

A G E N D A

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

**PLAYA VISTA BRANCH LIBRARY
6400 PLAYA VISTA DRIVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90094**

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

AGENDA: In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, you may view the agenda and all available documents related to the items at the Central Library's Information Desk or via the Internet at: http://www.lapl.org/about/blc_docs.html.

RULES OF DECORUM: Persons addressing the Commission shall not make impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks to the Commission, any member of the Commission, staff or general public, nor utter loud, threatening, personal or abusive language, nor engage in any other disorderly conduct that disrupts or disturbs the orderly conduct of any Commission Meeting and prevents the Commission from carrying out its public business. At the discretion of the Commission President or upon a majority vote of the Commission, the Commission President may order removed from the Commission meeting place any person who fails to observe the rules of decorum. Any person who has been ordered removed from a meeting may be charged with a violation of Penal Code Section 403, or other appropriate Penal Code or Los Angeles Municipal Code sections.

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting - March 26, 2015
- Regular Meeting - April 9, 2015

**3. REMARKS BY THE WESTERN AREA MANAGER
AND THE PLAYA VISTA BRANCH SENIOR LIBRARIAN**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS
WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION**

(In accordance with Board Policy, a total of 15 minutes shall be allocated for public comment not to exceed three (3) minutes per speaker. Items arising during the public comment portion of the meeting shall be referred by the President to the staff or Board Committee for appropriate action or report back thereon to the Board.)

5. CITY LIBRARIAN'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Commissioners who wish to discuss particular items should ask that such items be called as Special. The remaining items will be subject to a single vote.)

- a. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS (EXHIBIT "A")
FOR THE "HOT OFF THE PRESS" BESTSELLER PROGRAM:

**\$6,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY
TO THE ENCINO-TARZANA BRANCH LIBRARY**

\$6,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MID-VALLEY REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY TO THE MID-VALLEY REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY

\$6,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE PLATT BRANCH LIBRARY TO THE PLATTBRANCH LIBRARY

\$6,000 FROM THE SHERMAN OAKS FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TO THE SHERMAN OAKS BRANCH LIBRARY

\$3,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE WESTCHESTER-LOYOLA VILLAGE BRANCH TO THE WESTCHESTER-LOYOLA VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

\$3,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE VENICE LIBRARY TO THE VENICE-ABBOT KINNEY MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY

BOARD DISCUSSION

- b. RECOMMENDATION TO INITIATE THE PROCESS TO CONSIDER (EXHIBIT "B") NAMING THE CHILDREN'S AREA OF THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BRANCH LIBRARY IN RECOGNITION OF CARLA SANGER, IN ACCORDANCE TO BOARD POLICY 1:312
- c. PRESENTATION ON SUMMER READING PROGRAM AND OZOMATLI "READ TO THE RHYTHM" VIDEO CLIP

7. VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

RECEIVE AND FILE LETTER FROM THE MAYOR, DATED APRIL 22, 2015, ADDRESSED TO THE CITY COUNCIL RE: THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MAI LASSITER TO THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2020.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REVIEW OF MATTERS PENDING

9. ADJOURNMENT

FINALIZATION OF BOARD ACTIONS - CHARTER SECTION 245: In accordance with Charter Section 245, actions of the Board of Library Commissioners shall become final at the expiration of the next five (5) meeting days of the City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: LIBRARY COMMISSION OFFICE (213) 228-7530

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

EXHIBIT "A"

May 14, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian 

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a gift of \$6,000 received from the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library, for the benefit of the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library, expressing the grateful appreciation of the Board and staff for the generous gift.

FINDINGS:

1. This gift of \$6,000 is for the "Hot Off the Press" Bestseller Program 2015/2016.
2. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

Adele Druck, President
Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library
18231 Ventura Blvd.
Tarzana, CA 91356-3630


Prepared by: Ruth E. Seid, West Valley Area Manager

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

May 14, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian 

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MID-VALLEY
REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a gift of \$6,000 received from the Friends of the Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library, for the benefit of the Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to the Friends of the Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library, expressing the grateful appreciation of the Board and staff for the generous gift.

FINDINGS:

1. The gift of \$6,000 is for the "Hot Off The Press" Bestseller Program 2015/2016.
2. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

Ms. Jeanette Oerlemans, President
Friends of the Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library
16244 Nordhoff Street
North Hills, CA 91343


Prepared by: Ruth Seid, West Valley Area Manager

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

May 14, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian 

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE PLATT LIBRARY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That a gift of \$6,000 received from the Friends of the Platt Library, for the benefit of the Platt Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to the Friends of the Platt Library, expressing the grateful appreciation of the Board and staff for the generous gift.

FINDINGS:

1. The gift of \$6,000 is for the "Hot Off The Press" Bestseller Program 2015/2016.
2. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

Hermalee Schmidt, President
Friends of the Platt Library
23600 Victory Blvd.,
Woodland Hills, CA 91376


Prepared by: Ruth Seid, West Valley Area Manager

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

May 14, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian 

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE SHERMAN OAKS FRIENDS OF
THE LIBRARY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That a gift of \$6,000 received from the Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library, for the benefit of the Sherman Oaks Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to the Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library, expressing the grateful appreciation of the Board and staff for the generous gift.

FINDINGS:

1. The gift of \$6,000 is for the "Hot Off The Press" Bestseller Program 2015/2016.
2. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

Ms. Judy Stewart, President
Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library
14245 Moorpark Street
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423


Prepared by: Karen Pickard-Four, Interim East Valley Area Manager

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

May 14, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian 

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
WESTCHESTER-LOYOLA VILLAGE BRANCH**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a gift of \$3,000 received from the Friends of the Library Westchester-Loyola Village Branch, for the benefit of the Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to the Friends of the Library Westchester-Loyola Village Branch, expressing the grateful appreciation of the Board and staff for the generous gift.

FINDINGS:

1. The gift of \$3,000 is for the "Hot Off The Press" Bestseller Program 2015/2016.
2. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

Ms. Sonya "Sunny" Martin, President
Friends of the Library Westchester-Loyola Village Branch
7114 W. Manchester Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90045


Prepared by: Adam Mendelsohn, Western Area Manager

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

May 14, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian 

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE VENICE
LIBRARY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a gift of \$3,000 received from The Friends of the Venice Library, for the benefit of the Venice – Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to The Friends of the Venice Library, expressing the grateful appreciation of the Board and staff for the generous gift.

FINDINGS:

1. The gift of \$3,000 is for the "Hot Off The Press" Bestseller Program 2015/2016.
2. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

Joan Del Monte, President
The Friends of the Venice Library
501 S. Venice Blvd.
Venice, CA 90291


Prepared by: Adam Mendelsohn, Western Area Manager

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

May 14, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian 

SUBJECT: **INITIATE THE PROCESS TO CONSIDER NAMING OF THE
CHILDREN'S AREA OF THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LIBRARY IN
RECOGNITION OF CARLA SANGER**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners decide upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Commissioners initiate in accordance with Board policy 1:312, the process to consider naming the Children's Area of the Benjamin Franklin Branch Library in recognition of Carla Sanger.

FINDINGS:

BACKGROUND

1. Carla Sanger, who was President and CEO of LA's BEST (Better Educated Students for Tomorrow) from its inception in 1988 until her retirement on November 30, 2014, is a nationally known advocate for children and the programming to keep them safe during after school hours. LA's BEST is an afterschool enrichment, recreation and nutrition program within LAUSD that is a partnership between the City of Los Angeles, LAUSD and the private sector.
2. Ms. Sanger grew LA's BEST from 10 schools to 194 schools at the time of her retirement. She helped write and advocated for the passage of Proposition 49 in 2002 which earmarked funding for before and after school programming and she established the "Beyond the Bell" program, a groundbreaking and innovative after-school program launched by LAUSD. Mayor Eric Garcetti has said that "LA's BEST's success is thanks in part to President and CEO Carla Sanger – a visionary leader, chosen by Mayor Tom Bradley, who has rewarded our city and the more than 350,000 students with her brilliance and relentless advocacy for our youth.

3. The Benjamin Franklin Branch Library began service to the Boyle Heights community in 1900 and became the first LAPL branch library. In 1916 the branch moved to a new facility, it was the fourth of six branch libraries to be built with Carnegie funds in the city. The branch received major structural damage in the 1971 Sylmar earthquake and was replaced by the current facility in 1975.
4. The criteria and procedure for recognition in branch facilities is stated in Board Policy 1:312.

To acknowledge citizen involvement and contributions to branch libraries, the Board of Library Commissioners may recognize individuals or organizations that have made substantial efforts or donations to enhance and improve library services in the Los Angeles Public Library:

A. The Board of Library Commissioners may dedicate a branch library in memory of an individual and approve the design and placement of a plaque within the library with the individual's name. Recommendations for the dedication of a branch library may be accepted and processed in accordance with the following requirements:

- 1. A written recommendation must be submitted to the Board of Library Commissioners to include a justification for the proposed dedication.*
- 2. The justification shall include the person's prominent contributions to humanity, to the city, to the library, or to the community, and should demonstrate that the character and achievements of the individual set standards of excellence, served as a role model, and reflected the principles and ideals of American democracy, its diversity and plurality.*
- 3. The recommendation shall be posted in the libraries and on the library Website for three months for review and the opportunity for comments by the public.*
- 4. Library staff will evaluate the recommendation and community input in a report to the Board of Library Commissioners for its consideration of the request.*

B. The Board of Library Commissioners may name a community meeting room or area of the branch in honor or in memory of an individual, and approve the design and the placement of a plaque with the individual's name. Recommendations for naming a community meeting room or area of the library may be accepted and processed in accordance with the procedures in 1:312 A above.

5. Library staff recommends initiating the process to consider naming the Children's Area at the Benjamin Franklin Branch Library in honor of Carla Sanger.

Prepared by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branch Library Services

Reviewed by: Kris Morita, Assistant General Manager

**MATTERS PENDING
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 14, 2015**

SUBJECT

**SCHEDULED FOR
BOARD MEETING**

1. LIBRARY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Pending

COMMISSIONERS' OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

Library Foundation of Los Angeles Board

Gregory Bettinelli, Member

Mai Lassiter, Member

Board Policies & Procedures Committee

Chair: Vacant

Member: Vacant

Media Marketing Ad Hoc Committee

Chair: Bich Ngoc Cao

Member: Mai Lassiter