



Library Board October 2023 Meeting

October 11, 5:30 pm
Community Meeting Room

Call to order: SAA, MA, DB, CC, JC, MJ, SJ, MR

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes September 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renovation Plan update
 - b. 2024 Budget Draft
5. New Business
 - a. Capital Campaign Plan
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

A Listening Session is scheduled for October 12, 6 pm at City Hall. We also will be on the regular council agenda for a funding resolution vote on Oct 24, 6 pm. Please take some time to contact the mayor and talk with him about the work we have done to prepare for the renovation, the need to address aging building systems, energy efficiency, security and of course better space configuration for the way people use the library. Talking points available on the [website](#).

Architect Alex Ramsey is reviewing the cost estimate, the feasibility of folding in features such as the Main St & Vaughn Ave entrance if fundraising is successful & timely. She is also talking with local facility project managers to get a sense of contractors and bidding trends in our Bay Area.

Budget

The general fund (tax levy) is constricted by the amount of construction that occurs during the year. Sadly, there was a minimal amount of new construction, so the City Administrator has asked department heads to cut budgets by 3%. That is about \$9500 from our budget. Areas I have cut; building repair/maintenance by \$3000, Professional services by \$1,000, Training - \$500, Programming - \$500, Summer Reading - \$500 and Office equipment/furniture - \$4000. I can review a bit at the meeting.

Programs/Events

Summer Reading prizes were awarded, including the passport (visiting libraries in our system) local winner Donna Mae Lundquist. September was library card sign up month and we have 92 new members! Although it was a chilly night, 30 people came out for Ferris Bueller's Day Off outdoor film. Cole was at the Farmers' Market with mini pumpkins. DND and Pokemon continue to bring in fans. Family Night - Art Party was well attended with 40 bodies making art.

On the Horizon

I am still working on forming the capital campaign committee. I have some good ideas from area development folks but still am hesitant to begin contacting potential committee members until we have a solid green light from the City. I will have the plan sketched out for the meeting.

Book Recommendation

If you have not read any of James McBride's work, pick up any of his novels & prepare to disregard your chores or as some might say "read irresponsibly." His latest is the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store which is kind of a murder mystery rolled into a tale of two cultures living side by side in a marginal community and how lives intertwine regardless of race or religion but because of love (big love, not romantic love ;)

Sarah Adams, Director

