

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

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- The month of February began with an all-day retreat on the 2nd that allowed the senior executive and management teams of the Library, as well as the Chairs of the Library Advisory Commission and the Friends of the Oakland Public, to focus on strategic planning and updating the Library's objectives. The Library's Strategic Planning team meets every six months to review where it's at, where it's going, how it's going to get there, who specifically is going to lead the objective, and by when. I look forward to these retreats – they're re-energizing and team building.
- On February 7, I was grateful to be at the City Council meeting for two reasons:
 - To honor the retirement of Brooke Levin, Director of Public Works, after 26 years of working with the City of Oakland; and
 - To honor our 2016 Youth Poet Laureate, Azariah Cole-Shepard, who has been such an incredible, and mature beyond-her-years young woman representing Oakland proud!
- Also, this month, I assisted the Department of Human Services with their interviews for the Manager of Head Start and early Head Start. This is a critical position for DHS since the City receives millions of federal funds and this is a priority program for the City.
- On February 28, staff is scheduled to take two items to City Council's Life Enrichment Committee: an informational report on Children's Services and an information report on the Pop-Up Mobile Library.

BUDGET UPDATE

- The Library delivered its Draft 2017-19 Policy Budget to the City Administrator and the City's Budget Office on February 12. We are awaiting feedback from Budget and CAO staff to determine next steps.
- OPL staff also met with Department of Public Works staff to finalize the Draft Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) 2017-19 that will also be submitted as part of the Policy budget and included for potential iBond funding.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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