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AGENDA
Pasadena Public Library Commission

December 17, 2014

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PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Central Library – Studio on 4th (626) 744-4062

Wednesday, December 17, 6:00PM



- I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Eureka 2014 Project, Play @ PPL – Librarian Jennifer Driscoll
 - b. Central Library Update – Librarian Michael Pierce
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
Letters or Articles Regarding Library Services or Events
Pasadena Star-News article, Tellabration Celebrates Storytelling, and Community Matters article, Library Façade Restoration Project Raises \$90,000.*
- III. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Approval of Minutes for November 19, 2014 Library Commission Meeting*
- IV. COMMUNITY COMMENTS (6:15 p.m.)
- V. NEW BUSINESS (COMMISSION INPUT)
Report on Ethics Workshop
- VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - a. Report on Librarian III Position Interviews
 - b. Report on My Path to Pasadena Workshop
 - c. Legislative Update
 - d. Report on Xicheng District's Exhibit and Reception
- VII. REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEES/REPRESENTATIVES
 - a. Friends of the Library Report
 - b. Library Branch Associates Reports
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – CENTRAL LIBRARY
 - a. 2015 Eureka! Leadership Participant
 - b.
- IX. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Circulation Statistics – November 2014*
 - b. Record of Attendance*
 - c. Commission Liaison at FOPPL Meetings*
 - d. Library Commission Meeting Dates*

X. ADJOURNMENT

*Indicates support material attached

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DEBRA HUMPHREY, Recording Secretary

PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Hill Avenue, 55 S. Hill Avenue 626.744-7264
November 19, 2014

PRESIDING: Debbie Ayala

ABSENT:

PRESENT: Karla Bluestone, Sharon Calkin, Morris Dent, Victor Gonzalez, Jane Haderlein, Arnie Siegel, Janice Segall, Wendy Wang

STAFF: Jennifer Addington, Barbara Ayala, Catherine Hany, Debra Humphrey, Jean Penn, Jan Sanders

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ayala called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Hill Avenue Branch Update – Branch Manager Jean Penn

Branch Manager Jean Penn gave a brief overview of activities and events at Hill Avenue Branch. She announced that she hired a new Technical Specialist, Anne Mello, a transfer from Central and a new page, Sandy Fung. She would like to see Sandy help with the Asian Language Collection. The courtyard is being completed with the cooperation of Pasadena Beautiful, library administration, and BSFMD. No action taken.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

Letters or Articles Regarding Library Services or Events.

The commissioners reviewed the articles from the School of Library Journal titled Appvisory for Educational Children's Apps featuring our Children's Librarians Jennifer Driscoll and AnnMarie Hurtado. No action taken.

III. ACTION ITEM

- a. Approval of Minutes - Commissioner Bluestone moved, and Commissioner Siegel seconded, to approve the minutes of September 17, 2014. The motion carried 9:0.
- b. Approval of 2015 Commission Meeting Locations – The commission considered cancelling the July meeting, but will wait until early next year to decide. If they do cancel the meeting, they will move the Santa Catalina meeting location to March 18. The commission unanimously approved the 2015 library commission calendar.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

There was no community comment. No action taken.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- c. Report on California Library Association Conference – November 7-9, 2014
Director Sanders reported this year the conference was in Oakland, CA. They had 1,200 attendees, which is more than last year's conference attendance in Long Beach, CA. Director Sanders presented a workshop, Admin-Speak 101: Introduction to Lingua Franca of Management. Tara Smith and Marie Plug from Pasadena Public Library presented their LSTA grant program titled Sensory Storytime. No action taken.
- d. Report on Next Year's (2015) California Library Association Conference
Director Sanders reported that in 2015 the CLA conference will be held in Pasadena. Library Director Robert Karatsu of Rancho Cucamonga Public Library will chair the conference next year. His goal is to have 1,500 attendees. No action taken.
- e. Report on Library's 130th Anniversary Fair
Director Sanders reported that the fair was a huge success. We handed out 975 tickets for hot dogs, kettle popcorn and lemonade. There were at least 1,200 people participating in games

and entertainment. The fire department cooked the hot dogs for the community. No action taken.

f. Update on Librarian III Position

Director Sanders reported that Martha Camacho left the Pasadena Public Library to move to Pennsylvania and has taken a job at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Human Resources posted her vacant position for two weeks. There are 38 candidates. No action taken.

g. Library Staff Holiday Party, Thursday, December 11 · 8AM-Noon, Central Library

Director Sanders reported that the library would have its annual holiday party on Thursday, December 11 at Central library. All Pasadena libraries will open at noon. She invited the commissioners to join staff. No action taken.

V. REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEES/REPRESENTATIVES

a. Friends of the Library Report

Commissioner Segall attended the Friends meeting on October 22. The Friends discussed the success of the Gala fundraiser for the library's façade restoration. No action taken.

b. Library Branch Associates Report

Commissioner Siegel reported that the Associates met yesterday at La Pintoresca. They had three goals they discussed: (1) Women at Work will have a job fair in February and two weeks before the associates will assist with resume writing and mock interviews; (2) library staff has requested afterschool tutoring for middle school children; (3) they will help with computer class assistance. No action taken.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. One City, One Story Announcement, Thursday, November 20, 6PM.

b. Xicheng District's Exhibit and Reception, Thursday, December 4, 4PM

c. Human Rights Day, Wednesday, December 10, 6:30Pm – 8PM

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Circulation Statistics – November 2014

b. Record of Attendance

c. Commission Liaison at FOPPL Meetings – Commissioner Bluestone offered to attend the meeting on December 3, 2014 at 7PM.

d. Library Commission Meeting Dates – Next meeting December 17, 6PM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Library Commission adjourned without objection at 7:00 p.m.

Debbie Ayala, Chair
Pasadena Public Library Commission

Debra Humphrey, Secretary
Pasadena Public Library Commission

Community Matters

FALL 2014



PASADENA COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Library Facade Restoration Project Raises \$90,000

Celebrating 130 Years of Reading, the Pasadena Public Library hosted events all year long to mark this milestone anniversary. With the help of, the Pasadena Public Library Foundation, The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library, and the Pasadena Community Foundation, part of the anniversary festivities included a campaign to restore the Walnut Street facade of this architectural treasure. The building was designed by the firm of Myron Hunt and H.C. Chambers and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Donors to the campaign were feted at a cocktail party in the Great Hall. Hors d'oeuvres were served from "books," music played by both brass and string quartets and literary figures Jane Austen, Oscar Wilde and Henry Thoreau mixed and mingled. Funds raised will be matched by the City of Pasadena to complete the restoration.



1. Sylvia Chirun & Buff Megan
2. Connie White, Jerilyn McAniff, Octavia Howell Thass
3. Joan Cathcart, Jan Sanders, Peter McAniff, & Connie White
4. John Reeder & Bill Denzel
5. Jane Austen, Oscar Wilde & Henry Thoreau

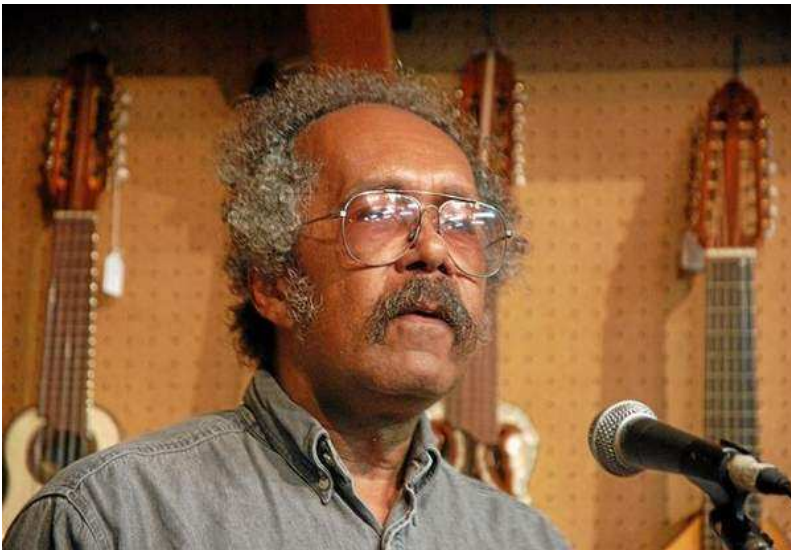
Local Tellabration events celebrate storytelling around the world



San Diego resident Marilyn McPhie tells a story.

By [Michelle Mills](#), San Gabriel Valley Tribune

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Pasadena storyteller [Nick Smith](#) will perform at Tellabration the Folk Music Center in Claremont Nov. 22.

Once upon a time, a man named J.G. Pinkerton thought there should be an international holiday for storytelling. And he wasn't the only one.

In 1988, the Connecticut Storytelling Center launched [Tellabration](#), an evening of storytelling, at six sites across the state. The next year more states joined in. In 1990, the annual event — now held the Saturday before Thanksgiving — went nationwide and by 1997

it had spread to every continent around the globe except for Antarctica.

And it's still growing strong.

The [Pasadena Library](#) is offering family storytelling events Nov. 17-22, but usually the events are presented in the form of a concert or performance with storytellers donating their shares of the gate money to a storytelling

organization to further support the art. These types of Tellabration happenings will also be held at the [Folk Music Center](#) in Claremont and [El Dorado Nature Center](#) in Long Beach on Nov. 22.

Anyone can produce an event, from storytelling organizations and schools to museums and story enthusiasts, and it can be any size, for a few people to hundreds. To be an official part of Tellabration, the organizer merely has to notify the National Storytelling Network.

“I see Tellabration as a chance for people to experience a wide range of storytelling,” said library technician Nick Smith of Pasadena Central Library.

“For the storytelling concerts that are a part of Tellabration, frequently there will be a bunch of different storytellers with very different styles telling different kinds of stories and that’s a deliberate choice by the storytellers because they want to show off not a particular story, not a particular storyteller, but what storytelling is.”

Smith has been a storyteller for the past 25 years and will perform at the Folk Music Center Tellabration.

While working at a library, Smith discovered classes and workshops for storytelling and soon realized that he loved the art. He always liked traditional folktales and history and began crafting and performing his own stories with his own versions of folktales or tales drawn from history.

“What most storytellers do is find an idea or a story and just tell it their own way,” Smith said.

People also tell personal stories, traditional folktales and offer narratives in different ways such as singing or accompanied by music.

San Diego resident [Marilyn McPhie](#) has been a storyteller since 1985 and has participated in Tellabration since it became a national event 24 years ago. She will perform at Tellabration events at the San Rafael and Allendale Branch libraries Nov. 18. She tells folktales with a focus on Scottish and Russian stories and a few personal tales.

“You read or you browse the Internet until you find a story that you like because it’s going to take some work and so why spend the time on things you don’t love?” McPhie said. “You have to find something you feel is true, at least in a metaphorical way, and speaks to you.”

McPhie values the tradition of storytelling in that unlike reading, storytelling is directly between the teller and the listener without any barriers or distractions, such as turning a page or scrolling a screen.

“There are some things that happen in that oral transmission of stories that do not happen any other way,” McPhie said. “There’s something about that face-to-face communication that really cannot be conveyed in any other mode of conveying a story.”

Smith said that family stories are particularly important because they will be lost if they aren’t passed down. Details of historic events can also disappear because they aren’t always recorded in journals and books.

“Almost every culture on Earth has some tradition of storytelling and part of that is because until very recently many cultures did not have a tradition of literacy so the only way to pass stories along was to tell them,” Smith said. “But it’s also a part of what you learn about the people and the culture.”

PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

CIRCULATION STATISTICS SYSTEM MONTHLY COMPARISON

Nov-14

	Nov-13	Nov-14	MONTHLY % CHANGE	FISCAL Y-T-D TOTAL 2013-2014	FISCAL Y-T-D TOTAL 2014-2015	Y-T-D % CHANGE
BRANCH:						
ALLENDALE	3,222	3,163	-1.83%			
HASTINGS	15,448	14,930	-3.35%			
HILL AVENUE	4,041	3,355	-16.98%			
LAMANDA PARK	4,952	4,240	-14.38%			
LA PINTORESCA	5,767	5,483	-4.92%			
LINDA VISTA	2,589	2,764	6.76%			
SAN RAFAEL	2,999	2,619	-12.67%			
SANTA CATALINA	4,561	4,347	-4.69%			
VILLA PARKE	1,554	1,423	-8.43%			
TOTAL BRANCH	45,133	42,324	-6.22%	236,268	231,460	-2.03%
TOTAL CENTRAL	51,511	46,475	-9.78%	279,967	255,729	-8.66%
TOTAL (TELECIRC-PAS) RENEWAL	2,247	2,038	-9.30%	12,743	10,971	-13.91%
TOTAL (HIP-PAS) RENEWAL	18,658	18,949	1.56%	99,504	98,088	-1.42%
TOTAL EBOOKS (OD) -PAS	3,171	2,632	-17.00%	16,212	18,253	12.59%
TOTAL EBOOKS (3M) -PAS	0	859	#N/A	16,212	4,730	-70.82%
MEDIA BOX (CENTRAL)	3,255	1,890	-41.94%	18,715	11,148	-40.43%
MEDIA BOX (HAST)	1,076	523	-51.39%	5,609	2,975	-46.96%
GRAND TOTAL SYSTEM	125,051	115,690	-7.49%	685,230	633,354	-7.57%

**PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION
MEETING ATTENDANCE
JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015**

NAME	7/16/14	8/20/14	9/17/14	10/15/14	11/19/14	12/17/14	1/17/15	2/18/15	3/18/15	4/15/15	5/20/15	6/17/15
AYALA, DEBBIE – District 2	XX	P	P	E	P							
BLUESTONE, KARLA – At Large/7	XX	P	P	P	P							
CALKIN, SHARON - District 3	XX	P	P	P	P							
DENT, MORRIS – District 4	XX	P	E	P	P							
GONZALEZ, VICTOR – District 5	XX	P	P	E	P							
HADERLEIN, JANE – Mayor	XX	P	E	E	P							
SEGALL, JANICE- District 6	XX	P	P	P	P							
SIEGEL, ARNOLD- District 1	XX	P	P	E	P							
WANG, WENDY – District 7	XX	P	E	E	P							

P = PRESENT
E = EXCUSED
A = ABSENT
LOA = LEAVE OF ABSENCE
SHADED = NOT APPLICABLE
XX = MEETING CANCELLED
[R] = SPECIAL MEETING RETREAT
[S] = SPECIAL MEETING
NQ = NO QUORUM, SO NO MEETING HELD
R—N/A = RECUSED SO ATTENDANCE IS NOT APPLICABLE

Library Commission Liaison Sign Up

Friends of the Pasadena Public Library 2015 Meetings

(4th Wednesday of the Month - 7pm)

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 22

May 27

June 24

July 22

August 26

September 23

October 28

December 2

2014

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETINGS

3RD WEDNESDAY, 6PM

Date	Council District	Location	Branch Manager
January 15	3	Central	Martha Camacho
February 19	6	Linda Vista	Robin Reidy
March 19	5	Villa Parke	Pat Smith
April 16	6	San Rafael	Leonard Lane
May 21	7	Allendale	Jean Penn
June 18	1	La Pintoresca	Pat Smith
July 16		<i>No Meeting</i>	
August 20	4	Hastings	Diane Walker
September 17	4	Lamanda Park	Leonard Lane
October 15	2	Santa Catalina	Robin Reidy
November 19	7	Hill Avenue	Jean Penn
December 17	3	Central – Studio on 4 th	

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