



San Francisco Public Library

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Council of Neighborhood Libraries
June 25, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Facilitator: Rebecca Alcalá-Veraflor

CNL Members			
Tom Gorrebeeck (ANZ)	x	Rasa Gustaitis (NVA)	
Toni Hines (BAY)		Helen Land (NBE)	x
Katherine Hsieh (CHI)	x	Nicky Trasvina (OVI)	x
Henry Roark (EVA)	x	Johanna Lopez Miyaki (OVI)	
Marcia Parrot (EXC)		Edna James (OVI)	
Nora Dowley (GPA)	x	Chuck Moody (ORT)	x
Lindy Chris (GPA)	x	Marcia Erlich (PAR)	x
Chloe Rounsley (GGV)		Diane Silver (PAR)	x
Leonie van den Berg (GGV)	x	Lily Li (PSI)	x
Sonia Moscardon (ING)	x	Jon Logan (POR)	
Ed Connor (ING)	x	Peter Linenthal (POT)	
Deirdre Merrill (MAR)	x	Jessica Hyman (POT)	
Phil Lesure (MAR)		Julia Anaya (RIC)	x
Judy Blanchard (MER)	x	Tara Cahn (RIC)	x
Kathy Mallegni (MER)	x	Deborah Oppenheim (SUN)	x
Sharon Chien (MBA)		Julia Gitis (WPO)	x
Janie Alcindor (MBA)	x	Monica Herbert (WSA)	x
Ruth Maginnis (NVA)	x	Crystal Lê (WSA)	

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

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

Guests: Jessica Parker (Friends of SFPL)

Housekeeping

Upcoming Meetings

- The next **Library Commission** meeting will be on **Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**, *Hybrid (In-person and Virtual)*.

- The next **Council of Neighborhood Libraries Meeting** will be on **Thursday, July 23, 2026**, at 4:00 p.m., *Virtual*

Announcements

- The [Mission Bay Branch Open House](#) is on July 11, 2026 (10am-2pm), celebrating their 20th Anniversary. The branch opened its doors on July 8, 2006 as the newest SFPL branch to be built in 40 years. The branch co-locates with Mercy Housing.
- Several SFPL branch libraries will participate in [One City Day](#) on July 11, 2026 and host projects to clean and beautify their indoor and outdoor spaces.

City Librarian's Report – Dolly Goyal

American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference

- SFPL was one of the eight libraries to receive the John Cotton Dana Award, which honors outstanding library marketing and communications campaigns.
- The Library won the prestigious award for its signage, posters, and social media posts promoting the exhibit, *Skateboarding San Francisco: Concrete, Community, Continuity*.
- SFPL previously earned this award in 2017 for Summer Stride and our partnership with National Parks, Chronicle Books, and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD).

Summer Stride

- An extra prize will be given to Summer Stride participants who complete an additional twenty hours of anything related to the library – reading, listening to audiobooks and music, watching movies, or attending programs.
- The special prize will be announced on July 6th.

New Café at the Main

- Located on the lower level of the Main Library, Gratified Coffee + Art Café had its soft launch in June.
- The official launch is on August 6th with a menu of hot drinks and snacks

Pride Month

- The Pride Parade on Sunday, 6/28 will have an SFPL contingent of over 100 people, including Drag Laureate, Per Sia.

Library Commission Report – Margot Shuab

- [Archived Library Commission Meetings](#)
- The upcoming July 16th meeting will include the following presentations:
 - Hormel Center update
 - Health and Safety Associate (HaSA) program
The HaSA program connects unhoused patrons to resources for housing, clothing, jobs, showers, etc. Led by Leah Esguerra, the Library's social worker, the HaSA workers are formerly unhoused individuals and are there to help patrons feel welcome and to help with de-escalation.
 - Jail and Reentry Services (JARS)
The JARS program supports incarcerated adults by providing in-jail library service and access to library materials.

Q&A

- Nicky (OVI) – I recently saw a job posting for a HaSA worker.

Goyal – HaSa workers have a two-to-three-year term. They utilize their experience of having been unhoused to help others. They also get workforce development experience, with some of our former HaSA workers getting jobs in public health.

Friends Update – Jessica Parker

- The Friends end of the year campaign received a lot of support.
- The Mary Louise Stong Breakfast was held at the Eureka Valley Branch on June 5th to thank the Library's strongest supporters.

Chief of Branches Update - Rebecca Alcalá-Veraflor

- After 15 years at SFPL, Rebecca will be leaving to become the Director of Library Services at Berkeley Public Library. July 17th will be her last day.
- Assistant Chief of Branches, Christy Estovitz, will facilitate the CNL meeting.
- CNL members filled the meeting's Zoom chat with heart felt congratulations, and thank-yous, as well as sad face emojis.

Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Florinda Battad