

**Library Advisory Board Minutes March 13, 2007**  
for Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

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The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Alice Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board members present were: Rob Brading, Marian Creamer, Gwen Farnham Hyland, Martha Gies, Dean Gisvold, Molly Gloss, Virginia Koontz, Jon Kruse, Diane McKeel, Garrett Shephard and Ellen Wallin. Board members Joe Arellano, Stephen Feltz, Mark Garber, Rick Gustafson, Donna Oden-Orr were excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, June Mikkelsen, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Mike Harrington, Rita Jimenez, Pat French, Lance Murty, Vailey Oehlke, Leila Wrathall, Yvonne Chambers, Virginia Tribe, Patricia Welch, Susan Corrigan, David Miles, Patti Vincent, Fun Martin and Deanna Cecotti. Also in attendance were: Faith Danforth, The Library Foundation; Catie Colman, Friends of the Library; Brenda Clark, community member.

The minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Reference to the date of the Children's Author Lecture (CAL) to read: *April 10<sup>th</sup>*.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Alice Meyer opened the meeting by announcing the Board's participation in this year's ALA National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC. The event takes place in the beginning of May. Alice will be representing MCL and the LAB in a delegation being organized by Jim Schepke, State Librarian.

Congratulations were extended to Molly for being honored as a 2007 GSLIS Alumni Achievement Award recipient at Simmons College.

Library Administration tours will be conducted on March 20 at 8:30 am and March 22 at 4:00 pm. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Director's office. Members of the Friends of the Library Board will also be invited to attend the tour on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee:** The LAB's Citizen Budget Advisory Committee's (CBAC) recommendation letter for the 2007-08 budget was submitted to Kathleen Todd, Director of the Office of Citizen Involvement for Multnomah County. Alice Meyer and Dean Gisvold have been attending the CBAC meetings with the individual commissioners and Steve Feltz will join them for the meeting with Chair Wheeler.

**Permanent and Stable Funding Committee:** Dean reported on behalf of the PSFC. A proposed resolution has been forwarded to Chair Wheeler's office. Susan Hathaway-Marxer, Dean Gisvold and Molly Raphael will begin meeting with the individual commissioners in the near future to review a draft resolution to establish a task force to study funding options for the library. The new task force, to be appointed by the Chair, will consist of 13 to 15 individuals who represent the diversity of citizens in Multnomah County. The LAB also recommended including individuals from the business and labor communities. If there are any other suggestions, please forward them to Dean by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 14.

There were no other committee reports.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Molly Raphael provided copies of "Access and Stewardship: A Delicate Balance," which will appear in the next edition of @yourlibrary. The information contained in the column is a follow-up to the issues discussed in February's LAB meeting.

Molly provided background information for National Legislative Day and explained the purpose of the event is to meet with Senators and Members of the House of Representatives from Oregon and educate law makers on federal and national library issues. Participants will be able to see how federal grant funding makes it into communities serving the various states, including Oregon.

This year's Lunar New Year celebration was a great success. Representatives from all over the community had the opportunity to participate in and learn about Chinese culture. A highlight of the celebration was a dragon dance. There have been many events like this over the past few months. It's an exciting time of year and a wonderful time to be living in Multnomah County.

## **BITS AND PIECES OF CENTRAL: VAILEY OEHLKE, CENTRAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Vailey Oehlke gave a presentation on current events at Central Library, focusing on programming, outreach, Central collection highlights and the building's soon to be installed green roof.

March's activities include events surrounding: Women's History Month; the Writers' Resource Fair, which included a tour of the Sterling Room for Writers; performances from the Portland Opera; an introduction of Talk Time (where non-native speakers practice English); Poetry Month; and a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the re-opening of Central Library.

Central Administrator, Abigail Elder, has been building relationships in the community, meeting with LAB member Virginia Koontz, members of the Old Town/Chinatown community, PSU and other agencies in downtown Portland.

MCL's Zine Collection was described and examples of current zines were passed around. MCL has a very popular zine collection that is catalogued and has active circulation.

Facilities Management has budgeted for a conventional new roof for Central, but plans are now to provide an eco roof which will reduce rain water run-off and reduce the heat generated by a conventional roof. There is a gap in funding but work is underway to apply for grants to help pay for the additional cost of the eco roof.

## **FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION UPDATE**

Carie Colman reported on behalf of the **Friends of the Library**. The Friends will be holding their mid-year book sale on June 2-3, Sat 9am – 6 pm, Sun 10am – 4 pm, at the Gresham Village Shopping Center, 2430 SE Burnside (SE Burnside and E Powell Blvd., across from Fred Meyer).

There was no report from **The Library Foundation**.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

Alice gave a reminder to sign up for a tour of library administration and asked that the Friends of the Library board members be invited. She reminded the Board that she has a copy of *The Metropolitan Briefing Book* available for loan to Board members. LAB orientation packets were presented to the youth representatives.

In closing, Virginia Koontz thanked and acknowledged Becky Cobb for drafting the LAB's CBAC letter.

Next meeting will be on April 10, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 am.