

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

#### DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- On May 12, the Pacific Library Partnership, the regional system representing libraries of the Bay area and Peninsula, held their annual meeting in San Jose. I was appointed President of PLP for the next year.
- On Monday, May 15, we hosted a number of representatives, including the Chair and Vice-Chair from the State of California Arts Council who visited AAMLO as part of a walking tour of the City of Oakland's Black Arts Movement and Business District (BAMBD). As you may recall, the Commission endorsed a letter of support for the Black Arts Movement and Business District's application to become a California Cultural District. Last month, Oakland was informed that it is a semi-finalist in the State Cultural District designation.
- On May 17, the Public Works Department is scheduled to hold a OPL Mobile Library Vehicle Customization Voluntary Pre-Bid Meeting. This is for any vendor who wishes to bid on the fabrication of the Pop-Up Mobile Library and is looking for clarification or has questions. We are on our way!
- On Sunday, May 21, OPL and many of us are scheduled to be part of and enjoy the wonderful Oakland Book Festival! This event, of which OPL is an original supporter, is one which I look forward to and is growing and getting better each year.
- On May 24, we are scheduled to have the Annual Books for Wider Horizon Thank You Party for our wonderful volunteers who visit childcare centers throughout Oakland to share the joy of reading. They read books, sing songs and perform finger plays for over 1,000 preschoolers each week.

#### BUDGET UPDATE

- On May 2, the Mayor presented her Proposed FY 2017-19 Budget to City Council and the public. Here is the link to the documents: <https://beta.oaklandca.gov/issues/budget>
- On May 16, the City Administrator will present in detail the Proposed Budget to City Council and Department Directors will be available for questions.

#### PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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