



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Board of Library Trustees

10/06/2025

6:00 PM

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

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- Via Zoom:
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Tryforos called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Present 4 - Trustee Daniel Huynh, Trustee G. Salim Mohammed, Trustee Stephen Ricossa, and Vice Chair Debbie Tryforos

Excused 1 - Chair Jonathon Evans

Vice-Chair Tryforos announced that **Trustee Ricossa** would be participating remotely under the provision of AB2449 just cause to care for a temporarily disabled family member.

A motion was made by Trustee Huynh, seconded by Trustee Mohammed, to excuse Chair Evans from this meeting and allow Trustee Ricossa to participate remotely.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Evans

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammed, seconded by Trustee Huynh, to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Evans

- 1 [25-779](#) Action to Recommend Council to Approve FY 2025-26 California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Adult and Family Literacy Grant Award for the Read Santa Clara Program and Approve the Related Budget Amendment

Recommendation: That the Board of Library Trustees recommend that the City Council Accept the FY 2025/26 California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant Award in the Amount of \$115,361 for Read Santa Clara, the Library's Adult and Family Literacy Program and the Related Budget Amendment as described in this Report.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammed, seconded by Trustee Huynh, to recommend that the City Council Accept the FY 2025/26 California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant Award in the Amount of \$115,361 for Read Santa Clara, the Library's Adult and Family Literacy Program and the Related Budget Amendment as described in this Report.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Evans

2 [25-1123](#) Action on the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammed, seconded by Trustee Huynh, to approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Evans

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

JoAnn Davis, Executive Director of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends (SCCLFF), shared that there would not be a patio sale at the next upcoming Friday and Saturday due to concrete work at Central Park Library. She shared that **SCCLFF** would be assisting Mission Branch Library with their 70th Anniversary event on November 1, 2025, at which the mayor and community groups are anticipated to attend. Instead of a book sale that day, **SCCLFF** will be giving away free books. **SCCLFF** is also considering starting regular book sales at Mission Branch Library in the spring. It was also reported that **SCCLFF** had done tabling and held a book sale at the Art and Wine Festival that took place September 13-14, 2025. They saw more traffic than they had seen in many years. It was shared that at the last weekend patio sale, **SCCLFF** raised approximately \$1,500, more than three times the usual. They believe this increase was due to the Library's inclusion in the Art and Wine and the advertising from the **Parks and Recreation Department**, which was very helpful.

GENERAL BUSINESS

[25-1088](#) Informational Report to the Board - Read Santa Clara

Recommendation: Note and file informational report.

Shanti Bhaskaran, Program Coordinator for the Library's **Read Santa Clara** program, provided an informational report on the literacy services made available through the Library for the community, their outcomes, and their impact. Discussion was held on the upcoming Career Online High School (COHS) graduation ceremony as well as the loss of grant funding for ESL services and its direct impact on the community.

- 3 [25-1089](#) Action to Review and Recommend the City Council to Approve the Library Facilities Master Plan

Recommendation: Recommend that the City Council approve the Library Facilities Master Plan.

Patty Wong, City Librarian introduced the **Board** to the Library's Facilities Master Plan. She shared that the recommendations represent guidance rather than requirements, and provide data-based recommendations for Measure I bond spending and ongoing maintenance and growth needs, as well as language for incorporation into the General Plan. She shared that the Facilities Master Plan would be scheduled to review with Council in November. The **Board** reviewed and discussed the plan. They confirmed with **City Librarian Wong** that the Facilities Master Plan would be approved by the **Board** in concept, and was not a commitment of funds to specific recommendations. Specific actionable renovations and their costs would be identified and addressed during the design phase, informed by the recommendations in the Facilities Master Plan. The **Board** requested an update on the litigation at Northside Branch Library to understand its impact on Facilities Master Plan recommendations. **Deputy City Attorney Huyen Nguyen** indicated an update could be provided at the next **Board** meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammed, seconded by Trustee Huynh to recommend Council take action to approve the Library Facilities Master Plan.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Evans

STAFF REPORT

City Librarian Wong informed the **Board** of concrete work in progress to fix the front sidewalk at Central Park Library where it was sinking, and that the work was scheduled to be done by October 22, 2025, just prior to the vote center at Central Park Library opening for the upcoming special election. The schedule for the vote center was shared, opening October 25, 2025 through election day on November 4, 2025 at Central Park Library only, with ballot boxes placed outside at all Library locations.

She informed the **Board** that the Library was participating in a countywide program with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, providing eligibility for families with children under 5 years old to sign up to receive a free book every month for their child up until the age of 5. The **Board** was invited to the **Career Online High School (COHS)** graduation on October 25, 2025, and were reminded that **SCCLFF** would be celebrating their 25th anniversary on May 16, 2025. The city slogan for 2026 sporting events was shared, Where the Mission Meets the Moment. STEM program planning for an event to be held at the Convention Center was shared with the **Board**, with Library playing a support role.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Huynh shared that as liaison to the **Youth Commission** he had made a long list of notes from their last brainstorming session, and would save it to review with the **Board** at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammed, seconded by Trustee Huynh to adjourn the meeting.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Evans

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

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