

Oakland Public Library  
Director's Report to the Library Advisory Commission (LAC)  
October 27, 2014

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- I met with PWA fiscal and contract staff to discuss the extension and closeout of the 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue Library contract. Some Lease issues have arisen that require the state extension.
- Library staff met this month and has been in contact with the founding directors of the Oakland Book Festival who approached us last year to be a partner at the first Book Festival to be held on Sunday, May 31, 2015 in City Hall. We're excited about this Oakland event!
- On October 13, I presented a PowerPoint to the Oakland City Academy at the Eastmont Substation. In addition to relaying information about the programs and services, I also mentioned the upcoming shortfall.
- On October 15, I attended the Branch Friends meeting at Rockridge Library that had representation from Asian, Rockridge, Golden Gate, Lakeview, Piedmont Ave, MLK, and OHR. President of FOPL, Ellen Moyer, announced that Gen Katz, who attended the meeting, had won the 2014 CPLA Trustee & Friends Award.
- Also on October 15, I attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party for 2<sup>nd</sup> Start Adult Literacy. Our own Chairperson Sterbenc talked about her experience with her "tutee" and what that has meant to her.
- Both Steering Committee and Workgroup Committee meetings of Oakland Reads 2020 this month.

BUDGET UPDATES

- The Library has begun the city budget process and submitted preliminary documents to the Budget Office: Current Service Levels; Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Upcoming submittal in December: Master Fee Schedule.
- Further meetings this month regarding CIP and Internal Service Funds as part of the budget process.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Two items worthy of note from October 2014:
  - Well of course, it's Halloween and Day of the Dead and we have/had lots going on everywhere! Hope you've had a chance to enjoy it.
  - War Comes Home, workshops began this month for Veterans to tell their stories, and for teens to explore. This is part of a statewide reading program – California Reads – that looks at the veteran experience and their incorporation of coming home.
- The current OPL monthly calendar is available online at [www.oaklandlibrary.org/news](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/news)