

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

DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- On June 1, staff from the Cultural Arts Planning Division met with Winifred Walters, Jamie Turbak, and me to discuss areas in which OPL intersect with cultural arts and space planning and how our two city departments can collaborate in the arts and with artists.
- On June 1, I had the pleasure of delivering books to one of the transitional kindergarten (TK) classes at Brookfield Elementary. Thevaki Govinthasamy, OPL Children's Librarian was also there. I was representing Rotary to give free books for our young children to take home, and Thevaki was there to talk about the Summer Reading Program and encouraging them to read during the summer. Great partnership between our two organizations.
- On June 6, I did the same with Korematsu TK Elementary and had children with their parents there as well. We spoke again about the SRP and encouraged the parents to keep their children reading to reduce summer slide. The children were thrilled to have books to take home!
- On Friday evening, June 9, I attended a celebration of Jill Bourne, City Librarian of the San Jose Public Library, who was named as the 2017 National Librarian of the Year. Libraries in San Jose have seen a renaissance and support in both capital and operations that has allowed additional hours and staffing.
- On June 14, I was honored to greet 24 of the Library's new temporary part time TPT Library Aides. Jamie has organized a "boot camp" for new staff that provides them with an immersion in OPL's philosophy of customer service, mentoring, training, and shadowing that, we believe, starts them on the right foot with our patrons.
- During this month, several staff, including Mary Schrader and Gene Tom, have been working on a report to City Council for a new Lease Agreement with Oakland Unified School District for the Piedmont Avenue Library on Echo Avenue. The report will go to City Council in July.

BUDGET UPDATE

- The City Council has scheduled Special meetings of the Council on both Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, June 27, in case budget hearings are necessary to complete and approve the FY 2017-19 Budget for the City of Oakland. Here is the link to the documents: <https://beta.oaklandca.gov/issues/budget>

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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