

Oakland Public Library
Director's Report to the Library Advisory Commission (LAC)
September 29, 2014

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- On August 13, Mary Schrader and I met with representatives of the Hoover neighborhood who are pursuing establishing a new library in the Hoover/West Oakland area. We will continue discussions re Mello-Roos or broader bond measures.
- On August 14, Jamie Turbak and I met with representatives of Friends of Rockridge Library to discuss funding, capital and library questions.
- Vacation during August 18-22.
- On September 4, I met with Peralta Colleges Chancellor, Jose Ortiz to discuss mutual interests, potential partnerships, and begin laying groundwork for further collaborations.
- On September 5, I had lunch with Paul Benoit, City of Piedmont Administrator and I gave him a tour of Piedmont Ave Library, Temescal & the Tool Lending libraries, 81st Avenue Library, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. I will continue to meet with him to negotiate a new contract for Library services.
- Vacation during September 10-23.

BUDGET UPDATES

- No new budget updates. The Departments will have discussions with Public Works and Information Technology regarding Internal Service Fund charges that are charged to each Department as part of the FY 2015-17 budget process.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Three items worthy of note from September 2014 that unfortunately, due to my vacation, I wasn't able to make:
 - Parking Day at Main on September 19. We did this last year for the first time – a little “parklet” on the Oak Street side of Main where staff created a little park and welcomed people and the Friends sold books. Nice!
 - Books & Beer! It's a new book club for adults that the Piedmont Ave Library is initiating with the first meeting at Cato's Ale House on Piedmont Ave on a Sunday afternoon.
 - On September 23, Chavez Branch is screening “Precious Knowledge” a film documentary about Tucson High's Mexican American Studies program which was banned by Arizona legislators due to their belief that students are being indoctrinated with dangerous ideology and embracing destructive ethnic chauvinism. The film will be followed by a discussion.
- The current OPL monthly calendar is available online at www.oaklandlibrary.org/news