AGENDA

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

SILVER LAKE BRANCH LIBRARY
2411 GLENDALE AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90039

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-lapl/board-library-commissioners. Some large agreements or attachments that may not be viewable on the website will be available in their entirety at the Information Desk and provided at the Board Meeting.

1. ROLL CALL

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
   - Regular Meeting – July 9, 2015
   - Regular Meeting – August 27, 2015

4. REMARKS BY THE NORTHEAST AREA MANAGER AND SILVER LAKE BRANCH SENIOR LIBRARIAN

5. 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.)

6. CITY LIBRARIAN’S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. 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 gifts: (EXHIBIT “A”)  
$7,000 From the Sherman Oaks Friends of the Library for library materials at the branch  
$6,000 From the Friends of the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library for the “Hot Off The Press” Bestseller Program at the Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library  
$6,000 From the Friends of Westwood Library for the “Hot Off The Press” Bestseller Program at the Westwood Branch Library  
$3,000 From the Friends of the Atwater Village Branch Library for the “Hot Off The Press” Bestseller Program at the Atwater Village Branch Library  
$3,000 From the Panorama City Friends of the Library for the “Hot Off The Press” Bestseller Program at the Panorama City Branch Library  
$1,990 From the Central Alameda Neighborhood Council to the Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library for library programming at the branch  

BOARD DISCUSSION  
b. Recommendation to approve the naming of the Children’s Area of the Benjamin Franklin Branch Library in recognition of Carla Sanger (EXHIBIT “B”)  
c. Recommendation to initiate the process to consider naming the meeting room of the San Pedro Regional Branch Library in recognition of Phil Scott (EXHIBIT “C”)  

8. VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS: NONE  
9. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REVIEW OF MATTERS PENDING  

10. 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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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.

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LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

September 10, 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 $7,000 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 $7,000 will be used to purchase library materials for the Sherman Oaks Branch Library

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

September 10, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE KAUFMAN BRENTWOOD 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 Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, for the benefit of the Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to The Friends of the Kaufman Brentwood 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. Mary Ann Garvey, President
   Friends of the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library
   11820 San Vicente Blvd.
   Los Angeles, CA 90049

Prepared by: Adam Mendelsohn, Western Area Manager

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

September 10, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners
FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD LIBRARY

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolution:

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to The Friends of Westwood 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. Amy Smith, President
   Friends of Westwood Library
   1246 Glendon Avenue
   Los Angeles, CA 90024

Prepared by: Adam Mendelsohn, Western Area Manager
Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

September 10, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners
FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian
SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE ATWATER VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That a gift of $3,000 received from The Friends of the Atwater Village Branch Library, for the benefit of the Atwater Village Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to The Friends of the Atwater Village Branch 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:

   Ms. Patricia L. Desmarais, President
   Friends of the Atwater Village Branch Library
   3379 Glendale Blvd.
   Los Angeles, CA  90039

Prepared by: Paul Montgorerie, Hollywood Area Manager
Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

September 10, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE PANORAMA CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That a gift of $3,000 received from the Panorama City Friends of the Library, for the benefit of the Panorama City Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to the Panorama City Friends of the 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:

   Ms. Jan Brown, President
   Panorama City Friends of the Library
   14345 Roscoe Blvd.
   Panorama City, CA 91402

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

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches
LOSS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

September 10, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM THE CENTRAL ALAMEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That a gift of $1,990 received from the Central Alameda Neighborhood Council, for the benefit of the Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this gift of $1,990 be deposited to Trust Fund 831, Account Code 323 for the Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Branch Library.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to the Central Alameda Neighborhood Council, expressing the grateful appreciation of the Board and staff for the generous gift.

FINDINGS:

1. This gift of $1,990 will be used for library programming at the Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Branch Library.

2. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

   Mr. Miguel Martinez, President
   Central Alameda Neighborhood Council
   4700 Honduras Street
   Los Angeles, CA 90011

Prepared by: Kren Malone, Central Southern Area Manager

Reviewed by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branches
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

September 10, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: 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, name the Children’s Area of the Benjamin Franklin Branch Library in recognition 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. In accordance with Board policy, on May 14, 2015 the Board of Library Commissioners initiated the process to consider naming the Children’s Area of the Benjamin Franklin Branch Library in recognition of Ms. Sanger. The Board has received a letter of support from Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero for the naming of the Children’s Area in recognition of Carla Sanger.

Prepared by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branch Library Services
Reviewed by: Kris Morita, Assistant General Manager
July 24, 2015

Josefa Salinas
President
Board of Library Commissioners
630 W. Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

RE: SUPPORT FOR LIBRARY PROPOSAL IN RECOGNITION OF CARLA SANGER

Dear Commissioner Salinas:

It is my pleasure to write in support of the Los Angeles Public Library's proposal to name the Children's Area of the Benjamin Franklin Branch Library in recognition of Carla Sanger.

As you know, Mayor Garcetti is a passionate advocate for education and believes that kids failing to learn and graduate is one of the most serious problems we face as a City. Carla Sanger, who served for more than a quarter of century as CEO of LA's BEST, this country's premier after-school program, worked to ensure that our children found a safe environment in the critical after-school hours and that they became better students and better people.

Ms. Sanger was a creative and dynamic leader in the Los Angeles educational community and I can think of no more fitting recognition for someone who devoted her professional life to ensure that Los Angeles children were safe, engaged and excited about learning.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

BARBARA ROMERO
Deputy Mayor
LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT

September 10, 2015

TO: Board of Library Commissioners
FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: INITIATE THE PROCESS TO CONSIDER NAMING OF THE MEETING ROOM OF THE SAN PEDRO REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY IN RECOGNITION OF PHIL SCOTT

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 Meeting Room of the San Pedro Regional Branch Library in recognition of Phil Scott.

FINDINGS:

BACKGROUND

1. The Board of Library Commissioners received a letter from Ms. Pat Colby, President of the Friends of the San Pedro Library, Inc. requesting that the San Pedro Branch Library Meeting Room be dedicated in recognition of Phil Scott.

2. Mr. Scott, who died on July 18, 2015 was a long time and well known member of the San Pedro community. For many years he, along with his wife of 55 years, managed the monthly book sales for the Friends of the San Pedro Library. Mr. Scott, who many in San Pedro know as Coach Scott, coached and mentored the YMCA San Pedro/Peninsula swim teams for decades. Mr. Scott’s dedication to youths is also remembered by many of his students for his long teaching career at Richard Henry Dana Junior High School where he taught math, health, and physical education.

3. The San Pedro Branch Library, located in the 15th Council District, has served this community, in various locations since 1909. The San Pedro Regional Branch at this location opened in May 1983.
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 Meeting Room at the San Pedro Regional Branch Library in honor of Phil Scott.

Prepared by: Cheryl Collins, Director of Branch Library Services

Reviewed by: Kris Morita, Assistant General Manager
MATTERS PENDING
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

September 10, 2015

SUBJECT

1. LIBRARY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

SCHEDULED FOR BOARD MEETING

Pending

COMMISSIONERS' OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

Library Foundation of Los Angeles Board
Gregory Bettinelli, Board Member
Mai Lassiter, Board Member

Media Marketing Ad Hoc Committee
Bich Ngoc Cao, Vice President
Mai Lassiter, Board Member

Board Policies & Procedures Committee
Chair: Vacant
Member: Vacant