

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

#### DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- On April 7, as part of the legislative Day in the District, Amy Sonnie and I met with CA State Senator Nancy Skinner's staff to discuss legislative priorities at the state level. We were joined by representatives from Contra Costa County and the City of Alameda.
- On April 11, I attended a workshop at the Castro Valley Library entitled "Cracking the Codes: Libraries Promoting Racial Equity." Tammy Johnson, from World Trust, facilitated discussion with staff from different library systems in helping to understand and deconstruct systemic racial inequities. Mary Schrader, our Special Projects Supervising Librarian, has organized two of these workshops for the northern California Pacific Library Partnership collaborative.
- On April 18, the City Council passed a resolution declaring the month of April as National Library Month in the City of Oakland. Jamie Turbak, Commissioner Rebekah Randle and I were there to accept it from Council President Larry Reid and City Councilman Dan Kalb.
- On April 22, the Oakland Public Library was honored to host Dr. Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress. She was appointed last year by President Barack Obama and is the first African American and the first woman to hold the post. We were delighted to have Dr. Hayden give a storytime to our young children at Main and later, to tour the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO).
- On April 25, most of the Library's Race & Equity Department Team attended a City-Wide Advancing Racial Equity Academy which helps to examine the impact that our internal and personal experiences of race and structural racism have had on our lives and how they have shaped our perceptions.
- On April 27, I am scheduled to host a lunch gathering at City Hall for my Rotary #3 colleagues to hear from Mayor Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Sabrina Landreth, and Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick.
- On April 29, I am scheduled to attend the Branch Friends Meeting at the West Oakland Library. This is always a treat for me when I get to see many of the Friends from the various branches and hear of their activities.

#### BUDGET UPDATE

- This month the Library discussed its Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) related to the \$15M iBond with the City Administration. There are a number of priority projects throughout the system that will be submitted to City Council for consideration.
- On April 27, the Mayor is scheduled to release her Proposed Budget.

#### PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- The current OPL monthly calendar is available online at [www.oaklandlibrary.org/news](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/news)