

Oakland Public Library
 Director's Report to the Library Advisory Commission (LAC)
 December 2017 - January 2018

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- On December 3, I attended another successful Library Advocates Mixer at AAMLO that had a big turnout, programs presented by staff and information provided regarding the upcoming parcel tax measure.
- It seemed like the month began with a week-long staff walkout that was very stressful on everyone involved. The city-wide strike was from December 5-11, 2017 and shutdown the entire city. We were all so happy on December 12 to have everyone back at work!
- Due to the strike, many Library programs were cancelled as supervisors managed the situation on a day-by-day basis.
- On Saturday, December 9, I briefly stopped in at the Friends Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast held at the Bookmark Bookstore since Dimond was closed due to the strike. It worked out very well.
- The big push the month of December was to get the information report for the potential Library tax measure written, reviewed and through downtown which was due December 26.
- Beginning immediately in January, we began writing the report and resolution and ordinance – the enabling legislation – for the Library tax measure in June 2018.
- On Tuesday, January 9 we presented the informational report of the tax measure and the polling to both the Finance & Management and Life Enrichment Committees.
- On January 10-13, I took a trip to Portland, OR.
- On Wednesday, January 17, at approximately 8:20 am, the Main Library had a major power outage that affected all staff and public computers, phones, boilers, heat, lighting, and the network server that powers the branch checkin-out, internet and printers. This was caused by a vintage 1949 main breaker. On Monday, January 22 at approximately 11:20 am, the electricity and all accompanying systems came back up.
- On Thursday, January 25, staff will return to Rules & Legislation Committee with the enabling legislation that was begun and finalized earlier in the month.

BUDGET

- Nothing significant to report this month.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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