

Oakland Public Library
 Director's Report to the Library Advisory Commission (LAC)
 March 2017

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- I began the month with the FOPL Board meeting on March 1 at which the Board considered and approved \$10K in mini-grants to staff for innovative program proposals. The FOPL Board were intrigued with the proposals and found it difficult to stay within the \$10K limit.
- On March 3, and again this month, I assisted the Department of Human Services in its interviews for a Head Start Manager.
- On March 7, Mary Schrader, Jenera Burton and I had a conference call with representatives of OUSD to discuss the lease situation at the Piedmont Ave Library and options that might be considered. A follow-up discussion will occur by the end of March.
- On March 13, Nina Lindsay, Lana Adlawan and I met with legal counsel for OUSD to discuss outstanding issues re the Oakland Promise Card and implementation at the schools. We hope to have the first pilot at Bridges Academy very soon and in the Fall, all Oakland Promise schools participating.
- On March 14, the Library took a report to City Council's Life Enrichment Committee (LEC) requesting permission to waive the bidding process and local purchasing requirements and allow the Library to purchase the electric Pop-Up Mobile Library from Motiv Power Systems, essentially a sole source contract. LEC approved and forwarded to City Council for its March 21 meeting.
- On March 21, Mary Schrader and I attended City Council for the final approval from full Council of the resolution that allows purchase of the electric Pop-Up Mobile Library from Motive Power Systems.
- On March 22, Nina Lindsay, Lana Adlawan and I are scheduled to meet with Venus Johnson, the Mayor's Director of Safety, to discuss both of our programs and how we might assist one another.
- Also scheduled this month are meetings with State Assembly Members Tony Thurmond and Rob Bonta to discuss SC3 and state library funding.

BUDGET UPDATE

- On March 15, the Library held its Budget Meeting with the City Administrator, the Budget Office, Finance Office, and the Controller's Office. Gene Tom and Jamie Turbak joined me in presenting the Library's current budget situation and its projections over the next two years, as well as the requests made by the City.
- On March 20, the three of us also met with the Mayor and my colleagues from the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR) to review our FY 2017-19 budgets with the Mayor, City Administrator, Budget Office and city staff.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- The current OPL monthly calendar is available online at www.oaklandlibrary.org/news