

Oakland Public Library
Director's Report to the Library Advisory Commission (LAC)
November 24, 2014

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- At the beginning of November, Lana Adlawan, Jamie Turbak and I met with representatives of the Arizona State University's CompuGirls program to discuss a potential partnership. CompuGirls is one of few programs in the US that introduces young girls to the fields of STEM through innovative teaching techniques, social justice and the latest technologies. We will keep the LAC updated on this potential partnership.
- On November 5, I attended the FOPL Annual Board Meeting where I:
 - Invited them to the All Staff holiday party, December 13th, 5:30 to 8:30 pm, at AAMLO
 - Reminded them of the LAC's holiday mixer, November 16th at AAMLO, 1-3. Dan Kalb will be the keynote speaker
 - Also reminded them of CLA this weekend and was looking forward to seeing Gen being honored at CPLA luncheon and doing the program with LAC on Advocacy
 - Asked them to put the Oakland Book Festival date on their calendar
 - Thanked FOPL once again for their generous 2014-15 grants to the Library
- On November 7-9, the California Library Association (CLA) held its conference here in Oakland with a kickoff reception at AAMLO. Lots of great programs to attend; lots of great people to meet – both librarians and not; and lots of unexpected and enjoyable events. What a treat to have so many Commissioners represented at CLA. Thank you!
- On November 16, attended a very successful LAC Mixer. Congratulations Commissioners!
- On November 20, attended and spoke at the West Oakland Open House celebrating the partnership of the West Oakland Neighborhood Career Center, West Oakland Job Resource Center and the West Oakland Library.
- Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! We have a lot to be thankful for.

BUDGET UPDATES

- On November 18, several Departments (OPL, OFD, OPD, DHS, OPR, and DPW) met with the Budget Office and the City Administrator's Office to discuss their top priorities for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Upcoming submittal in December: Master Fee Schedule.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Two items worthy of note from November 2014:
 - All of the California Reads programs this month related to the Veteran Experience supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
 - Save Our Heritage at AAMLO: the First African Methodist Episcopal (FAME) Youth Choir and Praise Dancers perform an evening of culture.
- The current OPL monthly calendar is available online at www.oaklandlibrary.org/news