



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
June 27, 2024 4:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Facilitator: Rebecca Alcalá-Veraflor

CNL Members			
A.J. Cave (ANZ)	x	Edna James (OVI)	
Toni Hines (BAY)		Nicky Trasvina (OVI)	x
Katherine Hsieh (CHI)	x	Johanna Lopez Miyaki (OVI)	
Lena Yu (CHI)		Chuck Moody (ORT)	x
Penni Wisner (EVA)		Marcia Erlich (PAR)	x
Marcia Parrot (EXC)		Diane Silver (PAR)	x
Nora Dowley (GPA)	x	Peter Linenthal (POT)	
Lindy Chris (GPA)		Jessica Hyman (POT)	x
Chloe Rounsley (GGV)	x	Marcia Popper (PRE)	
Leonie van den Berg (GGV)		Elaine Cahn (RIC)	x
Sonia Moscardon (ING)	x	Heather Gonzalez (RIC)	x
Deirdre Merrill (MAR)	x	Jen Fingal (RIC)	
Judy Blanchard (MER)	x	Joan Walton (SUN)	
Kathy Mallegni (MER)	x	Deborah Oppenheim (SUN)	
Sharon Chien (MBA)	x	Ryan Johnson (WPO)	x
Crystal Lê (MBA)	x	Monica Herbert (WSA)	x
Ruth Maginnis (NVA)	x		

COB Office			
Christy Estrovitz		Anne Vannucchi	
Ana Elisa de Campos Salles		Denise Sanderson	x
Genevieve Feldman		Florinda Battad	x
Regan Gong	x	Michael Roman	x

Library Administrators: Dolly Goyal (Chief of Public Services),
Margot Shaub (Library Commission Affairs Analyst)

Housekeeping

Upcoming Meetings

- The next **Library Commission Meeting** will be on **Thursday, July 18, 2024** at 4:30 p.m., *Hybrid – virtual and in-person*
- The next **Council of Neighborhood Libraries Meeting** will be on **Thursday, July 25, 2024** at 4:00 p.m., *SFPL Virtual Library*

Announcements

- Assistant Chief of Branches, Christy Estrovitz will attend the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference and Exhibition in San Diego (June 27 – July 2, 2024). She will join Michael Lambert and Sheryl Davis, Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission for a presentation on youth development principles and authentic community engagement.
- [Marcia Popper](#), CNL representative for the Presidio Branch, passed away on June 7th. The Library Commission meeting on July 18th will adjourn in her honor. Those wishing to say a few words about Marcia can do so in person at the end of the meeting. If you can't be there in person, you can send your comments in advance to cob@sfpl.org or margot.shaub@sfpl.org. Comments sent in advance will not be read at the meeting but will be included in the minutes.

Minutes

- The May 23, 2024 minutes were approved.

City Librarian's Report – Dolly Goyal

- 10,000 people have already signed up for the Summer Stride Challenge!
- Read to Recovery Program
 - Park Branch manager, Doreen Horstin, received a [commendation from Supervisor Matt Dorsey](#) for her work in developing this groundbreaking program.
 - Read to Recovery provides free-to-keep addiction recovery books at the Main, Park and Eureka Valley Branch libraries. The program will expand to all San Francisco public library locations by next year.
 - The program has received national attention and is spreading to cities in New York and Oregon.
- Pride Parade
 - The SFPL Bookmobile and over fifty library staff participated.
 - A reporter for the San Francisco Standard joined the contingent along the parade route and on the bookmobile.
- A graduation ceremony was held for five students from SFPL's Career Online High School diploma program.

Library Commission Report – Margot Shaub

- The agenda and minutes from the June 20th meeting can be found here: <https://sfpl.org/about-us/library-commission/library-commission-agendas-minutes-resolutions>
- The meeting recording can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHBk-FTHug4&list=PLQH-ihsCu17QLV0fvFUcY8CnNO_5nyK5-&index=62
- Presentations included:
 - Racial Equity Action Plan Progress Report
 - Small Business Week
 - Tech Week
 - Summer Stride
- Public comments can be sent to citylibrarian@sfpl.org by 5pm on the day before the meeting or by calling 415-557-4236.
- Q&A
 - **Nicky (OVI) – How can the public provide comments at the Library Commission meetings?**

Shaub - The public can give comments in-person after each agenda item. They have 3 minutes, 2 minutes if there are a lot of people waiting to comment. Remote public comments are not allowed unless there is an access issue.

- **Katherine (CHI) – Is there an update on the Chinatown renovation?**
Alcalá-Veraflor – The goal is to move into the temporary location in January.

Branch Open Houses – Rebecca Alcalá-Veraflor

- [Branch Open Houses](#)
- Branch open houses are opportunities for libraries to not only share information, but to be community catalyzers and provide a way for community members to meet and make social connections.
- The 27 Open Houses are 27 neighborhood celebrations
 - Some will have a theme: Chinese New Year, Viva Latinx Heritage, Star Wars Day
 - Activities can include a City Guides Tour, book giveaways, music and dance performances, and crafts.
 - Community groups and other organizations also participate: Museum of Craft and Design, San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Fire Department, and San Francisco Environment.
 - Donations from local businesses provide food and prizes.
- Q&A
 - **Ruth (NVA) – Did the Library participate in Carnival this year? The Library usually has a table. I didn't see one this year.**
Alcalá-Veraflor – Yes, this year the Library was in the parade! We do usually table – maybe next year we can do both.
 - **Katherine (CHI) – Chinatown had 200 people during the first hour of their open house.**
Alcalá-Veraflor – Anza had their open house on a Wednesday evening from 4-7pm. Usually at that time they have about 150 patrons in the branch. That night they had over 600 people. We have open houses every year to remind people that we are here and to draw people inside.
 - **Nora (GPA) – Can you share the open house attendance numbers with the group?**
Alcalá-Veraflor – Yes, I'll share that with the group at the next meeting.
 - **Nicky (OVI) – How are the programs funded?**
Alcalá-Veraflor – Programs are a mix of paid performers and presenters and librarian led activities. Paid performers/presenters receive an honorarium from the Friends of San Francisco Public Library. Every year we work with the Friends on a budget for performers, presenters and programming supplies for each branch. Some branches have donor designated funds. If the performer or vendor is registered with the City, we can use our City budget.
 - **A.J. (ANZ) – Is it possible to fix the dates of the open houses?**
Alcalá-Veraflor – The dates are usually in the same month every year.
 - **Monica (WSA) – The trip to Muir Woods from the Western Addition Branch was wonderful. Is it possible to have trips year-round?**
Alcalá-Veraflor – For the past seven years we have partnered with the National Park Service to provide community shuttles from different branch libraries to local national parks. Currently the trips are only available during the summer as part of our Summer Stride program.

Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Florinda Battad