



**MINUTES**  
**Council of Neighborhood Libraries**  
**September 26, 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)	x	Nicky Trasvina (OVI)	x
Katherine Hsieh (CHI)	x	Johanna Lopez Miyaki (OVI)	
Lena Yu (CHI)		Chuck Moody (ORT)	x
Penni Wisner (EVA)	x	Marcia Erlich (PAR)	x
Marcia Parrot (EXC)		Diane Silver (PAR)	x
Nora Dowley (GPA)	x	Sherine Ta (PSI)	
Lindy Chris (GPA)	x	Lily Li (PSI)	x
Chloe Rounsley (GGV)	x	Peter Linenthal (POT)	
Leonie van den Berg (GGV)	x	Jessica Hyman (POT)	x
Sonia Moscardon (ING)	x	Elaine Cahn (RIC)	x
Deirdre Merrill (MAR)	x	Julia Anaya (RIC)	x
Phil Lesure (MAR)	x	Jen Fingal (RIC)	x
Judy Blanchard (MER)	x	Joan Walton (SUN)	
Kathy Mallegni (MER)	x	Deborah Oppenheim (SUN)	
Sharon Chien (MBA)		Ryan Johnson (WPO)	
Janie Alcindor (MBA)		Monica Herbert (WSA)	
Ruth Maginnis (NVA)	x	Crystal Lê (WSA)	x
Helen Land (NBE)			

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

**Library Administrators:** Michael Lambert (City Librarian)  
Margot Shaub (Library Commission Affairs Analyst)

**Housekeeping**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- The next **Library Commission Meeting** will be on **Thursday, October 17, 2024** at 4:30 p.m., *Hybrid – virtual and in-person*

- The next **Council of Neighborhood Libraries Meeting** will be on **Thursday, October 24, 2024** at 4:00 p.m., *SFPL Virtual Library*

### Announcements

- New CNL members
  - Julia Anaya, representing Richmond
  - Lily Li, representing Parkside
  - Janie Alcindor, representing Mission Bay
  - Crystal Lê is now representing Western Addition.
- Ortega Open House on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (12-3 pm)
- [Tricycle Music Fest](#)
  - The thirteenth annual event takes place every Saturday in October at different library locations.
  - The event highlights early literacy with concerts by Grammy winning and nominated musicians and a tricycle giveaway after each show.
- Adrienne Storey is the Library's new City Archivist.
- CNL Holiday party on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> (3-6pm). Mark your calendars!
- We will spend time at the October CNL meeting to talk about the CNL meetings' structure, length, agenda topics, etc. A questionnaire will be sent out prior to the next meeting.

### Minutes

- The August 22, 2024 minutes were approved.

### City Librarian's Report – Michael Lambert

- Michael Lambert and former City Librarian, Luis Herrera, attended the event honoring Marcia Popper and spoke about her many contributions to the Library.
- Genny Lim was appointed by Mayor London Breed to be San Francisco's ninth Poet Laureate. She is the first Chinese American poet to serve this role.
- Dr. Maya Angelou Monument Unveiling
  - The San Francisco Arts Commission and SFPL partnered to install a monument honoring Dr. Maya Angelou outside the Larkin Street entrance of the Main Library.
  - It is the first work in San Francisco's civic art collection to commemorate a black woman.
  - It is also the first work in response to a City ordinance to increase the representation of women in the public sphere.
- Another SFPL Book Stop is now in the Dogpatch neighborhood at the Dogpatch Hub, a community accessible neighborhood living room.
- Upcoming events:
  - SFPL Tech Week (October 5-12) is the Library's partnership with community organizations that gives learners of all ages the opportunity to explore technology through free classes and programs virtually and at various library and community locations.
  - The 7<sup>th</sup> Filipino American International Book Festival (Main Library, October 12 – 13) brings together Filipino writers and artists from around the globe to celebrate Filipino literature and culture.
- Q&A
  - **Nora (GPA) – Where is the Dogpatch Hub located?**

Lambert – The address of [The Dogpatch Hub](#) is 1278 Minnesota Street. Jessica Hyman, one of our CNL representatives for Potrero Branch is also on the Hub’s Stakeholder Advisory Council acting as a Hub ambassador and link to the community.

- **Nora (GPA) – I appreciated the tributes to Marcia Popper from Luis and Michael at her memorial. They not only honored Marcia but provided a history lesson about CNL. Is there anything written down that can be shared with the group and given to new members?**

Lambert – Yes, we can share Marcia’s adjournment from the Library Commission meeting.

- **Lily (PSI) – What is the thought behind rebranding the Main Library as the Tenderloin Branch?**

Lambert – There is a high density of youth and families in the Tenderloin who we want to engage with and remind that the Main Library is their local branch. The Library is here for them and that they can access our services.

Alcalá-Veraflor – We used to have a CNL representative for the Main Library and I’m hoping we’ll have one again soon.

### **Library Commission Report – Margot Shaub**

- The agenda and minutes from the September 19th 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=6Yvxt5lwjs4&list=PLQH-ihsCu17QLV0fvFUcY8CnNO\\_5nyK5-&index=65](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Yvxt5lwjs4&list=PLQH-ihsCu17QLV0fvFUcY8CnNO_5nyK5-&index=65)
- Presentations included:
  - Strategic Planning Initiative
  - Exhibitions Highlights
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Poet Laureate, Genny Lim
  - Dr. Maya Angelou Monument
- October meeting:
  - VIVA! LATINX Heritage Month
  - Summer Stride
  - Filipino American International Book Festival
  - SFPL Book Stop Kiosks
- Q&A
  - **Lindy (GPA) – Can you tell us more about the book kiosks?**

Lambert – The kiosks are book vending machines strategically placed in areas that don’t have a branch nearby. To access the books, patrons scan their library card and enter their PIN to open the kiosk door. Books get automatically checked out when the door is closed. We have a Book Stop on Treasure Island, Hunter’s View, Dogpatch and will soon have one in the Sunnydale Community Center.
  - **Lindy (GPA) – Is it possible for the Library to be included in the proposed housing developments in Candlestick Point and the Schlage Lock site in Visitacion Valley?**

Lambert – Those developments are on our radar. We will embark on a Facilities Master Planning process to examine our current network of libraries. For many of our branches, it’s time to renovate and go through the branch library improvement program (BLIP) again. We’ll decide on future projects after an analysis of population growth and sustainability. We want to be strategic if we are to open new libraries in the next couple of decades.

### **Boston and Calgary Library Visits – Rebecca Alcalá-Veraflor**

- Rebecca enrolled in the Future Library Design: Emerging and Enduring Principles program.
  - A three-day course at Harvard University examining the evolving role of the physical library; exploring how changes in service models, technology and community considerations influence future library facility design.
  - One of the guest speakers was the CEO of the Calgary Public Library.
- Rebecca visited the Central Library and three branch libraries in Calgary to see how other library systems provide services.
- Calgary Library highlights:
  - Early Learning Centers (ELC) that help prepare children for lifelong learning and healthy brain development through play. Each ELC has a different theme.
    - The Central Library's ELC supports early literacy through full-body movement, with its reading nooks and a climbing structure with tunnels.
    - At the Fish Creek Branch, kids can interact with a decommissioned fire truck and engage in imaginative play.
  - Community driven
    - Some Calgary Public Library branches are in YMCA facilities, creating community hubs.
    - Kids learn fire safety and can enjoy storytimes with real firefighters through a partnership with the Calgary Fire Department,

**Adjournment: 5:00 pm**

**Respectfully submitted by Florinda Battad**