



# City of Saratoga Library Commission

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## **MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 27, 2013

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Saratoga Library/ Community Room  
13650 Saratoga Avenue  
Saratoga, CA 95070

### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Sharon Andres, Linda Baxter, Susan Calderon, Steve Schlosser, Jill Whitcomb

**Not Present:** None.

**Staff:** Nancy Howe- County Librarian

Gayathri Kanth- Community Librarian

**Report on Posting of the Agenda:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on February 22, 2013.

**Accept Agenda Items & Order:** No additional items may be added to this agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 59454.2.

**Oral & Written Communications:** Any member of the public may address the Commission about any matter not on the agenda for this meeting for up to three minutes. *Commissioners may not comment on the matter, but may choose to place the topic on a future agenda.*

**Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes for the December 12, 2012 meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Emerging Trends

Issue: Continue ongoing discussion on emerging trends.

Action: Discuss trends.

- Schlosser provided copies of an article from The New York Times titled, "Libraries See Opening as Bookstores Close." [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/28/us/libraries-try-to-update-the-bookstore-model.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/28/us/libraries-try-to-update-the-bookstore-model.html?_r=0)

- Andreas shared the Advocacy Packet that was shared at the “Friends, Commissioners, Foundations and Endowments Forum” organized by the Santa Clara County Library District. Gayathri will share an electronic version of the packet.

## 2. Upcoming Events

Issue: Continue ongoing discussion on upcoming events.

Action: Discuss upcoming events.

- No events discussed.

## New Business

### 3. Library Commission Work Plan- Organizations

Issue: The Library Commission had a joint meeting with the City Council on November 7, 2012 and the Commissioners presented their work plan to the Council. The Commission approved their work plan on December 12, 2012. On February 5, 2013, City staff forwarded via email, on behalf of Librarian Kanth, a list of Saratoga groups and organizations for the Commissioners to look through and respond with the following information: 1) Highlight the names of organizations and groups they are associated with and 2) Add names of new groups and organizations that are not available in the current list.

Action: Review list, discuss a future presentation plan and accept Community Librarian report of Saratoga groups and organizations.

- Commissioners discussed the organization chart provided by the Library and stated that each will send a list of organizations they would be interested in providing presentations.

## Reports

1. Nancy Howe, Acting Santa Clara County Librarian.
  - Written report was submitted as part of Agenda.
2. Gayathri Kanth, Community Librarian
  - Kanth presented 5 key programs.
3. Terrie Creamer, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries
  - Creamer stated that the Book Go Round will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, March 17, 2013.
4. Linda Baxter, Library Commission Chair
  - Baxter provided no report.
5. Mainini Cabute, City of Saratoga Liaison
  - The following report was part of the agenda. The California Public Library Advocates (CPLA) will host a Workshop with a panel session called “Guerilla Advocacy, It’s a Jungle Out there.” Keynote speaker is John Chrastka, founder of EveryLibrary.org, a national PAC advocating for public libraries. See attached flyer. All CPLA members are free. The Saratoga Library Commissioners are current with their membership.

- Save the Date, the City of Saratoga will be hosting the Commission Recognition Event on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. Location is TBD. All regular attendees of the Library Commission are invited.

**Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

**Adjournment**

**5:12 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Mainini Cabute

Administrative Analyst II, City of Saratoga

Notes taken by:

Gayathri Kanth

Saratoga Community Librarian