



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Board of Library Trustees

04/07/2025

6:00 PM

Northside Branch Library, Program Room
695 Moreland Way
Santa Clara, CA 95054

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 [25-324](#) Action on the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Ricossa, seconded by Trustee Tryforos 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 Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends provided an update on the annual fundraiser Librarypalooza was held at **Triton Museum of Art**. No Saturday book sales will be held in April, but a porch sale is planned for Sunday, April 27, 2025 at **Central Park Library**. Saturday Sales will resume in May. A fundraiser is planned at **Red Robin in Rivermark Plaza** in May, anyone who mentions they're supporting the **Library Foundation** that day, a donation will be made to the **Foundation**. The date will be finalized and announced

GENERAL BUSINESS

- [25-413](#) Informational Report on Library Services at the Northside Branch Library

Recommendation: Note and file informational report of the Northside Branch Library.

An informational presentation covering popular services and programs at the **Northside Branch Library** was shared with the **Board** by library staff **Rachel Hughes** and **Helga Afaghani**. The **Board** received the presentation and asked follow-up questions.

- 2 [25-362](#) Action on Revised Santa Clara City Library Collection Development Policy

Recommendation: Approve the draft Santa Clara City Library Collection Development Policy (Attachment 1)

City Librarian Patty Wong shared with the **Board** that while they had recently approved the revised Collection Development Policy, further updates were necessary to satisfy the requirements of AB1825 the California Freedom to Read Act. **Deputy City Attorney Luis Haro** reviewed the required language changes with the **Board**. The checklist to ensure AB1825 compliance, as well as clean and redline versions of the revised policy, were reviewed. **Deputy City Attorney Haro** confirmed that Council approval was not required for this policy update.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammad, seconded by Vice-Chair Ricossa to approve the Collection Development Policy.

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

- 3 [25-416](#) Informational Update on Impacts of Federal Funding Changes to Library and Discussion and Possible Action on Support Letter to Local Congressional Representatives

Recommendation:

1. Note and file informational report on the impacts of federal funding changes to the Library.
2. Authorize up to two Trustees to form a subcommittee to draft a letter in support of local library funding for full consideration of the Board.

City Librarian Wong shared information with the **Board** on the impacts of federal funding cuts to library budgets nationwide and to the **Santa Clara City Library** in particular. Impacts to the grant funding supporting the **Read Santa Clara** literacy program at the library were addressed as were the impacts to funding for electronic resources heavily used by the library as well as **Santa Clara Unified School District** schools such as encyclopedias, databases, and the New York Times. **City Librarian Wong** provided information on many specific grants, programs, and resources previously supported by such funding and anticipated impacts to service including possible reductions in resources, programs and services. The likelihood of increased community demand was addressed as surrounding library systems face similar impacts to their services.

The **Board** discussed the need to reach out to congressional representatives to share concerns and the impacts of federal funding cuts to the library, and discussed addressing this issue with Council while receiving the National Library Week Proclamation on April 8, 2025. **Deputy City Attorney Haro** confirmed that letters could be sent to congressional representatives on behalf of the **Board of Library Trustees**, though not on behalf of the **City of Santa Clara**, and that the **Board** could prepare a draft letter template to distribute to the public to encourage advocacy for library funding. Template letters from the **American Library Association** and the **California State Library** were shared with the **Board**. A subgroup composed of Trustee Mohammed and Trustee Huynh was recommended to draft the letter.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Ricossa, seconded by Trustee Tryforos to authorize two members, Trustees Mohammed and Huynh, to write an open letter from the Board of Library Trustees to local congressional representatives and a template letter for use by the public in support of Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funding.

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

- 4 [25-419](#) Discussion and Action on the Selection of Informational Staff Report Topics

Recommendation: Approve list of topics for informational staff reports for future Board meetings and recommended schedule to receive them.

The **Board** by unanimous consent directed staff to place on a future agenda the following informational report topics: Library of Things, Read Santa Clara, Seed Share, Trail of the Book: From Selection to Removal, and Library Grants. **Deputy City Attorney Haro** determined no formal action was necessary because direction to staff was sufficient.

- 5 [25-420](#) Discussion and Action on Scheduling a Joint Meeting with the Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends

Recommendation: Identify potential dates and times for a joint meeting with the Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends, and authorize City staff to coordinate scheduling with the Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends.

Vice-Chair Ricossa and **Trustee Tryforos** were appointed to discuss the joint meeting and to obtain potential dates with the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends Board at a following meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammad, seconded by Trustee Tryforos to schedule a joint meeting between the Board of Library Trustees and the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends Board, and for the Board to recommend possible meeting dates on a future agenda.

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

STAFF REPORT

City Librarian Wong shared a reminder that National Library Week is April 6-12, 2025, and that she and **Chair Evans** would be receiving a Proclamation for National Library Week at the April 8, 2025 **City Council** meeting. Planned National Library Week activities were shared, including book displays, comment card displays for patrons to share feedback on the library, and a National Library Week Bingo game printout available at all locations, with bookmarks available as prizes.

The **Board** was also informed that staff had updated the Board of Library Trustee Handbook so that those pages with FY 2022-23 statistics were updated with FY 2023-24 data. Updated copies were passed out to the Board, along with an updated printed calendar of events at the library and a printout of National Library Week Bingo.

Information was shared about a program featuring **Cirque du Soleil** on April 17, 2025 at Central Park Library, with a demonstration performance from their new show Echo.

TRUSTEES REPORT**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammad, seconded by Trustee Huynh 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 May 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

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