



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Board of Library Trustees

02/03/2025

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
Edinger Room, Central Park Library
2635 Homestead Rd
Santa Clara, CA 95051

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Management Analyst James announced that **Trustee Mohammed** would be participating remotely under the provision of AB2449 due to just cause due to childcare/ caregiving need.

Present 5 - Chair Jonathon Evans, Vice-Chair Stephen Ricossa, Trustee Debbie Tryforos, Trustee Salim Mohammed, Trustee Daniel Huynh

A motion was made by Trustee Huynh, seconded by Trustee Tryforos, to allow Trustee Mohammad to attend remotely.

Aye: 4 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

Abstained: 1 - Trustee Mohammed

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 [25-153](#) Action on the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Ricossa, seconded by Trustee Huynh, to approve Staff Recommendation.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

JoAnn Davis, Executive Director of the **Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends**, gave an update on the Foundation's activities. She announced that Librarypalooza would be coming up in 2 months and more information would be forthcoming. The book sale scheduled for February 15, 2025 was announced, and the upcoming Spring newsletter scheduled for the end of February would be featuring a new format. Library Giving Day is scheduled for April 1, 2025, with donors of \$500 or more to receive free tickets to Librarypalooza. The Foundation was announced to be recognizing volunteers for their contributions on February 12, 2025.

GENERAL BUSINESS**2** [25-95](#) Proclamation of April 6-12, 2025 as National Library Week

Patty Wong, City Librarian introduced the **Board** to the draft proclamation to recognize National Library Week from April 6-12, 2025. She shared that the draft proclamation provided the opportunity to convey and accentuate book sanctuary principles, inviting the **Board** to review and revise. The proclamation is planned to go before **Council** on April 8, 2025 and the **Board** were invited to come support the proclamation.

A motion was made by Trustee Huynh, seconded by Trustee Mohammad, to approve Staff Recommendation.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

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Discussion and Action on Work Plan Goals and Activities for Calendar Year (CY) 2025

Recommendation: Discuss and draft the Board of Library Trustees work plan goals and activities for calendar year 2025.

City Librarian Wong informed the **Board** of the timeline and instruction provided for **City of Santa Clara Boards and Commissions** to update their annual work plans in preparation for **Council** review. The **Board of Library Trustees** will work to approve an updated work plan at the March or April regular **Board** meeting, to include sections for Accomplishments, Priorities, and a Final Work plan. Discussion touched on **Council** priority setting sessions scheduled for April 3 and April 16, 2025, to be held at **Central Park Library**. The benefits of aligning the **Board's** work plan to the fiscal year were discussed, to allow time for the work plan to be implemented.

The **Board** reviewed prior work plan contents in the Background section of the board report, and discussed potential additions and modifications to draft work plan items listed under Discussion. The **Board** recommended including the addition of funded training opportunities, while cognizant of the lean available library budget. Collection funding was identified as a top priority, with actions needed to get the word out to increase funding for the collection. **City Librarian Wong** shared that the collection budget used to be approximately one million dollars, and is currently nearly half that, the lowest it has been. Per capita collection budget spending was estimated at just three dollars per resident. Options to raise funds were discussed. Discussion included the [California Freedom to Read Act \(AB 1825\)](#), to come back before the **Board** with inclusion of language in the Collection Development Policy in the near future.

For the work plan item assigning liaison roles with related boards and commissions, it was recommended to align these during the chair and vice-chair elections. Staff were requested to send the **Board** a list of informational topics to include for consideration in the work plan, as well as a list of accomplishments, and it was discussed to include discussion of including the Library in future development discussions in terms of service, and to tie this to the General Plan. Work plan priorities discussed included strategic thinking about board development, the collection, alternative funding, policy updates, work with the Foundation, and the Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ricossa, seconded by Trustee Huynh to instruct staff to find a date for a special meeting in March.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

STAFF REPORT

The **Board** discussed recent raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and potential impact at the Library. **City Librarian Wong** expressed that the Library is a professional information sharing organization, that red cards and information regarding people's rights in the United States are available, and that when libraries withhold accurate information out of fear it is a problem. **Chair Evans** highlighted that the Library is in the information business, and should it be instructed not to share information it would be a slippery slope, and a concern to the **Board**.

TRUSTEES REPORT**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Huynh, seconded by Vice-Chair Ricossa, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

The Board of Library Trustees Meeting is adjourned to March 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

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