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The Library Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

TORRANCE LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA JUNE 12, 2023 REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM 3031 TORRANCE BLVD., TORRANCE, CA 90503

THE LIBRARY COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 - ROLL CALL: Commission members Gunter, Javaid, Muo, Piotrowski, Reilly, Wang
- 2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Wang
- 3. INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: Commissioner Wang
- 4. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's website on June 7, 2023.

- 5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS
- 6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 1 minute per speaker.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body approve the Library Commission minutes of May 8, 2023.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8A. ACCEPT AND FILE: INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION OF STAFF REGARDING 2023 ALL AGES SUMMER READING PROGRAM: FIND YOUR VOICE

Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file staff's verbal report on the 2023 Summer Reading Program.

- 8B. ACCEPT AND FILE: CITY LIBRARIAN'S UPDATE REGARDING
 THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER
 ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF PERSONAL MATERIALS FROM
 THE KAJI FAMILY AND THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM
 Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file
 the report updating the progress in securing a long-term archival location for items
 from the personal collection of the Kaji Family and Japanese American
 National Museum.
- 8C. ACCEPT AND FILE: UPDATE REGARDING STATUS OF THE OPEN + PROJECT AT EL RETIRO LIBRARY

Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file the report updating the status of Open+ expanded access project at the El Retiro Branch Library.

8D. ACCEPT AND FILE: UPDATE REGARDING STATUS OF THE NORTH TORRANCE BRANCH LIBRARY HOMEWORK CENTER SPONSORED BY THE TORRANCE REFINING COMPANY

Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file the report regarding the status of the North Torrance Branch Library's Homework Center refresh and rebranding sponsored by the Torrance Refining Company.

- 8E. ACCEPT AND FILE: INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING STAFF PARTICIPATION IN CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file the report of staff attendance at the California Library Association Conference in Sacramento, California from May 31 through June 3, 2023.
- 8F. ACCEPT AND FILE: INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING COMMISSIONER GUNTER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE SERVING WITH A PURPOSE CONFERENCE

Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file the verbal report of Library Commissioner, Ben Gunter, regarding his attendance at the recent Serving with a Purpose conference.

- 8G. ACCEPT AND FILE: CITY LIBRARIAN'S MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file the City Librarian's Monthly Division Report.
- 9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Order - Gunter, Javaid, Muo, Piotrowski, Reilly, Wang

- 10. ITEMS FOR NEXT LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING
- 11. ADJOURNMENT
 - 11A. Adjournment of Library Commission Meeting to MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the WEST ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM, 3031 TORRANCE BLVD., TORRANCE, CA 90503



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In compliance with Government Code 54954.2 (a), I DO HEREBY AFFIRM that a copy of the Library Commission Agenda for the regular meeting of Monday, June 12, 2023 was conspicuously posted on the City Clerk's Bulletin Board, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California at the time and date indicated below.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY COMMISSION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Library Commission convened in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Walteria Library.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioners Piotrowski, Reilly, Wang, and Chair Javaid.

Absent:

Commissioners Gunter and Muo.

Also Present:

City Librarian Heather Cousin, Assistant City Librarian Cynthia Aguado, Assistant City Librarian Evan Coates, Senior Librarian Theresa Babiar, and Community Services Director John La Rock.

<u>MOTION</u>: Commissioner Reilly moved to excuse the absence of Commissioners Gunter and Muo. Commissioner Piotrowski seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners Gunter and Muo absent).

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Piotrowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Commissioner Piotrowski shared an inspirational message.

4. REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Librarian Cousin reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's Website Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS None.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public spoke.

A member of the Youth Council spoke.

CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 10, 2023

<u>MOTION</u>: Commissioner Reilly moved to approve the April 10, 2023, minutes as presented. Commissioner Wang seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners Gunter and Muo absent).

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8A. ACCEPT & FILE: WALTERIA LIBRARY REPORT

Senior Librarian Babiar presented Item 8A, sharing stories / experiences of the Walteria / Torrance Library.

Members of the Commission spoke.

MOTION: Commissioner Piotrowski moved to accept and file Item 8A. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners Gunter and Muo absent).

8B. ACCEPT & APPROVE: INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING LIBRARY TEAM APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

City Librarian Cousin presented Item 8B.

- The Team Appreciation Breakfast, put together by the Library Association, was well received and will be investigated to be held annually.
- Staff is investigating Spring and Fall in-service events that can generate additional training opportunities and organizational and professional development.

Members of the Commission spoke.

<u>MOTION</u>: Commissioner Reilly moved to accept and file Item 8B. Commissioner Piotrowski seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners Gunter and Muo absent).

8C. ACCEPT AND FILE: CITY LIBRARIAN'S MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT

City Librarian Cousin presented Item 8C.

- Full-time Library Technician and Senior Library Technician vacancies have been filled and pre-employment processes are starting; Temporary Librarian interviews are in process.
- Friends of the Library had a successful full-day book sale.
- "Eggstravaganza" event was successful with a good turnout.

Members of the Commission spoke.

MOTION: Commissioner Wang moved to accept and file Item 8C. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners Gunter and Muo absent).

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners Piotrowski, Reilly, Wang, and Chair Javaid spoke.

Commissioner Reilly requested that Wider Circle / Blue Zones be explored. City Librarian Cousin acknowledged the request, stating that staff can include the topic in a future staff report.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

- Summer Reading Program.
- Historical items from Councilmember Kaji update / status.
- · Youth book reading club.
- Follow-up with Ted Lieu's office regarding veteran's movie screening in conjunction with Memorial Day.
- City Librarian Monthly Division Report.
- CLA report.
- Wider Circle / Blue Zone.
- Serving with a Purpose report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:23 p.m., Commissioner Piotrowski moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Wang seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners Gunter and Muo absent).

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LIBRARY COMMISSION

FROM:

HEATHER COUSIN, CITY LIBRARIAN

SUBJECT:

UPDATE REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF PERSONAL MATERIALS FROM THE KAJI FAMILY AND THE

JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file the report updating the progress in securing a long-term archival location for items from the personal collection of the Kaji Family and Japanese American National Museum.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the February 7, 2023, City Council meeting, Councilmember Kaji received concurrence from the Council to bring before the Library Commission the concept of accepting donations from both his family and the Japanese American National Museum (JANM), items of historical and cultural significance. The City Council offered its approval to bring before you the staff's research into establishing such an archive.

Following the April Library Commission meeting and a meeting with Councilmember Kaji, staff contacted Dean Dr. Stephanie Sterling Brasley, Ed. D, at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). Dr. Brasley expressed interest in the Kaji collection given CSUDH's existing and extensive Gerth archive and the CSU Japanese American Digitization Project.

Archivists at CSUDH expressed interest in accepting the Kaji and JANM items and Dean Brasley is interested in an ongoing partnership with the Torrance Public Library ensuring programming to highlight the collections.

Staff are available for questions.

Respectfully submitted,

LIBRARY COMMISSION

FROM:

EVAN COATES, ASSISTANT CITY LIBRARIAN

SUBJECT:

Open + Project at the El Retiro Library Update

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation that your honorable body accept and file the report updating the status of Open+ expanded access project at the El Retiro Branch Library.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the February 2021 Commission Meeting, then City Librarian Yolande Wilburn presented an overview of the Open+ Pilot at the El Retiro Library, with an estimated launch of January 2022. Due to unforeseen facility renovations, staff turnover, and supply delays, the project launch was delayed. However, it will soon be introduced to the community as Extended Access at the El Retiro Library.

The Extended Access model of service offers patrons the ability access to the El Retiro Library in addition to staffed operating hours. During Extended Access hours, patrons may access the El Retiro Library to use the computers, print, check out and return materials, and retrieve pick-up. During Extended Hours, patrons may scan their card on a keypad outside the front door and enter the library, even if staffing is unavailable.

Patrons will have their library account modified to allow entry into the library during Extended Access hours only after they have registered and have agreed to the terms and conditions.

Terms and Conditions

The patron will:

- Accept responsibility for the space, equipment, and furniture during the access time.
- Comply with all Torrance Public Library policies and guidelines, such as the Customer & Service Commitment Agreement and the Standards of Behavior.
- Understand that local Library staff are unavailable in person during this time but that remote staff assistance is always available. Some issues may not be resolved remotely, in which case staff will refer the customer to return to the branch during staffed hours.
- Understand that a parent or guardian MUST always accompany youth younger than 18 years of age.
- Not open the entrance to other customers besides immediate family.
- Recognize that security cameras monitor the branch during all hours.
- Be able to summon help by calling 911 in an emergency.
- Understand that access may be revoked for violating library policy.
- Understand that extended access hours are subject to change.

Once registered, patrons will enter the branch by scanning their library card at the entrance, automatically triggering the door to unlock.

Benefits of the Extended Access model include:

- Convenient early hours are ideal for people wanting to stop by before work or after taking children to school.
- Fewer customers in the early hours may offer a quieter library environment.
- Allowing customer access before library staff arrives will garner a true sense of ownership.
- The lack of library crowds may attract some customers: those with relatives or children.
- By increasing accessible hours, the Library may attract new users at times more convenient to them.
- Creating easily accessible Library spaces, collections, and resources increases the institution's value to the community

Staff are available for questions.

Respectfully submitted

Evan Coates

Assistant City Librarian

Concurrence:

LIBRARY COMMISSION

FROM:

EVAN COATES, ASSISTANT CITY LIBRARIAN

SUBJECT:

UPDATE ON THE NORTH TORRANCE HOMEWORK CENTER

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation that your honorable body accept and file the report regarding the status of the North Torrance Branch Library's Homework Center refresh and rebranding sponsored by the Torrance Refining Company.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In July 2012, the Exxon-Mobil Refinery generously donated funding to the North Torrance Library to purchase the first mobile homework center for the Torrance Public Library. This center was designed to use four laptops to allow students to work anywhere in the library and collaborate as needed. Over the years, the center has routinely been updated with new devices, but the laptops remained wired and secured to existing tables, only partially implementing the intended vision. Still, the North Torrance Homework Center has proven to be a valuable resource for students seeking assistance with their academic work and exam preparations.

In January 2023, the Library accepted a donation from the Torrance Refining Company of \$15,000 to modernize and update the homework center and fully realize the original intent. Following the donation, the Torrance Public Library was able to utilize an existing mobile charging cart, purchase six additional laptops, purchase new modular tables and chairs, and purchase a STEM-inspired makerspace cart to enhance and promote a hands-on learning environment for the community.

Staff are available for questions.

Respectfully submitted

Assistant City Librarian

Concurrence:

LIBRARY COMMISSION

FROM:

HEATHER COUSIN, CITY LIBRARIAN

SUBJECT:

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING STAFF

PARTICIPATION IN CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

CONFERENCE

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Librarian that your honorable body accept and file the report of staff attendance at the California Library Association Conference in Sacramento, California from May 31 through June 3, 2023.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The theme of this year's conference was Sustaining our People, Planet, and Performance into the Future and it did not disappoint. Bringing together a much livelier and larger scale conference than in the past two years, participants were treated to a bigger display of vendors, presenters, and topics including Little Free Libraries, advocacy, and fundraising.

The annual statewide gathering was well attended and gave ample opportunity for networking and staff made use of that time to connect with representatives from the State Library and vendors who supply the system with various goods and services. Follow-up calls and meetings have been scheduled to make use of the contacts and information gathered. Information has also been shared with those team members unable to attend by way of the library's common computer networks.

Staff are available for questions.

Respectfully submitted,

TO: LIBRARY COMMISSION

FROM: HEATHER COUSIN, CITY LIBRARIAN

SUBJECT: CITY LIBRARIAN'S MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT

Administration and Staffing

The team kicked off the month with May the 4th – a Star Wars themed celebration of reading – with a spirited trivia match at the monthly online all-staff meeting. Winners, Theresa Babiar and John La Rock received prizes for their extensive knowledge ranging from Luke and Leia to the Mandalorian series.

The Library team also happily welcomed new faces and new faces in new places with the addition of Hailey Giczy to the position of Senior Library Technician and promotions of Paul Acosta and Ramon Estrada to part-time Library Technician positions.

Hailey is a native of Orange County, California and has been working in libraries for ten years. She has worked in increasingly responsible library roles at Orange County Public Libraries, Paramount Unified School District, and CSU Dominguez Hills, and is very excited to return to public libraries. She is working towards her MLIS from SJSU in 2024. She looks forward to working to serving the Torrance community.

Paul Acosta was promoted from Senior Library Page to Library Technician. He began with the Torrance Public Library as a Page, or shelver at the Henderson Branch Library and during his time with the City has worked at every location. His current assignment is at the Southeast Branch Library. When not working, Paul is raising a litter of kittens that unexpectedly showed up on his doorstep.

Ramón Estrada has been working in libraries since 2015 starting at the Carson Library as a Page, then promoting to associate in Hermosa Beach and starting at Katy Geissert as a senior library page in 2018. Ramón is very excited to settle into his new library home at the North Torrance Branch Library and continue this adventure with his new team!

By the Numbers

December	El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Visits	804	4012	6736	2165	2875	2012
Circulation	2062	9313	26571	7952	5946	6757
January	El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Visits	1432	6435	11102	3873	5489	3569
Circulation	2796	9365	28512	8390	6299	7156
February	El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Visits	830	3448	6842	2085	3129	2159
Circulation	2548	7891	26867	7749	5982	6718
March	El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Visits	1517	5747	11224	3364	4957	3289
Circulation	2664	9767	30987	8799	8011	8050
April	El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Visits	1468	5602	10962	3285	4108	2861
Circulation	2642	9597	29115	8570	7019	6946
May	El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
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Visits	1745	6936	13253	3934	5019	3469

Programming

December		El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Adult	Programs	2	0	4	2	0	0
	Attendees	16	0	84	36	0	0
Teen	Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Attendees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth	Programs	2		2	1	3	3
	Attendees	16		21	31	75	68
	Class Visit	0	0	0	0	2 57	0
Attendance Total		32	0	105	77	132	68
January		El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Adult	Programs	0	6	5	3	3	3
	Attendees	0	80	89	51	17	20
Teen	Programs	0	0	1	0	1	0
	Attendees	0	0	16	0	9	0
Youth	Programs	5	6	5	3	3	5
	Attendees	164	112	91	108	70	157
	Class Visit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance Total		164	192	196	159	96	177
February		El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Adult	Programs	2	5	8	1	3	3
	Attendees	34	70	184	20	29	20
Teen	Programs	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Attendees	0	0	15	0	0	0
Youth	Programs	5	5	7	2	5	5
	Attendees	207	121	140	79	118	156
	Class Visit	0		0	0	0	0
Attendance Total		241	191	580	99	147	176

March		El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Adult	Programs	2	6	5	0	2	1
	Attendees	29	75	139	0	23	18
Teen	Programs	1	0	1	0	1	0
	Attendees	16	0	15	0	9	0
Youth	Programs	3	3	8	1	3	4
	Attendees	113	79	222	44	36	154
	Class Visit						
Attendance Total		158	154	376	44	68	172
April		El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Adult	Programs	1	6	7	1	3	4
	Attendees	8	85	111	20	22	51
Teen	Programs	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Attendees	0	9	11	0	0	0
Youth	Programs	6	3	10	3	4	5
	Attendees	265	109	348	174	138	82
	Class Visit						
Attendance		273	203	470	194	160	133

May		El Retiro	Henderson	Katy Geissert	North Torrance	Southeast	Walteria
Adult	Programs	2	7	13	0	3	3
	Attendees	23	86	418	0	29	23
	Programs	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Attendees	0	0	0	0	2	0
Youth	Programs	5	5	10	4	3	4
	Attendees	260	282	309	204	69	80
	Class Visit						
Attendance Total		283	368	727	204	100	103

Respectfully submitted,