



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2012

Approved as amended at the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2012

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2012 in the Koret Auditorium Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm.

Commissioners present: Gomez, Munson, Nguyen and Ono.

Commissioner Kane entered the meeting at 4:55 pm

Commissioner Randlett unexcused.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said the previous speaker had some noteworthy points. He said after the Ethics Commission made their finding and asked the Mayor to sack the President of the Library Commission, not only did the Mayor do nothing,

but the Commissioners unanimously elected the President for another term as President of the Library Commission, which was most unfortunate. He said at the last meeting we heard in the City Librarian's report that the Bernal Heights mural was to be painted out the following Monday and the scaffolding would go up the next day. He said he stood up before you and said that that would be illegal. He said none of the Commissioners had anything to say about the illegality. He said the scaffolding came up the next day, but also a letter came from the heir of the artist who painted the mural and claimed under her right under California law to be given 90 days notice to allow her to remove the mural. He said as a consequence the library has stopped the painting out of the mural. He said the Commission should ask the City Librarian what has happened. He said the scaffolding is up but he has not heard any plans for what will happen with it, but he considers the scaffolding a very clear and present danger to the mural, the library and the community.

Charles Moody said he and his wife are representatives of Ortega Library to the Council of Neighborhood Libraries (CNL). He said the Ortega Library is doing very well and it is a very busy, happy place and is fulfilling all of the dreams that we had hoped for. He said they feel very fortunate to be in a city with such a vibrant library system with a good staff and good oversight by the Commission. He said he thinks those feelings are also shared by the other representatives of CNL.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER LIBRARY COMMISSIONER MICHAEL C. BREYER

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said it is an honor to introduce this action item for the Commission to thank Michael Breyer for his service on the Commission.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said it would be a much wiser practice to make the presentation and then take public comment. He said it is a shame we are losing Mr. Breyer. He said people on his level do not stay very long. He said people who have careers soon learn that this is not a place where their reputations will be augmented. He said Nancy Pelosi lasted five months and Beverly Hayon is second with six months. He said Mayor Newsom once brought in four top people and all of those people lasted less than two years. He said most successful people who become library commissions do so to demonstrate that they have a kinder, gentler, and socially responsibly side. He said the anomaly is Commissioner Kane. He said no one at his level has been here so long. He said Commissioners who recognize that this is their one chance to act like a pig are the ones who stay. He said Mr. Breyer has learned that insulting the citizens and laughing while they are talking doesn't solve as many problems as he thought. He said he found out that the Friends really are liars and thieves and that was not what he signed up for. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said it has been a short stay for Commissioner Breyer and it is unfortunate because that sort of turnover is something that hurts the institutional memory of the library. He said we did not hear the commendation before public comment, but it is a short one. He said a perfect attendance record is exemplary, but he personally appreciated that Mr. Breyer asked questions and had the decency to not go along with the falsification of Minutes, where the minutes have been corrected from what was originally stated.

Clarice Moody said she would like to thank Mr. Breyer for being on the Commission and thank him for his dedication, his research, and his overall good temperament. She said she would like to wish him well in the future.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson read the Resolution recognizing, honoring and commending Michael C. Breyer for the significant contributions that he has made for the betterment of San Francisco's public library system for his two years of service as a member of the Library Commission.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the [Resolution honoring former Commissioner Michael C. Breyer](#)

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen, and Ono)

President Gomez presented former Commissioner Michael Breyer with the Resolution and said it is not the length of the stay on the Commission it is the quality of the stay and she thanked Michael very much for his service.

Former Commissioner Breyer said it has been a privilege serving on the Commission with the outstanding leadership of Luis Herrera and Jill Bourne. He said they have said that it is not about them it is about the people at the library and the employees. He said this library is a light on the hill for the city and country and illustrative of a great library for the world. He acknowledged each Commissioner and the Commission Secretary for their individual strengths and support. He said it has been an extraordinary privilege to have gotten to know everyone.

The Commissioners each expressed their support and acknowledgement of Michael Breyer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS FOR LIBRARY SERVICE HOURS

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said this report marks the beginning of one of the highest priority projects of the year, which is a full review of our public operating hours for our entire system. She said we are joined tonight by Randle McClure, who is one of the lead staff members from the Controller's Office who will be facilitating the project.

Randle McClure, Project Manager, City Controller's Office, said they do a lot of project analysis for various city departments through Prop C funding. He said this assistance will be provided for the next 6 – 8 months. He said the Charter mandate states that the Library Commission shall assess and modify as appropriate the hours of operation of the main and branch libraries at least once every five years. He said this will be accomplished by gathering community input (including public hearings) to help set the criteria for determining service hours. He said a comprehensive assessment of needs regarding service hours will be prepared. He said the project goals are to complete the project by next summer by facilitating a comprehensive community input process, developing criteria for proposed service hours, utilizing strategic priorities in analysis and planning, determining the most effective allocation of its open hours and finalizing a proposed schedule and other planning initiatives. He said the Library system is currently open for 1,307.5 hours per week which is approximately 8% above the Charter requirement of 1,211 and is an average 6.7 open hours a day per branch. He said the scope of work will include outreach at public hearings in each supervisorial district and the final report with open hour recommendations to the Library. He explained the anticipated outcomes.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the timing works so that we can include any modifications or changes in next year's budget.

Explanatory document: [Executive Summary](#)

Public Comment

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Peter Warfield, Library User's Association, said there are a number of things unfortunate about this. He said he believes that the Charter mandate is that the Library Commission does these things and it concerns him that you are outsourcing much of the work to an entirely different office in the City. He said he is concerned that there are no dates on any of the steps that have been laid out in the PowerPoint presentation. He asked about the expert consultant that will be working on this and who will be choosing the consultant and by what means. He

said he is concerned that he is not seeing anything in the plan about the history of previous surveys. He said the studies have consistently shown that people want weekend and evening hours.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane asked about the scope of work and who is setting the strategic priority analysis. He said he would like to know more about the process.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said this is a process set out by Prop D and the creation of the survey will be done by working with the Controller's Office and the consultant, but one of the things we want to make clear is that the survey includes the strategic priorities the Commission has supported.

Commissioner Kane said this is something the Library should be in charge of. He said the focus should be on the hours including what time of day and which days the patrons prefer.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the reason we are engaging the Controller's office is so that it is done very methodically and deliberately and we gather the data and have a thoughtful analysis. He said it will be a team effort.

Commissioner Kane said he knows how surveys can be conducted by the way you phrase a question and what really bothered him about this report was the anticipated outcomes. He said it looks like we are saying upfront that these are the results we expect.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian said the anticipated outcomes are when the process is complete and we have implemented any changes.

Commissioner Kane said he wanted to make sure this would be a fair process with valid input that we can learn from. He said who is the consultant and asked if it is within our budget.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the consultant is within the budget for the project scope and it will involve a selection process of a variety of consultants.

Randle McClure, Project Manager, City Controller's Office, said the consultants will come from a list of vendors selected by the City.

Commissioner Kane said he wanted to make sure the community meetings will have plenty of notice to the public and the Commission so everyone will be able to participate.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said Prop D changed the way the hearings would be held from being at the 27 branches to one in each supervisorial district, so the District Supervisors will be involved as well.

She said this process completely complies with the provisions of Proposition D.

Commissioner Ono asked about a schedule of meetings and how far in advance the community will be notified.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said they are hoping to schedule the meetings in the fall.

Randle McClure, Project Manager, City Controller's Office, said the timeline is still a little vague because we still have to go through the contracting process and negotiations. He said there will be a significant amount of lead time to inform the public and the Commission.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Supervisors are very interested in this process and will assist in the public noticing.

Commissioner Ono asked if the budget is through the Controller's office.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said it is through mandated funding from the Departments to the Controller's Office because of Prop C.

Commissioner Ono said that her understanding is that we can make changes to the budget in the second year of the review process. She asked if this has been done in other cities or if there is a way to benchmark the process.

Randle McClure, Project Manager, City Controller's Office, said there are a few cities around the country that have done similar studies. He said we are a unique city so there is only a limited amount of benchmarking that can be done for this project.

Commissioner Munson asked if the Commissioners will be included in the process for the public meetings. He would like to have a discussion with the Commission monthly as we go forward. He asked about the types of surveys and ways in which the public will be able to participate.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said there will be a variety of different opportunities for people to give their input.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said the approved budget is \$196,259,350 as of February 16, 2012. She said there is one branch under construction, Bayview, and one branch in the bid and award stage which is North Beach. She said the Bayview Branch Library is approximately 55% complete as of mid-June. She showed photographs of the Bayview Branch construction. She said the final completion date is to be determined. She said we are exceeding the city workforce goal for San Francisco residents and we are also exceeding the goals HRC has set. She showed design and site plans for the completed design for the

North Beach branch. She said they are currently reviewing the bids for the project. She said the North Beach project is fully funded. She said the tree removal and replacement permit was appealed and is scheduled before the Board of Appeals on July 11. She said no other appeals were filed for permits. She said the hearing on the court challenge was held on June 7 and the decision is still pending.

Explanatory document: Current [Budget Report](#).

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said it is a shame that there has not been a report on what is happening to the scaffolding and the mural destruction at the Bernal Heights Branch. He said that should be part of the Bond Manager's Report. He said scaffolds collapse and if there is going to be an unmonitored scaffold up there for a couple of months, he hopes there will be some information on it. He said we have a current budget report and as recently as February the report showed only \$1.1 Million for furniture, fixtures and equipment and of that only \$273,000 was from the Library Preservation Fund. He said Commissioner Kane asked about this at the May 17 meeting. He said that figure from the Library Preservation Fund has just disappeared. He said there has been no explanation or evidence of a transfer. He said if you wanted to reestablish your credibility after the financial report being so far off as recently as four months ago, this is not the way to go about it. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said thank you for the report. He said the scaffolding that is unsupervised on the Bernal Branch Library poses a very serious danger to the library and the mural that is on it. He said it is a danger to the public and he said it is an attractive nuisance for a fresh jungle gym just one building away from a playground. He said he would like to know whether there is a guideline that the City has for leaving inactive projects with such things as scaffolding on the site. He said the budget shows some things that are unfortunate. He said under Program Wide Services and Costs under Moving and Interim Services it originally showed \$4,360,000 and as of February it is \$522,559 and he would like to know where that money has gone. He said the Park Branch had no expenditure for a rental of an interim location. He said footnote 6 needs to be clarified.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane asked about the safety of the scaffolding at the Bernal Branch.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Library received a letter from the sister of the artist of the mural and the scaffolding was already up. He said initial noticing was done back in 2007. He said we are just making sure that everything has been done correctly and we are sure that the scaffolding is safe and in keeping with all requirements.

Commissioner Kane asked about the closeouts on the completed branches.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they anticipate coming back to the Commission in the next three months to close out some of the projects. He said they are very optimistic that there will be good news on the closeouts.

Commissioner Kane said when we do those budget closeouts we should look at the FF&E budget which is budgeted for \$16 Million and reduce it to the appropriate expenditures.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said once the cost estimates are done for Bayview and North Beach, we will be able to do that.

Commissioner Kane asked about footnote number 6.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the footnote should say "Amount reported by the Friends" not "Amount reported for the Friends."

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 FY 2012-13 BUDGET UPDATE

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said yesterday, on June 20 they went to the Budget and Finance Committee meeting and gave a presentation and were able to highlight the areas where increases to the budget were being recommended. He said it was a very thorough budget presentation and today we will provide more detail that provides where we are with the budget.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation that included the budget calendar and strategic priorities and other investments. She said there have been an estimated increase in the Library Preservation Fund (LPF) FY 13 revenue to \$90 Million and an increase to the LPF FY 14 revenue to \$93 Million. She said the Fund balance is now at \$14 Million. She explained the chart on the Summary of Estimated Resource Investments Comparison from February vs. June, 2012. She said the YouthWorks work order increased an additional \$81,200 from February to meet the Mayor's call for additional youth employment opportunities. She said the new total investment is \$156,800 and provides 28 employment slots. She said the other numbers have to do with the labor numbers and some of that is that there were additional fringe benefits added after the Commission approved the budget. She said the other change is on expanded hours and the Mayor requested that those numbers be added in October, 2012 versus a full year and reflects current salary and benefit rates.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said when we have added hours in the past we have not done it until October.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, said the changes on the FY 14 budget between February and June were tied to the new labor figures.

She explained in more detail the comparison in the budget between what the Commission approved in February and where it stands today. She said the Library Preservation Fund Balance has a proposed increase but the number will change depending on expenditures. She said some of the other changes occur in services of other departments and equipment costs. She explained the difference in the budget for the proposed year compared to the current fiscal year.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there seems to be some glimmer of hope that the State may include \$5 Million back, so we may see that additional revenue.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, said the money would go back into our budget as a technical adjustment. She said the FY 14 proposed budget is \$4.62 Million more than the FY 13 proposed budget. She said there are changes to the labor costs for those two years. She showed a graphic representation of the budget for the next two years. She said the next steps include the technical correction to increase revenues and Board budget negotiations. She said the expansion of hours will be a policy discussion by the Board of Supervisors.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there was a good conversation with the analysts who then make their recommendations on any cuts. He said they initially wanted to reduce 2.5 FTE, so we are pleased that it will now be a policy decision.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, said the next budget hearing will be on June 27.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is an actual increase of 2.5 FTE the rest is based on the attrition rate.

Explanatory document: [FY 2012-13 budget presentation](#).

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the budget process is obscure enough annually, but when you make it biennial, it becomes all technical transfers based on best estimates, which means that it makes it just that more obscure and just that much more impenetrable and unmanageable. He said if you call the conversation with Supervisor Chu an engaged conversation I would hate to see a disengaged conversation. He said Supervisor Chu was concerned about whether dipping into the LPF reserve would be sustainable in the long run. He said the City Librarian did not tell her that he was planning to wipe out the reserve to pay for the BLIP overruns so he would not have to sell more bonds. He said with substantial increases in the budget, there should be service increase. He said on page 7 it shows \$9.9 Million in FY 13 and \$10.47 Million in FY 14. He said if you look at the graph it shows an entirely different figure. He said the answer is they are throwing in other things to obscure accountability. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the budget has some very unfortunate qualities. He said if someone complained that it was 85 degrees in the room and too hot he would hope that the Commission would not say it meets the legal requirements. He said he hope that you do not misinterpret comments that have to do with judgments and priorities as assertions that there is a legal problem when he has in fact not claimed any such thing. He said the strategic priorities are a mess. He said there are no mentions of books and no mention of open hours. He said let's have some straight talk. He said books and open hours should be listed in the budget in plain English. He said some charts, particularly page five which has nothing circled or changed and others that have circled changes. He said he doesn't see anything about the Fuhrman Fund on page 10. He said library collections listed on page 10 is 50% higher than other pages.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane asked about the amount taken out of the LPF

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, said for FY 13 it would be \$440,000 with the added revenue. She said the Controller's Office may give us more revenue on the General Fund side about \$230,000, so that amount of the Fund Balance will go down by that amount.

Commissioner Kane said revenue went up about \$3 Million for FY 13 and asked how much our expenses went up.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, said between February and June our revenue went up for the LPF about \$1.23 Million. He said for 2012 we had unexpected revenue so the balance went up.

Commissioner Kane said he is trying to ascertain where the fund balance was for FY 12 and what we ended up with.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, said at the close of FY 11, the fund balance was \$17.3 Million and that was using around \$950,000 to balance the FY 12 budget and we put \$5.8 Million into BLIP but we received \$2.5 Million revenue from the General Fund.

Commissioner Kane said he is concerned about the focus on open hours and that we have a negative amount in the operating hours. He said we are making a conscious choice to preserve open hours and there are other choices we could have made.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that our priorities are not to deplete the fund balance.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said Supervisor Chu wanted to make sure we are cognizant of the fact that we have to look at a long term issues and

what our draw is on the fund balance. He said we need to balance our own resources.

Commissioner Kane said he is concerned about the use of the LPF and the fact that we are able to use those monies for other things like open hours.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2012

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said there are not too many major issues with these Minutes. He said on page 1 he said he did say it was a shame not to have public comment on the Kathy Lawhun announcement. He also said this was not what we had a democracy for. He said his comments about not giving or accepting money from the Friends and Foundation are never included in the minutes and should be. He said the man from the audience should be identified as an anonymous citizen number 2. He said the man described his hobbies from astronomy to calligraphy which are supported by the library and it was a nice colorful comment. He said Ray Hartz' comments has one open quotation mark and two closed quotation marks. He said he thinks the one after "concern?" is the correct one. He said the last sentence it says "He said the when" makes no sense and "the focus whether" should be "the focus of things, whether." He said on page 8 the adjournment was in memory of Jack Coll, not "member." (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there has been a long battle over the Commission's refusal to include the citizen's summaries in the Minutes as required by law and as found by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. He said you are better than you were sometime back in the reference that you give at the end of the statement by the anonymous citizen where it states "See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker." He said at least there is some reference but it is not what the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force says is legal. He said it buries the public comment that has been submitted behind a whole bunch of boiler plate language.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the [Minutes of May 17, 2012](#) with a correction on page 8 to the Anonymous Citizen's comments to read "the Commission adjourn in **memory** of Jack Coll" not "member of Jack Coll."

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen, and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. ADJOURNMENT IN HONOR OF DOLOROUS KNIGHT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said Dolorous Knight was a neighborhood resident in the Excelsior District and had been a library supporter for many years and in particular her contribution to the Neighborhood Library Campaign was quite generous. He said she was also known for her passion for literacy and reading. He said it is thought that she kept a list and read over 1,000 books. He said he thought it would be appropriate to adjourn in her memory.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said he did not know Dolorous Knight. He said the first thing he thought was what a wonderful nom de plume. He said he also thought the name was very Arthurian. He said he checked his impressions, and one of the stories regarding Sir Gawain being rescued by Sir Lancelot is called the Dolorous Tower. He said in the story the king is wounded on the thigh and it is called the Dolorous Stroke. He said it is assumed that it is a euphemism, hence dolorous which means excessively sad. He said he can correct the City Librarian that the log she kept of the books she read from 1976 on totaled over 2,100. He said he wished he had known her and we should adjourn in her honor. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Terry Gwiazdowski, Southwest District Manager of the Branch Division, said she was a librarian at the Excelsior Branch during the time that Dolorous was coming in to use the branch. She said she got to know her and her husband Don. She said they were at the reopening in 2005 and she was an incredibly gracious individual and a wonderful woman. She said Dolorous means “of God” and she thinks she was very angelic and benefited the library through her love of reading and books and her love and dedication to the library.

Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Munson to adjourn the regular meeting of June 21, in memory of Dolorous Knight.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen, and Ono)

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the commission secretary/custodian of records, 6th floor, Main Library; (2) in the rear of Koret Auditorium immediately prior to, and during, the meeting; and (3), to the extent possible, on the Public Library’s website <http://sfpl.org>. Additional materials not listed as explanatory documents on this agenda, if any, that are distributed to library commissioners prior to or during the meeting in connection with any agenda item will be available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.1 and Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.9, 67.28(b), and 67.28(d).

ADDENDUM

These summary statements are provided by the speaker: Their contents are neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the San Francisco Public Library Commission.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate & Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends of the Library.

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The Library Commission says it doesn't matter. Do you want your friends subjected to a Jewelle Gomez without recourse?

What is worse? An action below the standard of decency, or you saying it doesn't matter now and forever.

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Item 2: Resolution Honoring Former Library Commissioner Michael C. Breyer

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Item 3: Public Hearing Process for Library Service Hours

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Item 5: FY 2012-13 Budget Update

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Supervisor Chu was concerned about whether dipping into the reserve was sustainable. The City Librarian did not tell her that he was planning to wipe out the reserve to pay for Branch Library Improvement Program overruns so he would not have to sell more bonds.

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Item 6: Approval of the Minutes (May 17, 2012)

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"A man from the audience" should be anonymous citizen No.2. He described hobbies from astronomy to calligraphy supported by the library; a nice colorful comment.

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Item 7: Adjournment in Honor of Dolorous Knight

Anonymous Citizen: I did not know Dolorous Knight. The first thing I thought of was what a wonderful nom de plume.

I also thought the name Dolorous Knight was very Arthurian. I checked my impressions, and one of the stories regarding Sir Gawain being rescued by Sir Lancelot is called the Dolorous Tower.

Also, the king is wounded on the thigh and it is called the Dolorous Stroke. It is assumed that is a euphemism, hence dolorous which means excessively sad.

I can correct the City Librarian that the log she kept of the books she read totaled over 2,100.

We should adjourn in her honor.