



San Francisco Public Library

**MINUTES**  
**Council of Neighborhood Libraries**  
**April 25, 2019**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**CALL TO ORDER**

**Meeting Location:** Latino Hispanic Room

**Facilitator:** Cathy Delneo, Chief of Branches

**Attendees:** AJ Cave (ANZ), Larry Ware (BAY) Excused, Lena Yu (CHI) Excused, Penni Wisner (EVA), Marcia Parrott (EXC) Excused, Ruth Grabowski (EXC) Excused, Nora Dowley (GPA), Jules Older (GGV) Excused, Gail Seagraves (Main), Susan Leurey (MER), Judy Blanchard (MER) Excused, Mailine Chew (MBA), Ruth Maginnis (NVA), Kathleen McClay (NBE) Excused, Tyrone (Ty) Robinson (NBE) Excused, Pinkie Bolden (OVI) Excused, Edna James (OVI), Bessie Hahn (ORT) Excused, Marcia Ehrlich (PAR), Diane Silver (PAR), Michael Leahy (PSI) Excused, Don Thielges (POR) Excused, Marcia Popper (PRE) Excused, Kaitlyn Tran (PRE), Elaine Cahn (RIC) Excused, Joan Walton (SUN) Excused, Deborah Oppenheim (SUN) Excused, Rochelle Fort (VVA), Maryam Roberts (WPO) Excused, Callen Taylor (WSA) Excused

**Library Administrators:** Michael Lambert (City Librarian), Tom Fortin (Chief of Main), Sue Blackman (Library Commission Secretary)

**Guests:** Anissa Malady (Adult Engagement Coordinator, Community Programs and Partnerships), Terry Carlson (Northwest District Manager, Branch Division)

**HOUSEKEEPING**

- The next **CNL Meeting** will be on **Thursday May 23, 2019, 4:00 p.m. in the Latino Hispanic Meeting Room, Main Library.**
- The next **Library Commission Meeting** will be on **Thursday, May 16, 2019, 4:30 p.m. in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.**

CNL Members to attend the upcoming Library Commission Meeting:

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Please contact the Chief of Branches Office if you would like to volunteer to attend the meeting

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Upcoming Branch Open Houses**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>Mission Bay</b>	<b>10 am – 4 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>Sunset</b>	<b>1-5 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>Portola</b>	<b>1 – 5 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>Golden Gate Valley</b>	<b>11 am – 3 Pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>West Portal</b>	<b>11 am – 4 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>Potrero</b>	<b>5 – 8 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>Merced</b>	<b>5 – 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>11 am – 3 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>North Beach</b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>

- The Potrero Branch Open House on April 27 is the opening of the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibition, which runs through July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The West Portal Branch Open House marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this WPA branch Library.
- The Merced Branch evening Open House celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

## **UPDATES**

### **City Librarian's Report – Michael Lambert**

- Michael participated in a number of events in April:
  - **Annual Cherry Blossom Festival**  
Michael and Emily Murase, Director of the Department on the Status of Women, held the banner at the head of the festival's parade for the Grand Marshal, Mayor London Breed.
  - **Youth Advocacy Day**  
This event is sponsored by the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and gives young people the opportunity to meet with city leaders and public officials to talk about the issues that are most important to them. Michael was on the panel discussing access to a livable city, public spaces and a quality environment. He was impressed with how deeply young people care about the environment and their community.
  - **California State Public Library Director's Forum**  
During this biannual event, Michael was able to connect with colleagues on issues affecting California public libraries and the communities they serve.

- A.J. (ANZ) - *When will the Library go fine free?*
- The Library Commission approved two resolutions that will go before the Board of Supervisors:
  - A resolution to eliminate overdue fines.
  - A resolution to forgive all outstanding overdue fines.
- Beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup>, while the Library waits for a decision from the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor:
  - Patron records with fines of \$10 or more will not be blocked from borrowing materials.
  - Patron records with billed items will continue to be blocked.
  - Library staff will not actively collect overdue fines.
- Patrons can find this information on the website: [Interim Suspension of Overdue Fine Collections](#)
  
- Rochelle (VVA) – *Who will be the Deputy City Librarian?*
- The Deputy position will be converted to a Chief Operating Officer (COO). The non-public, support divisions (Facilities, Finance, IT - Information Technology, RSA - Research, Statistics and Analytics) will report to the COO, who will report to the City Librarian.
- Michael will retain oversight of public services, with the Chief of Main and Chief of Branches reporting to him.
- Recruitment for the COO will begin in 4-6 weeks. It will be a local search for candidates, with Michael choosing the COO.

### **Library Commission Report – Sue Blackman,**

- **City Librarian Appointment**  
It was announced that Mayor London Breed appointed Michal Lambert as the new City Librarian: [Mayor Breed's Press Release](#). All of the Library Commissioners were present at the special meeting on March 14 to unanimously nominate him.
  
- **Jail and Reentry Program (JARS)**  
Librarians from Jail and Reentry Services (JARS) gave a presentation explaining the program: [Jail and Reentry Services \(JARS\)](#)
  
- **Branch Capital Projects**
  - Cathy gave an update on the community engagement meetings for the Branch Capital Projects: [Branch Capital Projects](#)
  - The community engagement meetings for Mission and Ocean View Branches have already occurred. Community feedback and next steps for both branches were discussed.
  - Community engagement meetings for Chinatown Branch are scheduled for June.
  
- **Connect with Tech Week**  
Kate Eppler, the Program Manager at the Bridge at Main, highlighted some of the 80+ events happening during Connect with Tech Week (May 5-11, 2019). In its third year, the program gives folks a chance to learn new technology skills.  
<https://sfpl.org/uploads/files/pdfs/commission/Connect-with-Tech041819.pdf>

- The meeting adjourned in memory of Nina Yourkelso, Council of Neighborhood Libraries member, and former Assistant City Librarian, [Paul Underwood](#).
- Edna (OVI) encouraged the CNL members to go to the Library Commission meetings and share the positive things happening at their branch.

### **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – Anissa Malady**

- Events honoring and celebrating the City’s Asian American and Pacific Islander communities will be offered at all the branches and the Main throughout the month of May. There will be over 100 dance, music, art, crafts and food programs for all ages: [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month](#).
- Highlights include:
  - A talk with Helen Zia, author of the book, *Last Boat Out of Shanghai: The Epic Story of the Chinese who Fled Mao’s Revolution*.
  - *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee is the book selected for May’s On the Same Page, the Library’s monthly City wide book club program.
  - In recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the golden spike, there will be screenings of films about Chinese railroad workers who built the transcontinental railroad system.
  - Polynesian dance performances where participation is encouraged.
  - Tibetan Arts and Healing series throughout the month at the Bernal Heights Branch.

### **Connect with Tech Week – Terry Carlson**

- In an effort to help bridge the digital divide, the Library is offering programs to explore and learn about new technology during [Connect with Tech Week 2019](#), May 5-11.
- Support from Microsoft and the Friends of SFPL helped to make the programs possible, as well as partnerships with many other nonprofit organizations, companies and city departments.
- Highlights include:
  - A Chromebook give away at the Tech Expo kick-off event at City Hall
  - Refurbished desktop computer giveaway at the Bayview Branch Tech Fair
  - Shuttle buses to the Main
- Edna (OVI) – *Will there be a programs teach a foreign language?*  
There will not be a language learning program during Connect with Tech Week, but there are 2 self-paced language learning platforms (Rosetta Stone and Mango) available to anyone with an SFPL library card. Information can be found on the [language learning](#) link, under eLibrary and [eLearning](#) on the SFPL website.
- Ruth (NVA) – *How can someone with no tech. experience get help?*  
Computer classes and one-on-one computer help is available at the branches and the Main. The schedule can be found on the SFPL website’s [calendar of events, exhibits and classes](#).
- A.J. (ANZ) suggested a partnership with Salesforce since they regularly volunteer to teach coding classes.

**Adjournment: 5:30 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by Florinda Battad**