

Oakland Public Library
Director's Report to the Library Advisory Commission (LAC)
July 28, 2014

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- On July 1, attended a reception for Gary Yee, outgoing Interim Superintendent of OUSD and incoming Superintendent Antwan Wilson.
- Met with MLK staff and Public Works staff to review changes to entry at MLK to prevent glass door breakage and to plan for a gate for the parking lot.
- Attended the FOPL Board Meeting on July 9.
- On Saturday, July 12, I attended the Youth Poet Laureate Reception at the Pro Art Gallery in Frank Ogawa Plaza.
- On July 14, I attended the Oakland Reads 2020 Steering Committee Meeting and reported on the work of the OR Reads 2020 Reading Success Workgroup which I co-chair with Kyla Johnson from OUSD.
- This month, staff met to do a first assessment of the public surveys re branch hours. Any changes that occur will be implemented in September, 2014.
- Again scheduled to assist the Berkeley Public Library in assessments of applicants for BPL Director.

BUDGET UPDATES

- The Mayor submitted several mid-cycle revisions on July 1, including "*Reserve \$500,000 for an Oakland Public Library contingency for potential future funding deficiencies due to increasing shortfalls in Measure Q as a result of expenditure growth outpacing revenue growth.*" Passed by City Council with comment from Council Member Dan Kalb as a down payment for future payments toward the shortfall.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Two items worthy of note from July 2014:
 - The Jazz on Sundays at our Golden Gate Library kicked off this month – 24 years strong debuting in 1990.
 - All the fun activities going on for kids at our libraries whether its clowns, circus, dogs, creepy critters, gardening, live animals, magicians, sheep, bunnies, monkeys – OPL has had them all this month!
- The current OPL monthly calendar is available online at www.oaklandlibrary.org/news