well Grounded Tea & Coffee Bar
6927 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito, 94530
 - West Berkeley Senior Center
1900 Sixth Street, Berkeley, 94710
 - Westside Bakery Café
2570 Ninth Street, Berkeley, 94710
 - YWCA
2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 94704
(Cross street: Bowditch)

State, PG&E Pick Berkeley High for Green Energy Program

By RIYA BHATTACHARJEE

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell was in Berkeley Wednesday to announce the names of five California public high schools—including Berkeley High—selected for a new "green energy" partnership academy pilot program that seeks to train students in clean energy technologies.

A partnership between the California Department of Education and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the three-year program seeks to effectively prepare students for job opportunities in the rapidly expanding energy sector as well as provide them with an academically rigorous learning experience that has a "real-world" focus.

O'Connell was joined in the Berkeley High School Library around 10:30 a.m. by California Public Utilities Commission President Michael R. Peevey, PG&E Vice President Ophelia Basgal, Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates and his wife, Sen. Loni Hancock, Berkeley Unified School District Superintendent Bill Huyett and Berkeley Board of Education President Nancy Riddle.

Representatives from the four other schools selected—Edison High School in Fresno, Foothill High School in Sacramento, Independence High School in Bakersfield and Venture Academy in Stockton—were also present at the event.

The New Energy Academy is designed to provide energy career

education to at-risk students who might otherwise not have the opportunity.

The green energy academy, which is also being supported by the non-profit CaliforniaALL, will be Berkeley High's seventh small school.

Berkeley High Principal Jim Slemp told the Daily Planet that the state Department of Education and PG&E had approached the school last spring about the program.

Slemp said the new academy would have an entirely different curriculum from the School for Social Justice and Economy, a Berkeley High small school that focuses on justice issues surrounding the environment.

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Council Raises Parking Meter Rates, Adds Meters, Sets Affordable Housing Push

By J. DOUGLAS ALLEN-TAYLOR

In a short-agenda meeting Tuesday night where controversy was notably absent, the Berkeley City Council unanimously agreed to an across-the-board 25-cent-per-hour increase in parking meter rates, added 420 new parking meter locations around the city, and set an Oct. 27 date to begin a series of council discussions and action on how to increase the amount of affordable housing in the city.

Meanwhile, following the meeting, City Manager Phil Kamartz said that he expected the City Council would be holding discussions in two weeks in both public and closed sessions over filling the long-vacant post of city attorney. Assistant City Attorney

Zach Cowan has been serving as acting city attorney since October of 2007, when former City Attorney Manuela Albuquerque resigned. In June of 2008, the Daily Planet reported that Kamartz told Mayor Tom Bates and several councilmembers that he would begin a national search to find a permanent replacement for Albuquerque following that month's passage of the city budget.

In Tuesday night's parking decisions, the increase in parking meter rates from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hour, which will take effect Nov. 15, is expected to raise \$1.1 million a year. The increase is expected in part to offset a \$300,000 per year decline in parking meter revenue the city is attributing to the national economic woes.


Several councilmembers indicated they were passing the increase "reluctantly," with Gordon Wozniak saying that it was preferable to cutting city services mid-year. Darryl Moore asked staff members "non-rhetorically" if the rate increase could be rescinded once the economy recovers, with Laurie Capitelli saying that "maybe we should raise rates for this fiscal year only and then come back to reconsider it next year," adding that "it would be revolutionary for a city to roll back parking rates." Several councilmembers indicated that even though they felt the increase was necessary for the time being, Berkeley's parking rates put the city at a business competitive disadvantage to neigh-

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The recruitment will close on October 23, 2009, with interviews in early November 2009.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

Berkeley Film Foundation
Giant winners honored at 6 p.m. at the Fantasy Building, 2600 Tenth St. Donation \$100 benefits the Berkeley Film Foundation. filmberkeley.com

Jane Goodall "Reason for Hope" in a benefit for International Child Resource, at 8 p.m. at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. Reception at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$200. 800-838-3006. brownpaperickets.com

Berkeley Path Wanderers
Annual Meeting with Zee McDonald, founder and director of the Felidae Conservation Fund for the protection of big cats, at 7 p.m. at Berkeley Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St. www.berkeleypath.org

Celebrating 50 Years of Free Speech Readings from banned books with Mollie Kalen, Marissa Moss, Elisa Kleven David, Nancy Gomes and others at 7 p.m. at www.berkeleypath.org

Berkeley Public Library Branch Renovation Program
Come share ideas, meet the architects, and learn about the projects' scopes at 6:30 p.m. at South Branch, 1901 Russell St. at MLK. E. Way. www.berkeley-publiclibrary.org

"Rational Empire and the Cuban Five" with Dr. Michael Parenti at 7 p.m. at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita. Donation \$10-\$15. 219-0092.

Circle of Concern Vigil meets on West Lawn of UC campus across from Addison and Oxford, Thurs. at noon and Sun. at 1 p.m. to oppose UC weapons abs contracts. 848-8025.

Fitness Class for 55+ at 9:15 a.m. at Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. 848-0237.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

Recipe for Hope Fundraiser for Alameda County Community Food Bank with silent and live auctions, entertainment, food and wine at 7 p.m. at the Hillside Club, Cedar at Arch. Tickets are \$60 in advance from The Craftsman Home, 655-6503.

Rainbow Ramblers Explore the magic of a full moon on a sunset moonrise walk for the LGBTQ community. Bring a sack dinner. Well-behaved dogs on leashes welcome. Meet at 6 p.m. at Tilden Nature Center. 544-2233.

Berkeley School Volunteers
New Volunteer Orientation from 10 to 11 a.m. at 1855 Allston Way. Bring a photo ID and two references to the orientation. Returning volunteers do not need to attend. For further information 644-8833.

City Commons Club Noon Luncheon with Jeff Robinson on "Amazon Wildlife Photography Cruise" Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. for \$15, speech at 12:30 p.m., at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant St. For information and reservations call 527-2173.

"Celebrating Fr. Damien"
A reading by Mary O'Donnell from her manuscript "The Exiles" an historical novel on the life of Fr. Damien of Molokai at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St.

Single Payer Healthcare Not War Speakers' Forum and open mic at 7 p.m. at Cody's Plaza on Telegraph at Haste.

"Just Begun" Community Rejuvenation Project presents their summer work, including a documentary, photographs, mural painting, and gardening projects in East Oakland, at 7 p.m. at Oakland Green Youth Media Center, 2781 Telegraph, Oakland. communityrejuvenation.blogspot.com

Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1701 Harbor Bay Pkwy., Alameda. To schedule an appointment go to www.helpsoverlife.org

Kensington First Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. with art, music and refreshments from the merchants of Colusa Circle and The Arlington. 525-6155.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Instruction Pointing Out the Nature of Mind with Rigzin Dorje Rinpoche at 7 p.m. at Rudramandir, 830 Bancroft Way at Sixth St. Donation \$20. <http://boyojia.org>

Berkeley Women in Black weekly vigil from noon to 1 p.m. at Bancroft and Telegraph. Our focus is human rights in Palestine. 548-6310.

Stand With Us Stand for Peace Stand with Israel vigil every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at Bancroft and Telegraph. www.standforisrael.org

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

Berkeley Architectural Heritage Fall Walking Tour
North-Central Berkeley Cost \$10-\$15, or \$40-\$50 for the spouses. Advance registration required. 841-2242. berkeley-heritage.com

Berkeley Historical Society
Walk Marin Avenue North Early 20th Century Berkeley Hills, led by Paul Grunland at 10 a.m. with an optional picnic afterwards. Cost is \$8-\$10. For reservations and starting point, call 848-0181.

Walking Tour of Old Oakland
Explore the 9th and Washington St. district. Meet at 10 a.m. in front of Ratto's, 821 Washington St. Tour lasts 90 minutes. Reservations can be made by calling 238-3234.

Aztec Run for Education sponsored by the Spanish Speaking Children's Foundation at 8 a.m. at Laney College Track, 900 Fallon St., Oakland. Entry fee is \$15. Register at www.aztecrun.org

Mini-Farmers in Tilden
Farm exploration program, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 4-6 years, accompanied by an adult. We will explore the little farm, care for animals, do crafts and farm chores. Wear boots and dress to get dirty! Fee is \$6-\$8. Registration required. 1-888-EBPARKS.

Homefest Festival with exhibits, tours, entertainment and activities for children from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lucretia Edwards Park in Richmond. www.homefestfestival.com

"Exploring De Staebler Through Movement"
A movement workshop with Muriel Maffre in conjunction with the exhibition "Steven De Staebler: The Sculptor's Way" at 11 a.m. at the Richmond Art Center, 2540 Bartlett Ave., Richmond. Free. 620-6772. www.therac.org

"Predatory Lending Prevention and Foreclosure Intervention Workshop"
From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Emeryville Senior Center, 4321 Solent St., Emeryville. All welcome. 596-4316.

"Obama, the Middle East, and the Prospects for Peace"
with Noam Chomsky at 7:30 p.m. at The Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. Cost is \$22-\$250, benefits the Children of Gaza. www.mcccfor-peace.org

Political Affairs Readers
Group meets to discuss "The Struggle for Health Care: Lessons from China, 1949 to Now" with Al Sarrag at 10 a.m. at Nideby-Practor Marxist Library for Social Research, 6501 Telegraph Ave., near Alcatraz. 595-7417.

A Day of Free Financial Planning, offered by the Financial Planning Association of the Bay Area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Billie Hariee building, 515 Clay St., Oakland. Please pre-register at clintregistrator@yahoo.com

Tea & Fashion Show Benefit for Cervical Cancer at 2 p.m. at Parkwell Hall, 521 29th St., Oakland, just west of Telegraph, behind the historic church. Suggested donation \$25. 501-3183. soropinitoakland.org

"The Zen of Alice" with author Daniel Silberberg at 4 p.m. at Rabbits, 377 Colusa Ave., Kensington. 525-6155.

BayAir Big Air Bummer
Grand Opening Jam event and music show, of a public bike and skate park. Jam sign-up at 9 a.m., jam at noon at 2310 Myrtle St., Oakland. Free for Oakland youth (ID required), others \$10. <http://bayairpark.org>

Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Greater Cooper AME Zion Church, Church Hall, 1420 Myrtle St., Oakland. To schedule an appointment go to www.helpsoverlife.org

Witches and Wizards Weekend at Playland-Not-At-The-Beach Sat. and Sun. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 10979 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Cost \$10-\$15. 928-8966. www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org

Free Garden Tours at Regional Parks Botanic Garden Sat. at 2 p.m. and Sun. at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Tilden Park. Call to confirm. 841-8732. www.nativplants.org

Lawn Bowling on the green at the corner of Acton St. and Bancroft Way every Wed. and Sat. at 10 a.m. for ages 12 and up. Wear flat soled shoes, no heels. Free lessons. 841-2174.

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

Spice of Life Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with food, cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, and activities for children, on Shattuck Ave. between Virginia and Rose. www.gourmetthetto.org

EcoHouse Tour The Ecology Center's environmentally friendly demonstration site and learn about greywater systems, solar panels, on-demand and recycled building materials, and much more. Tours at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 1305 Hopkins St., enter via garden entrance on Perilla. Cost is \$10-\$15. 548-2220, ext. 239. register@ecologycenter.org

"Oakland's Fernwood Neighborhood" House and garden tour sponsored by Oakland Heritage Alliance. For details see www.OaklandHeritage.org

Tantalizing Tarantulas Learn about these arachnids and learn the best spots to find them, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Tilden Nature Center, Tilden Park. 544-2233.

Brooks Island Voyage Paddle the rising tide across the Richmond Harbor Channel to Books Island to explore the island's natural and cultural history, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For experienced boaters who can provide their own kayak and safety gear. Cost is \$20-\$22. Registration required. 1-888-327-2757.

Free Hands-on Bicycle Clinic Learn how to repair a flat, from 10 to 11 a.m. at RB, 1338 San Pablo Ave. Bring your bike and tools. 527-4148.

"People's Park Still Blooming" Book release party at 7 p.m. at Art House Gallery, 2905 Shattuck. Donation \$5.

"With Hammer in Hand: The Story of Women in Construction" a television documentary in progress at 2 p.m. at 1401 Walnut St., #1C. RSVP to 548-9904. nurtinag@earthlink.net

GreenPoint Showcase Tour of homes that have been renovated or built green, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10. For details see www.knu.com/buildinggreen

Moon Viewing Festival An evening of Japanese food, entertainment, and moon viewing sponsored by the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association and the Golden State Bonsai Collection North. Bento dinner at 5:30 p.m., for \$15 at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, entertainment at 6 p.m. and moon viewing at 6:30 p.m. For dinner reservations call 482-3896 or email info@oakland-fukuoka.org www.oakland-fukuoka.org

"India: Memories, Dreams and Reflections" with Bill Hamilton-Holway at 10 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 525-0302, ext. 306.

East Bay Atheists Annual Picnic from noon to 4 p.m. at Big Leaf Picnic Area, Tilden Park. Please bring a dish to share. Details at www.eastbayatheists.org/meetings.htm

Jewish Harvest Festival for Young Children at 10:30 a.m. at Jewish Gateways, 409 Liberty St., El Cerrito. Free for first-time participants. RSVP required. 559-8140.

Free Garden Tours at Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park Sat. at 2 p.m. and Sun. at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call to confirm. 841-8732. www.nativplants.org

Lake Merritt Neighbors Organized for Peace Peace walk around the lake every Sun. Meet at 3 p.m. at the coliseum at the NE end of the lake. 763-8712. lmmop.org

Tibetan Buddhism with Erika Rosenberg on "Working with Emotions" at 6 p.m. at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Pl. 809-1000. www.nyingmainstitute.com

MONDAY, OCT. 5

Healing Children While Building Bridges with Jewish and Arab Children in Israel with three speakers from Israel: Lana Nasrallah, first Palestinian Waldorf class teacher in Israel, Shepa Schneerson Vainstein, therapist and co-founder Salsam Shalom Foundation and Tally Zahor, teacher Waldorf HS and peace activist at 7:30 p.m. at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita. Co-sponsored by BFUU's Social Justice Committee.

"TV News: How It Got the Way It Is, and Does It Have a Future?" with Bill Schechner at 1:15 p.m. at JCCBE, 1414 Walnut St. Free. 848-0237. www.jccbebay.org

Political Rally Supporting Single Payer Health Care Not War with music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at University Ave. and Martin Luther King Blvd.

Forum on Immigration Issues at 7 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. 981-5190.

"The Power of Color" Vision and seeing colors with Christie Jones at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St. Cost is \$5.

Berkeley CopWatch organizational meeting at 8 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. 548-0425.

TUESDAY, OCT. 6

Free Flu Shots at the Berkeley Adult School, 1701 San Pablo. Vaccines available in both shot and nasal mist form. Seniors and those needing special assistance should enter on Curtis St. 981-5356. 981-5300.

Tuesdays for the Birds Tranquil bird walks in local parks, led by Bethany Facendini, from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Today we will visit the Berkeley Meadows, Eastshore State Park. Bring water, field guides, binoculars or scopes. Call for meeting place and if you need to borrow binoculars. 544-2233.

Red Cross Blood Services
Volunteer Orientation from 6 to 8 p.m. at 6230 Claremont Ave., Oakland. Registration required. 594-5165.

Tuesday Tilden Walkers join a few sleepy seniors at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot near the Little Farm for an hour or two walk. 215-7672. 524-9992.

End the Occupation Vigil every Tues. at noon at Oakland Federal Bldg., 1301 Clay St. www.epical.org

Homework Help at the Albany Library for students in grades 2 - 6, Tues. and Thurs. from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. Emphasis on math and writing skills. No registration is required. 526-3720.

Homework Help Program at the Richmond Public Library for Young Children at 10:30 a.m. at Jewish Gateways, 409 Liberty St., El Cerrito. Free for first-time participants. RSVP required. 559-8140.

Street Level Cycles Community Bike Program Come use our bikes as well as receive help with performing repairs free of charge. Youth classes available. Tues., Thurs., Sat. and Sun. from 2 to 6 p.m. at 84 Bollinger Dr., Aquatic Park. 644-2577. www.watersideworkshops.org

Berkeley Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. 548-3991. www.berkeleycameraclub.org

St. John's Prime Timers meets at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. We always welcome new members over 50. 845-6830.

Bridge for beginners from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m., all others 12:30 to 1 p.m. Sing-A-Long at 2:30 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center. 981-5190.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

Berkeley Path Wanderers "Paths, Creeks & History" A self-guided walk. Meet at 10 a.m. in front of Live Oak Park Recreation Center, 1301 Shattuck Ave. 529-3876. www.berkeleypaths.org

Tilden Mini-Rangers Hiking, conservation and nature-based activities for ages 8-12. Dress to ramble and get dirty. Bring a sack lunch from 11:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Tilden Nature Center, Tilden Park. Cost is \$6-\$8, registration required. 1-888-EBPARKS.

Immigration Teach-In "History, Problems, Options for Reform" with Lei Voipp, UC Berkeley Prof. of Law, and Mark Silverman, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, and immigrants from the community, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford St.

Sudden Oak Death Prevention Treatment Training Session Meet at 1 p.m. at Tolman Hall "portico" Hearst Ave. at Arch/Leconte, UC campus for a two hour field session, rain or shine. Pre-registration required. SODtreatment@nature.berkeley.edu

Walking Tour of Oakland City Center Meet at 10 a.m. in front Oakland City Hall at Frank Ogawa Plaza. Tour lasts 90 minutes. Reservations can be made by calling 238-3234.

"The Next Big Earthquake in Our Backyard" with Kevin Mayeda, seismologist at the UC Seismological Laboratory at 7 p.m. at Cafe Valpareso at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Sponsored by East Bay Science Cafe.

"Ethics, Ecology, and World Renewal" with writer and filmmaker Stephen Most at 7:30 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. 526-3805.

"White Haze and Jet Trails" and "Weather Warfare" documentaries at 7:30 p.m. at Humanist Hall, 390 27th St., Oakland. Donation \$5. www.humanisthall.org

"An Introduction to Estate Planning" at 7 p.m. at Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St. www.gracenorthchurch.org

Walk Berkeley for Seniors meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Sea Breeze Market, just west of the I-80 overpass. Everyone is welcome, wear comfortable shoes and a warm hat. 548-9840.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

"Investing a Masterwork: Bernard Maybeck and the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Berkeley, 1909-1911" with Robert Judson Clark at 7:30 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2619 Dwight Way. Tickets are \$15, available from Berkeley Architectural Heritage. 841-2242. berkeleyheritage.com

Helios Community Open House A presentation on the new Biosciences Institute to be built in downtown Berkeley at 7 p.m. at Pat Brown's Grill, in the Genetics and Plant Biology Building, UC campus. Take the stairs off Oxford St. near Berkeley Way. For information contact cmel@berkeley.edu

Tilden Explorers An after-school nature adventure program for 5-7 year olds. We will have a Nature Treasure Hunt, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Cost is \$6-\$8, registration required. 1-888-EBPARKS.

Beginning Seed Saving An introduction to the whys and hows of garden seed saving at 6:30 p.m. at the Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., near Dwight Way. Cost is \$10-\$15. 548-2220, ext. 233. ecology-center.org

Berkeley School Volunteers
New Volunteer Orientation from 3 to 4 p.m. at 1855 Allston Way. Bring a photo ID and two references to the orientation. Returning volunteers do not need to attend. For further information 644-8833.

Home Energy Improvements
Workshop Learn how you can save energy and money, improve indoor air quality and take advantage of incentives and rebates, at 7 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. For information call 981-7473.

East Bay Mac Users Group with Derrick Stutz, photographer, at 7 p.m. at Expression College for Digital Arts, 6601 Shellmound St., Emeryville. ebmug.org

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2:00-5:00pm

at the Berkeley Public Library

2090 Kittredge at Shattuck; 3rd Floor Community Meeting Room

Advanced Registration: www.acsbdc.org

A series of free classes to teach entrepreneurs and small-business owners how to implement new strategies, skills and ideas across varied business disciplines. Taught by experienced consultants and industry experts, workshops are tailored to fit entrepreneurs in any stage of the business development process.

Successful Advertising and Marketing

October 1st, Thursday 2-5pm

Learn how conventional media (cable TV, print, yellow pages, radio) and online marketing can be utilized to increase sales, gain market share and build profits. You will gain a better understanding of advertising, marketing and promotions planning, and be positioned to determine the most cost-effective mix of mediums for your business.

Accessing Capital

October 8th, Thursday 2-5pm

This class is a must for any small business owner interested in securing a bank loan, leasing equipment or refinancing existing debt. You will learn how a wide range of banks and other lending organizations evaluate your loan applications, and the types of funding they can provide. You will have the opportunity to meet and discuss your own financing issues with representatives from banks and other lending organizations, including Citibank, Bank of the West, Wells Fargo, One California Bank, Lenders for Community Development, Bay Area Development Company, and SBA.

Restaurant Success

November 3rd, Tuesday, 2-5pm

For restaurant owners, or those planning to start one, who need to formulate new or improve existing strategies for success. Topics include loss and waste prevention, food quality, menu engineering and pricing, as well as front and back of house operations.

Successful Business Plans

December 17th, Thursday 2-5pm

Simple and sure-fired ways to understand the fundamentals of writing excellent business plans, the first step in starting a business.

Presented by Alameda County Small Business Development Center
Sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library Wheelchair accessible.
To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large-print of Braille, or other accommodation, call 510-981-6107 or 510-548-1240 (TDD) one week before the program.
Please refrain from wearing scented products to public meetings.

**Proposed Bus Rapid Transit in Berkeley -
Public Workshop on October 17th**

Please join to help develop what BRT might look like in Berkeley.

Saturday, October 17

10:30am-1:30pm

Formal presentation: 11:30 am

Berkeley Central Public Library,

2090 Kittredge Street

Community Meeting Room, 3rd Floor

- Learn about the draft Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), a proposed design for BRT through Berkeley
- Learn about the public's and the City's role in the decision-making process
- Ask questions and give comments
- Other opportunities for input:
 - Transportation & Planning Commission Hearings
 - City Council Hearing

More information available at: <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/BRT>.
For questions about the meeting or to request accommodations, please e-mail brt@cityofberkeley.info or call 510-981-7410

Helios Energy Research Facility Open House

Helios Energy Research Facility

Community Open House

Thursday, October 8th

7:00 - 8:30pm

(Brief program at 7:30PM)

**Pat Brown's Grille*, located in the
Genetics and Plant Biology Building
University of California, Berkeley**

The community is invited to learn more about the UC Berkeley Helios Energy Research Facility ("Helios"), which will house the Energy Biosciences Institute (EBI) and other research partners dedicated to finding solutions to global climate change.

UC Berkeley staff will be on hand to provide information and answer questions about the research to be conducted at the site, as well as details about design and construction.

Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition Seeks Office Space

The Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition (BFBC) was founded in 1995 to promote bicycling as an everyday means of transportation. Within the last year it helped to move the bike station to a storefront at street level.

For many years BFBC used donated office space downtown. Being visible helped it be a recognizable part of the community. In the next few months, BFBC expects to obtain office space at the bike station. Until then, it is looking for some donated space downtown for an outreach manager. If the space permits they might hold some educational meetings.

If you can help, please contact Phil Morton at pmorton@lmi.net or (510) 843-3427.

Smart Solar Offers Free Energy Efficiency and Solar Energy Advising to Berkeley Businesses

In partnership with the City of Berkeley, SmartSolar is offering free energy efficiency and solar energy advising to Berkeley businesses.

Changing energy costs make it hard for businesses to plan for future expenses. Solar technology can protect a business' bottom line by reducing its energy costs for the next 25 years. The adoption of solar technologies is an immediately marketable green business feature that can attract public interest.

However, finding and figuring out how to install the right solar technologies can be confusing and time consuming. SmartSolar is here to help Berkeley businesses work through this process. We provide free, no-obligation services for businesses to pursue their best solar solution.

By enrolling in the SmartSolar program, Berkeley businesses will receive an analysis of their past energy bills, a site visit to calculate their solar potential, and a comprehensive report highlighting their current energy consumption and demonstrating options for energy efficiency, solar electric, and solar hot water.

Please view the attached brochures for more information about our no-cost program.

Contact Rachel at (510) 776-6833 or email difranco@risingsunenergy.org with and additional questions you may have and to enroll in the program.

You can learn more by visiting www.ebenergy.org/smartsolar, as well as checking out the Berkeley Solar Map at <http://berkeley.solarmap.org>.

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Look at banned books

The Berkeley Public Library is celebrating this year's Banned Book Week with an ongoing display in the entrance lobby of the Central Library 2090 Kittredge Street at Shattuck Avenue. The display includes nine books that have been challenged or banned throughout history. The titles include *The Odyssey* by Homer, which Plato suggested expurgating for immature readers and which Caligula tried to suppress because it expressed Greek ideals of freedom. *Harry Potter* and the Sorcerer's Stone was burned in 2001 outside a church in New Mexico and *Adventures of Captain Underpants* brings up the rear after being removed from a school in Connecticut due to concerns that is caused unruly behavior among children.

Spice up your life

The North Shattuck Association will hold the 7th Annual Berkeley Spice of Life Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday on Shattuck Ave., spanning Virginia and Rose Streets in the heart of Berkeley's "Gourmet Ghetto." Expert cooking demonstrations will be given by some of East Bay's chefs. Vintage Berkeley will host wine tasting featuring local winemakers and importers on hand pouring their wines. Live music on Vine will feature jazz by Cross Section, Bluegrass by Redwing and French Boss nova with Albert Benichou. For more information, visit www.teamproevent.com or call 415-388-3470.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received two weeks prior to publication. Listings are printed on a space-available basis. For a complete listing, visit www.insideBayArea.com/Berkeley. The calendar for El Cerrito, Albany and Kensington can be found at www.insideBayArea.com/Albany. Mail submissions to Community Calendar, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to cpvoice@bayareanewsgroup.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Theater— Shakespeare "Super" Intensive, Shakespeare's play done by great actors and directors, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 5, "Pericles," Oct. 12, "Timon of Athens," \$8. The Berkeley Unitarian Fellowship, 1924 Cedar, 510-276-3871.
Berkeley Repertory Theatre— "The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later," a staged reading of the new epilogue to the documentary play that moved and shocked the nation, 8 p.m. Oct. 12, \$8-\$15. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2015 Addison Street, 510-647-2949, berkeleyrep.org.

State boarder at King and Woolsey streets and demanded that he relinquish his personal property. One of the suspects then grabbed the victim by the wrist and punched him in the face. The victim managed to break free and ran off.

ROBBERY — At around 1:15 a.m., two males in their late teens and mid 20s followed a man off an AC Transit bus at a stop near San Pablo Avenue and Page Street. The pair accosted the victim after one of them asked if he could borrow his cell phone. The suspects then forcibly grabbed the phone and fled on foot after the victim refused.

ROBBERY — At around 6:33 p.m., five male teens sporting black baseball caps accosted a male juvenile at Ward and Sacramento streets, running up behind the victim, pushing him to the ground and repeatedly punching and kicking him. The suspects stole the teen's cell phone and iPod before fleeing the scene. The victim sustained minor injuries.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY — At around 10:20 p.m., three male teens accosted a male pedestrian at California Street and Bancroft

legass and Ashby avenues, putting him in a headlock and demanding that he hand over his wallet. The suspect then punched the victim a few times after he declined his order. The victim broke free of the grasp and ran off.

ROBBERY — At around 10:25 p.m., five males in their late teens attacked a male pedestrian in the 2700 block of Hillegass Avenue as he was walking near Willard Park. One of the teens came out of some bushes and punched the victim. When he got up and started to run, the other suspects joined in, tackling him and demanding his property. The victim handed over his cell phone and wallet. The suspects then ran away.

STOLEN AUTO — Vehicles were stolen in the 2200 block of Blake Street, the 2100 block of Los Angeles Avenue and the 1500 block of Virginia Street.

ROBBERY — Just after 11:12

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THEFT FROM RESIDENCE — Homes were burglarized in the 600 block of Arcade Avenue and the 2700 block of Acton Street.
STOLEN AUTO — Vehicles were stolen at Durant Avenue and Milvia Street, in the 2300 block of Prospect Street and at Berkeley Way and Milvia Street.

GRAND THEFT — Someone stole item(s) with a value exceeding \$400 from a location in the 2500 block of Hillegass Avenue.

ROBBERY — At around 11:09 a.m., a man in his 30s got into the passenger side of a car at Haste Street and Shattuck Avenue and threatened the driver, who had just gotten into his vehicle after

stolen in the 3100 block of Lewiston Avenue, the 1500 block of Oregon Street and at Durant and Shattuck avenues.

GRAND THEFT — Someone stole item(s) with a value exceeding \$400 from the 1300 block of San Pablo Avenue and at Shattuck Avenue and Bancroft Way.

STOLEN AUTO — Someone stole a vehicle that was parked in the 3000 block of Adeline Street.

GRAND THEFT — Someone stole item(s) with a value exceeding \$400 from a location at Durant and Telegraph avenues.

THEFT FROM RESIDENCE — Homes were burglarized in the 2000 block of Haste Street and the 2000 block of Essex Street.

STOLEN AUTO — Someone stole a vehicle that was parked in the 2500 block of San Pablo Avenue.

7:30 p.m., \$7-\$10. Baile/Dance With Orquesta La Moderna Tradition, cha-cha, songs and timba, 9:30 p.m. Oct. 10, \$12. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., 510-849-2568.

8 p.m. Oct. 2, \$10-\$15 suggested donation, 2905 Shattuck Ave., 510-572-3170, <http://berkeleyart-house.wordpress.com/>.

La Pena Cultural Center— Events, Highlands Meet Lowlands, an evening of Andean and Venezuelan music, 8:30 p.m. Oct. 2, \$13-\$15. Cafe Rumba, Afro-Cuban drums, dances and songs, 9 p.m. Oct. 4, \$8. Suite Habana, documentary that traces the lives of Habaneros,

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