



CITY OF HAYWARD LIBRARY COMMISSION
Library and Community Services Department

Hayward Public Library
Administrative Office
835 C Street, Hayward, CA 94541

October 17, 2011
6:30 PM

A G E N D A

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Minutes of Meeting of September 19, 2011**
5. **Public Comment**
This section provides an opportunity to address the Library Commission on items listed on the agenda, as well as other items of interest. The Commission welcomes comment and requests that speakers present their remarks within established time limits. (Individual comments are set at a 3-minute time limit; comments on behalf of a group are set at a 5-minute time limit.) As the Commission is prohibited by State law from discussing items not listed on the agenda, your item will be taken under consideration and may be referred to staff.
6. **Staff Presentation**
Multigenerational Poetry Slam
7. **Report from Director of Library and Community Services**
8. **Friends of the Hayward Public Library Report**
Report on the activities of the Friends of the Hayward Public Library
9. **New Business**
New Library and Community Learning Center project – status update

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10. Library Commission Report

Report on Library activities in which Commissioners have been engaged.

11. City Council Liaison Report

Report on City matters that are of pertinence to the Library Commission.

12. Agenda Building

Consider items for inclusion on the Library Commission Agenda for coming months.

13. Adjournment



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Minutes of the Library Commission Meeting
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September 19, 2011

1. **Call to Order:** Commission Chair Kelly Greenne called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Attendance:**

	Attendance this Meeting	Present to Date Regular Meetings	Absent to Date Regular Meetings	Attendance Special Meetings
Commissioner				
Linda Bennett	X	1	0	0
Lisa Brunner	X	1	0	0
Kelly Greenne	X	1	0	0
Judy Harrison	X	1	0	0
Kari McAllister	X	1	0	0
Isabel Sanchez	X	1	0	0
Monica Schultz	X	1	0	0

City Staff: Sean Reinhart, Director of Library and Community Services
Linda Atwater, Administrative Secretary

Guest: Simon Wong, Tri-City Voice

4. **Introductions / Welcome New Library Commissioner Isabel Sanchez**
The Library Commission and staff welcomed new Library Commissioner Isabel Sanchez and around the table introductions were made.

5. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 20, 2011

Board Action: It was moved and seconded (Commissioners Bennett/Schultz) to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2011. Motion carried with two abstentions (Commissioners Harrison and Sanchez).

6. Public Comment: No public comments were offered.

7. Staff Presentation

a. **Library and Community Services Department Overview.** Director Reinhart provided an overview of the Library and Community Services Department, distributing an updated Organizational Chart and FY 2012 Core Service Objectives for the department, and an overview of the department's FY 2012 Core Service Objectives.

Responding to a question about the use of volunteers and any possible conflict with the various bargaining units, the Director provided details on the Library's Volunteer Program, and confirmed that the activities performed by Library volunteers do not conflict with any employee assignments.

Discussion ensued on the City's budget situation and the impact on the Library. Commissioners Schultz and McAllister observed that the public has not seen the impact of the budget cuts, citing the seamless service that customers of the Hayward Public Library continue to receive despite budget reductions in recent years. Director Reinhart, referencing his report included with the agenda packet, responded that in the FY 2013 budget process, if additional reductions to the operating budget become necessary, there may be no other choice but to make cuts that would be highly visible to the community, such as reduced open hours.

Commissioner Sanchez asked for and was provided additional information concerning Objective #2, with regard to securing new grants.

Director Reinhart advised the Commission that a detailed update on activities related to Objective #15 – Develop systems and programs to expand library services to underserved neighborhoods (e.g. with book vending machines in public areas and/or schools), was a part of the Director's report included in the agenda packet. Commissioner Bennett suggested that the possibility of installing a library book vending machine in the Fairway Park neighborhood be investigated.

Commissioner Schultz asked about the possibility of charging for holds, as a way to increase revenue. Commissioner Sanchez asked about the possibility of charging for use of the City's wifi service. The Director responded that he will be analyzing fees for services such as charging for holds, as part of the FY 2013 budget development

process. With regard to charging for wifi access, which is handled by the City's Technology Services department, he will ask the director of that department for more information.

8. Reports:

a. Director of Library and Community Services Report. The Director acknowledged that many of the items discussed above were items he would have shared in the Director's Report.

b. Friends of the Hayward Public Library Report. Commissioner Judy Harrison, President of the Friends of the Hayward Public Library, commented that it has been a fruitful summer. The Taste of Hayward event brought in \$6800 for the Friends; the funds will be used to purchase books for the new vending machine at Longwood. In addition, the Friends have provided \$5000 toward purchase of books for that machine. For several months, the Friends held Saturday book sales on three Saturdays per month. They were very successful, and as of the first sale in September, over \$6200 has been raised from the Saturday sales. The sales location has been moved from the Farmers Market to the Library Park, at the corner of 'C' and Watkins Streets. This move has proved to be very successful and is more convenient for the pages who do all of the moving and for the volunteers as it is closer to the library.

All of the items sold are donated materials. In fact, the Friends are not able to handle the volume of donations that are received and make use of other avenues to keep materials in use and out of landfills. Many of the newer gently used books go to Better World Books where they are sold to fund millions of dollars worth of literacy projects throughout the U.S. and the world. They also send books to schools and libraries around the world. The Friends' charity through them is Books for Africa which has provided thousands of books to schools and libraries. Some books are given to St. Vincent de Paul to be sold in their stores.

The Friends have a new logo, and a sample was shared. A new run of book bags is planned, and bookmarks, tee-shirts, and a new banner in the future.

c. Library Commission Report

Commissioner Sanchez inquired as to the availability of archived Library Commission materials. Director Reinhart provided instructions on where to access that information on the City of Hayward's web page.

d. City Council Liaison Report

Council Member Salinas was unable to attend the meeting.

9. New Business

a. **Election of Officers.** Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair were opened.

Board Action: Commissioner Harrison nominated Kelly Greenne to the position of Chair. Motion seconded by Commission Brunner. No further nominations were offered. Commissioners unanimously elected Kelly Greenne to the position of Library Commission Chair.

Commissioner Harrison nominated Monica Schultz to the position of Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Commissioner McAllister. No further nominations were offered. Commissioners unanimously elected Monica Schultz to the position of Vice Chair.

10. Agenda Building Items posted to the Library Commission Agenda Plan include:

- October – Staff Presentation (Services to Young Adults)
New Library and Community Learning Center project
- November – Budget Update FY 2012
Discussion of Calendar Year 2012 Commission Goals and Priorities
Staff Presentation (Grants)
- December – Establishment of annual meeting schedule and Agenda Plan for
Calendar Year 2012
Adoption of CY 2012 Commission Goals and Priorities

It was acknowledged that the Russell City Energy Center has broken ground and the City has forwarded communication to Calpine with regard to deposit information for the \$10 million. A celebration ceremony is scheduled for October 12 at the site of the new Energy Center. Commissioners have been invited by Calpine to that event; several Commissioners confirmed that they are planning to attend.

11. Adjournment: The Commission Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.



Library Director's Report October 2011

A Message from the Director – “Education is the Key”

At Hayward Public Library, our goal is to deliver equal opportunity in education to every Hayward resident. This is because we believe that education is the key to a stronger, brighter future for any community. Whether it's through our early childhood education classes for young children and parents, afterschool homework help for students, literacy tutoring for adults who lack basic reading and writing proficiency, or English as a Second Language training for non-speakers of English, we place an emphasis on meeting the lifelong learning needs of every member of our diverse community.

In this regard, Hayward Public Library is truly the community's learning center. Books will always be the heart and soul of the library, but our educational mission extends far beyond books – and even beyond the four walls of our buildings. Through new partnerships and innovative programs, we continuously strive to meet our community's changing educational needs.

For example, in September the City of Hayward opened a new afterschool homework center at Longwood Elementary School, operated by Hayward Public Library in partnership with Hayward Unified School District. The new center opened in September to provide customized 1:1 homework tutoring to students with the help of trained volunteers. The Longwood homework center served 200 individual students in its first week alone. It also features Hayward's first public library book vending machine. The new book vending machine and homework center provide convenient access to public library books and educational support services for 1,000 previously underserved households in the Longwood neighborhood.

Through partnership, innovation, technology, and the support of community volunteers, together we can continue to build new educational opportunities like this, and to achieve a brighter future for every Hayward resident, of every age. To learn more about how community-minded residents are helping

Fiscal Year 2011- by the Numbers

1,277,359	Circulation
4,435	Circ. Per Day
613,223	Customer Visits
2,129	Visits per Day
130,514	Computer Users
21,814	Educational Program Users
11,310	Educ. Volunteer Hours

September 2011- by the Numbers

103,444	Circulation
4,310	Circ. Per Day
48,824	Customer Visits
2,034	Visits per Day
10,595	Computer Users
1,663	Educational Program Users
980	Educ. Volunteer Hours

September 2010- by the Numbers

102,202	Circulation
4,258	Circ. Per Day
48,774	Customer Visits
2,032	Visits per Day
10,888	Computer Users
1,468	Educational Program Users
890	Educ. Volunteer Hours

the Library support education in Hayward, visit the City of Hayward website and click the “volunteering” link on the left-hand column: www.hayward-ca.gov.

Library News and Updates

New E-Recycling Fundraiser Helps Support the Literacy Plus Program

The Library's Literacy Plus program has partnered with Planet Green, a printer cartridge and cell phone remanufacturing and recycling company, on a new fundraiser that recycles mobile phones and used printer cartridges to raise money for literacy efforts in Hayward. Participants can drop off their used inkjet printer cartridges, cell phones, cell phone batteries or cell phone chargers at the Library. The items are then picked up by Planet Green for refurbishment and resale, and a portion of the sale proceeds are donated to Literacy Plus. Spent printer cartridges can raise up to \$5 each for the Library; cell phones can raise up to \$40 each. The fundraiser is intended to reduce electronic waste, raise awareness of the benefits of e-recycling, and raise money to help more Hayward adults improve their reading and writing skills.

Artist Begins Work on Weekes Branch Book Return Box Murals

Artist Jean Bidwell, who previously painted the animal-themed murals on the book return boxes at the Main Library, is now painting the book drops at Weekes Branch with the same theme. The project is being funded through the generous support of the Friends of the Hayward Public Library. Library staff Daniela Collazo, Alex Mora, and Vilma Banuelos-Luna also assisted by cleaning and scraping the book return boxes in preparation for the artwork to be applied. The artwork will be completed by the end of the month. Anti-graffiti coating will be applied to each finished box to deter graffiti vandalism.

Library eBooks Now Available for Checkout to Amazon's Kindle eBook Reader

By popular demand, Hayward Public Library's eBook collection is now compatible with the Amazon Kindle. Hayward library cardholders can now download eBooks to a Kindle device or any mobile device running the free Kindle app, including iPhone/iPad and Android mobile devices. The Library also offers eBooks and audiobooks for checkout on other eBook readers like the Barnes & Noble Nook and Sony Reader as well as directly to PC or Mac computers.

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Library Bloopers

The Library's October monthly e-newsletter was emailed to over 20,000 subscribers right before the Columbus Day weekend. Unfortunately it contained three significant typos, including one which got

the date of Columbus Day wrong! A number of subscribers immediately reported the errors, and a brief correction was quickly issued. Unfortunately, the correction also had a typographical error. A third and final correction was quickly issued, which was factually accurate yet now spelled the word “Wednesday” incorrectly. Library staff was obviously quite embarrassed by the snafu, and steps were immediately put in place to prevent similar errors from happening again. However, what was unexpected and surprising was the amount of supportive feedback received from subscribers, including the following comments:

“The person that does the newsletter is doing an excellent job. A few mistakes are so normal when doing any type of publication. Keep up the good work!”

“Okay, I’m laughing my head off here now. I’m sure a million people emailed you already to tell you that you misspelled Wednesday in this correction to the correction. Vacation time!”

“No worries, we are all humans. You are always doing such a great job and we thank you so much for your time. We love our library and its staff.”

“We appreciate your effort in creating such good adult and children’s programs.”

“Wow, this makes my day! Great thanks for the continued great service at our library and you guys have a nice weekend.”

Staff Currents

Library Assistant Rebecca Machetta is currently pursuing her Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science at San Jose State University. The Friends of the Library have awarded Rebecca a \$500 scholarship to help offset her tuition costs for the Fall 2011 semester. This is the third scholarship the Friends have awarded to Rebecca. Rebecca currently has a 4.0 grade point average, and wants to become a children’s librarian, though she is keeping her options open.

Two new Homework Center Aides have been hired on contract to help oversee day-to-day activities in the Library’s afterschool homework centers at Weekes Branch Library and Longwood Elementary School. Jisel Paniagua has prior work experience in after-school programs, volunteer management and public service, and is bilingual in English and Spanish. Joanna Bromstead has prior experience working with children in afterschool programs, volunteer coordination and community outreach, including as a volunteer tutor in the Library’s homework centers, and also is proficient in Spanish.

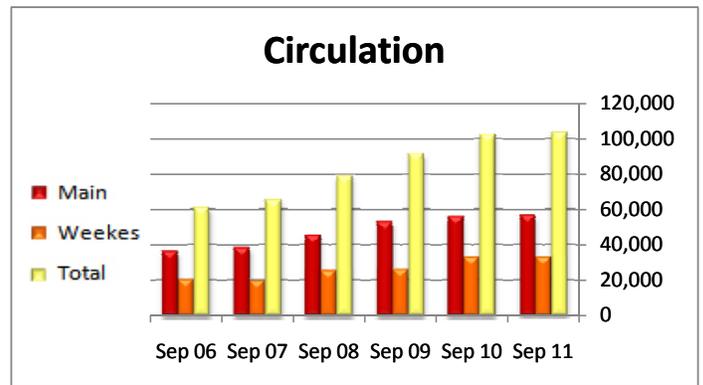
Library Assistant Heidi Leung resigned from the City in August to pursue other career interests. The Library is currently in the process of filling that vacant part-time position by internal promotional recruitment. Library Assistant positions are typically filled by internal promotion due to the specialized skills and familiarity with Hayward Public Library operations the position requires. The recruitment is expected to be finalized and the position filled by early November.

Hayward Public Library Statistics -- September 2011

CIRCULATION

	Main	Weekes	Total
Sep 11	56,621	32,988	103,444
Sep 10	55,791	32,925	102,202
Sep 09	52,780	26,251	91,403
Sep 08	45,251	25,444	78,702
Sep 07	38,172	19,801	65,225
Sep 06	36,306	20,315	61,092

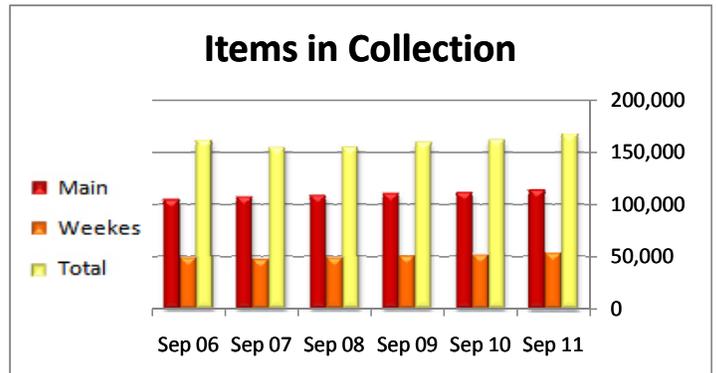
*Total includes web renewals, inhouse, ebooks



ITEMS in COLLECTION

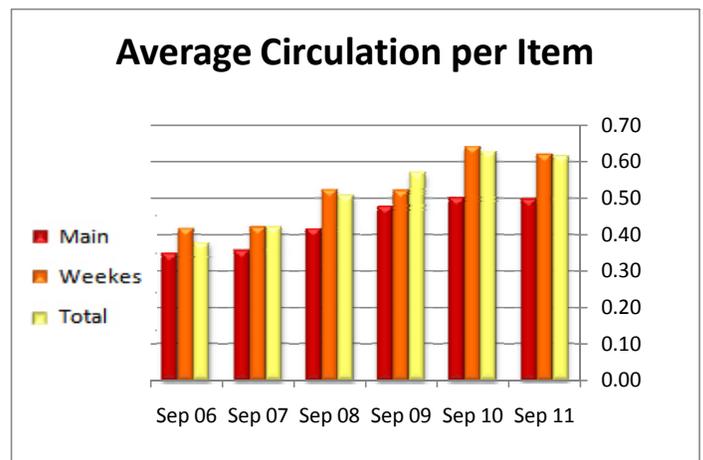
	Main	Weekes	Total
Sep 11	113,742	53,088	167,517
Sep 10	111,271	51,150	162,421
Sep 09	110,450	50,249	159,752
Sep 08	108,548	48,510	154,938
Sep 07	106,933	46,982	154,659
Sep 06	104,242	48,516	161,420

*Beginning September, 2011, total includes vending machine items



AVERAGE CIRCULATION per ITEM

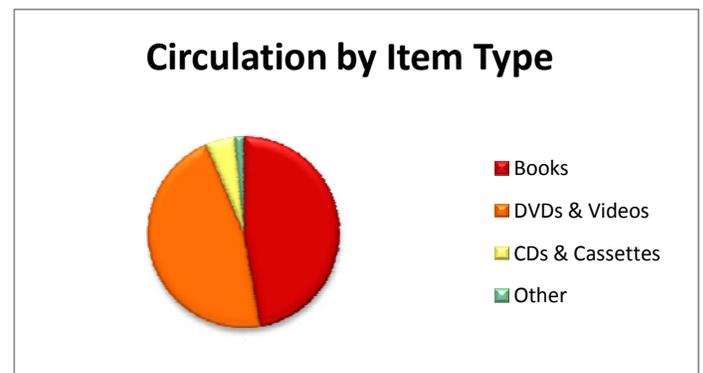
	Main	Weekes	Total
Sep 11	0.50	0.62	0.62
Sep 10	0.50	0.64	0.63
Sep 09	0.48	0.52	0.57
Sep 08	0.42	0.52	0.51
Sep 07	0.36	0.42	0.42
Sep 06	0.35	0.42	0.38



CIRCULATION by ITEM TYPE

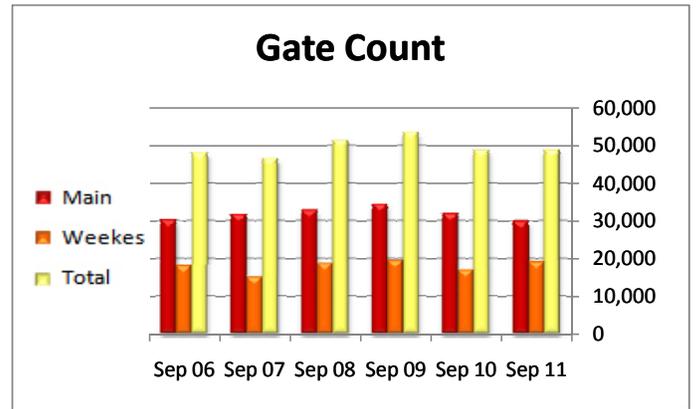
Books	34,419
DVDs & Videos	33,858
CDs & Cassettes	3,583
Other	1,080

(Only Includes Regular Circulation)



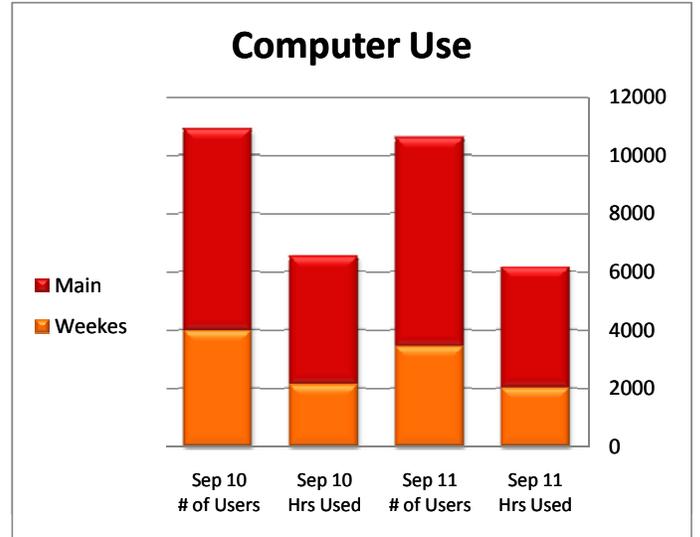
GATE COUNT

	Main	Weekes	Total
Sep 11	29,869	18,955	48,824
Sep 10	31,912	16,862	48,774
Sep 09	34,384	19,297	53,681
Sep 08	32,813	18,598	51,411
Sep 07	31,599	15,022	46,621
Sep 06	30,156	17,978	48,134



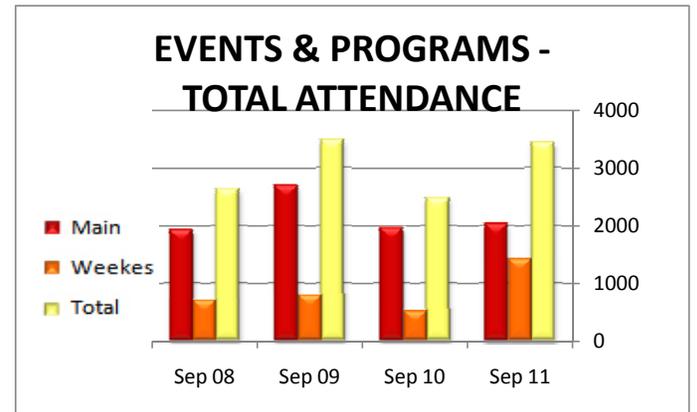
COMPUTER USE

	Main	Weekes	Total
Sep 11			
Hrs Used	4144	2015	6159
Sep 11			
# of Users	7167	3428	10595
Average session (Minutes) Sep 11	34.7	35.3	34.9
Sep 10			
Hrs Used	4403	2126	6529
Sep 10			
# of Users	6916	3972	10888



EVENTS & PROGRAMS - TOTAL ATTENDANCE

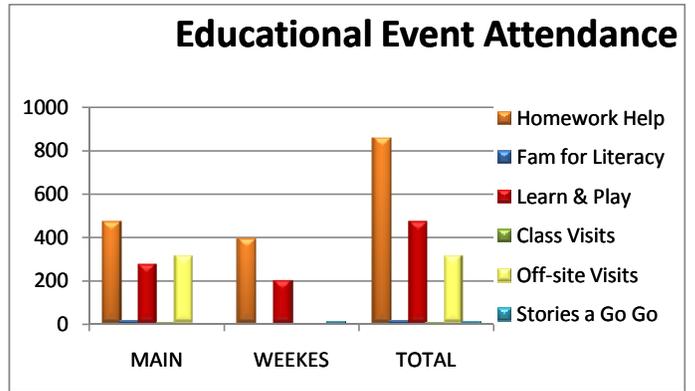
	MAIN	WEEKES	TOTAL
Sep 11	2030	1407	3437
Sep 10	1960	511	2471
Sep 09	2693	784	3477
Sep 08	1929	698	2627



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

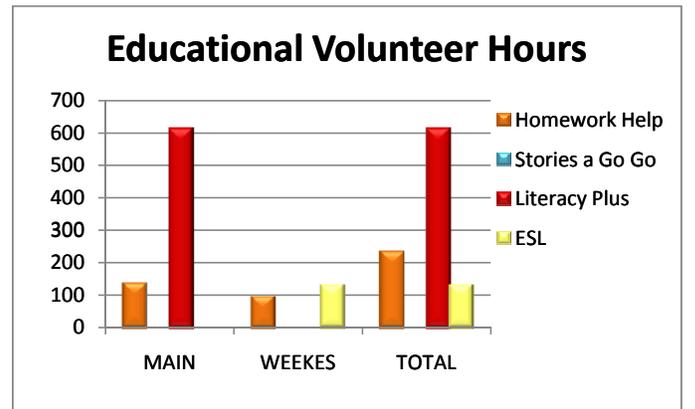
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

	MAIN	WEEKES	TOTAL
Homework Help	466	393	859
Fam for Literacy	16	0	16
Learn & Play	271	196	467
Class Visits	6	0	6
Off-site Visits	306	0	306
Stories a Go Go	0	9	9
TOTAL	1065	598	1663



EDUCATIONAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

	MAIN	WEEKES	TOTAL
Homework Help	138	97	235
Stories a Go Go	0	0	0
Literacy Plus	615	0	615
ESL	0	130	130
TOTAL	753	227	980



October 8, 2011

TO: CLA MEMBERS/ SYSTEMS/ NETWORK CONTACTS

FROM: Mike Dillon, CLA Lobbyist
Christina DiCaro, CLA Lobbyist

RE: **News from the Capitol**

GOVERNOR SIGNS LIBRARY “OUTSOURCING” BILL

This afternoon, Saturday, October 8, Governor Brown signed AB 438 (Williams), the controversial library outsourcing measure CLA has been closely monitoring all year. There was no signing message issued.

The bill, as sent to the Governor, would “impose requirements on a city or library district that intends to withdraw from a county free library system and operate libraries with a private contractor.”

AB 438, as you may recall, is sponsored by the Ventura Reader’s Book Group and was supported by a number of major employee union organizations, including SEIU, California Labor Federation, California Teachers Association, as well as several Friends of the Library groups. It was opposed by the League of Cities, Chamber of Commerce, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, LSSI, and numerous individual cities. During debate on the bill, the supporters argued for the protection of jobs and for more public input on the decision to outsource, while the opposition argued that the “practical effect of the bill was to ban cities from contracting out services, which likely means staff layoffs and branch closures.”

The Governor has until midnight tomorrow to sign or veto the remaining bills on his desk that were sent to him during the close of the 2011 session.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT - OCTOBER 2011

Writers' Group at the Main Library

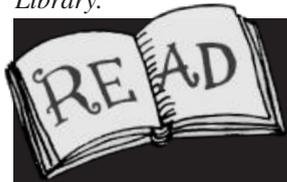
Wednesday, October 12 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 29 @ 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Get feedback on your original writing in a peer-supported writers' group facilitated by local writer Leticia Garcia Bradford. Get the support you need to help you stay on track with your writing, whether it's fiction, non-fiction, or poetry.

Bring 5-10 copies of the piece you wish to share with the group.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Hayward Public Library.



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Autumn Gem: A Documentary on China's First Feminist View the Film - Meet the Filmmakers

Wednesday, October 5 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Main Library

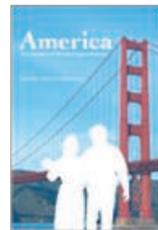


"With all my heart I beseech and beg my two hundred million female compatriots to assume their responsibility as citizens. Arise! Arise! Chinese women, arise!"
- Qiu Jin

Meet the "Chinese Joan of Arc" Qiu Jin (1875-1907), a radical women's rights activist who defied tradition to become the leader of a revolutionary army. She attempted an armed uprising against the corrupt Qing Dynasty and became the first female martyr for China's 1911 Revolution. While Qiu Jin is a familiar heroic figure in China, she is largely unknown outside of the country. *Autumn Gem* is the first American documentary feature on Qiu Jin. The film stars former China National martial arts champion and Hollywood stunt actress Li Jing. It was produced and directed by two San Francisco Bay Area Chinese American filmmakers, Rae Chang and Adam Tow, who will attend the screening and participate in a Q-&A session afterwards.

Meet the Author - Sachin Anand Balram

Saturday, October 15 @ 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Main Library



Meet Indo-Fijian author Sachin Anand Balram. Born and raised in the beautiful islands of Fiji, Balram received his law degree in New Zealand. In 1980, he and his family emigrated to the Bay Area, where he works as a lawyer. He is also an ordained Anglo-Hindu Pundit, who officiates at Hindu weddings, funerals and other Hindu religious ceremonies.

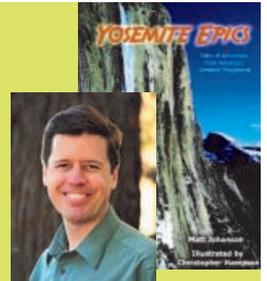
In *America: A Country of Great Expectations* Balram shares the experiences, trials and tribulations of being a new immigrant in the United States. Balram gives his readers some useful advice, hints, and tips so that they will not make the same mistakes that he made during his struggles to achieve that American dream of success, prosperity and luxury.

Meet Author Matt Johanson, and Hear about His Book

Yosemite Epics: Tales of Adventure from America's Greatest Playground

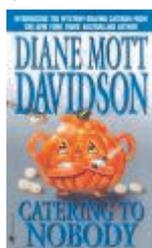
Monday, October 3 @ 6:00 p.m. at Main Library

This book captures the spirit of outdoor adventure at Yosemite. These stories and many more come to life in *Yosemite Epics: Tales of Adventure from America's Greatest Playground*, a collection of first-person narratives from rock, snow, ice and whitewater. Thrilling yet thoughtful, the book explains the athletes' motivations and shares valuable lessons learned from their experiences. Sharing original and previously unpublished tales are 23 well-known Yosemite figures including Royal Robbins, John Bachar, Tommy Caldwell, Steve Roper, Lynn Hill and Peter Croft. Come and meet Matt, and listen to a bit of his book and some of the adventures.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Mystery Novels by Women: **Catering to Nobody** Tuesday, October 4 11:30 a.m. at Le Paradis Bakery (D St. and Mission)



In Dianne Mott Davidson's first catering mystery featuring Colorado chef Goldy Schultz and several delicious recipes, Goldy has been asked to cater a

wake for 40 mourners—not her idea of fun! When her ex-father-in-law is struck down by poison at the event, Goldy must prove her innocence to the local police, the Dept. of Health and her furious ex-husband, and ends up uncovering more than one family skeleton and a veritable stew of unpalatable secrets.

Autobiography:

The Autobiography book discussion group has been discontinued. No new meeting dates are scheduled. We apologize for any inconvenience.



The library
will be closed on:

Monday, October 10
In honor of
Columbus Day



English Conversation Groups

Come and practice speaking English with others who are learning.

All levels are welcome.

No registration is required.

Meet Acclaimed Author Vendela Vida Monday, October 24 @ 6:00 p.m. at Main Library

Meet Vendela Vida, author of *The Lovers*. The novelist Carolyn See, in her *Washington Post* review of *The Lovers* wrote, "Somber, seductive, reflective, unsettling. All our lives are journeys . . . and hopefully, we shed some of our ignorance along the way. Vida writes - so beautifully! - about this process." In addition to her work as a critically acclaimed novelist (*And Now You Can Go* and *Let the Northern Lights Erase Your Name* were both selected as Notable Books of the Year by *The New York Times*), Vida is the author of the non-fiction book, *Girls on the Verge*. A winner of the Kate Chopin Award, Vida is also a founding co-editor of the *Believer* magazine and the editor of *The Believer Book of Writers Talking to Writers*. She co-wrote with Dave Eggers the screenplay for the 2009 film *Away We Go*, which was directed by Sam Mendes.

This event is co-sponsored by the Hayward Public Library, the Friends of the Hayward Public Library, the AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley Branch, and the Book Shop on B Street.



Mostly Literary Fiction:

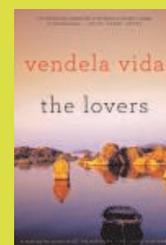
The Lovers

Tuesday, October 11

Two meetings: Noon at Peet's Coffee (B Street and Mission) & 6:30 p.m. at Main Library

From acclaimed author Vendela Vida comes a memorable novel about the love between husbands and wives, mothers and children.

Twenty-eight years ago, Peter and Yvonne honeymooned in the beautiful coastal village of Datça, Turkey. Now Yvonne is a widow, her twin children grown. Hoping to immerse herself in memories of a happier time—as well as sand and sea—Yvonne returns to Datça. Overwhelmed by the past and unexpectedly dislocated by the environment, Yvonne finds comfort in a newfound friendship with Ahmet, a local boy who makes his living as a shell collector. With the crystalline voice and psychological nuance for which her work has been so celebrated, Vendela Vida has crafted another unforgettable heroine in a stunningly beautiful and mysterious landscape.



Get a Great Deal on Books!

Saturday, October 8 & 22 @ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
C Street & Watkins

Friends of the Hayward Library book sales are held at the downtown Farmers Market on the second and fourth Saturday of each month.



@HaywardLib

Laughter Yoga

Saturday, October 1
3:00 p.m. at Main Library

A free Laughter Yoga



workshop is presented monthly by Lydia Gonzales at the

Hayward Public Library. Come and join in the laughter, the stress reduction and learning silliness is great for your health.

KNITTING GROUPS



Knitting Circle

Wed., October 12 & 26 @ 6:30 p.m. at Main Library

Discover the joys of knitting by joining our knitting circle at the Hayward Library. All levels of knitters are welcome. Please bring size 10 or 10 1/2 knitting needles and the yarn of your choice. October 26 will be the last 2011 Knitting Circle date. The Knitting Circle will meet again on January 11, 2012.

Knit-a-Thon

Sat., October 22 @ 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Main Library

Calling all knitters and needle workers! Are you interested in learning how to knit or do needlework? Do you have a project in progress? Join us for our second annual Knit-a-Thon!

Experienced knitters and needle workers will be on hand to provide advice and encouragement. A spinner will demonstrate wool spinning. Everyone is welcome.

LEGAL ADVICE

Lawyer in the Library

Sat., Oct. 1 @ 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Main Library

Mon., Oct. 3 @ 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. at Main Library

Wed., Oct. 19 @ 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. at Weekes

Do you need free legal advice? Don't know where to begin? Get 15 minutes of free legal advice at the Hayward Public Library with a licensed attorney. Onsite registration required. Space is limited.

Consultation is assigned by lottery.

Lawyer in the Library is sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association.

Call 510-881-7980 for more information. Registration for the sessions begins 30 minutes before the first session.



JUST 4 TEENS - October 2011

Get Your Game On!

Wednesday, October 26

2:00 p.m. at Weekes Branch
PS2 & Wii games on the big screen!

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Wednesday, October 5

4:00 pm at Weekes

Want a say in how the library works for you? You can help plan teen events, choose books, music and movies, and more! We also offer community service time for participation in TAG. Open to grades 7-12.

Teen Activity Zone

Wednesdays

October 12, 19, & 26

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at the Main Library



Gaming,
crafts and
more!



Presented in partnership with the
Hayward Area Recreation and Park
District (H.A.R.D.)

The Young Ladies

Book Group (Grades 7-12)

Monday, October 12

6:00 p.m. at
Main Library

Wintergirls

by Laurie Halse Anderson

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder. Pick up a copy of the book at the Main Library Children's Desk.



CHP Start Smart Driver

Education Program

Saturday, October 22nd

2:00 p.m. at Weekes Branch



The California Highway Patrol's Start Smart program is a driver safety education class which targets new and future licensed teenage drivers between the age of 15 - 19 and their parents/guardians.

Teens Take Over 4! (Grades 7-12)

Friday, October 21

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Weekes Branch Library

Help us kick the school year back into gear with Teens Take Over 4! When the library closes the fun starts with video gaming, music, dancing, food, crafts, Internet computers and more. This is a free event.

This program is for students in grades 7-12 only. A school ID or other proof of grade must be presented at the door.

Call 510-293-5366 to register.

Teen Reads Book Club

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Tuesday, October 18th

4:30 p.m. at Weekes Branch



In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an

eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

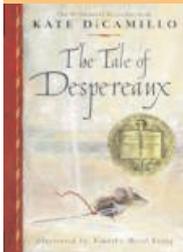
Read the book and talk about it with other teens. Copies are available from the Weekes Branch Library.



Friday Book Clubs

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Main Library

Kids from 3rd-6th grade are invited to join our Friday Book Clubs.
Stop by the Main Children's Desk to register and receive your free book today!



Snack Attack (Grades 3-4)

October 14: *The Tale of Despereaux*
By Kate DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

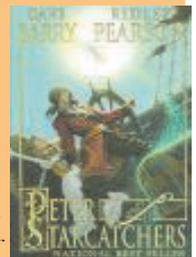


Read and Feed (Grades 5-6)

October 21: *Peter and the Starcatchers*

by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.



Looking Ahead

Snack Attack Book Club
November 4: *Gregor the Overlander*
by Suzanne Collins



Read and Feed Book Club
November 18: *Thirteenth Child*
by Patricia Wrede

Homework

Support Center

Free drop-in homework help
Mon, Tues, and Wed.
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thurs 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Main Library and
Weekes Branch

Halloween Parade and Mini Carnival

Saturday, October 29

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Main Library
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Weekes Branch

Wear your Halloween costume, collect some goodies, and play some games.



We're taking a break! There will be no story times between October 3 – October 8.
Story times will return on October 11.



STORY TIMES



Aprende y Juega en Español

Edades: nacimiento – 5 años

Registración Requerida

Sesiones duran ocho semanas

Lunes 2:00 p.m. at Weekes

Lunes 6:00 p.m. at Weekes

Jueves 1:30 p.m. at Main

Para mayor información,
por favor llame al 510-881-7943.



Bedtime Stories

(all ages)

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. at Main

Bilingual Stories (English/Spanish)

(all ages)

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. at Main

Child-Caregiver Learn & Play Group (ages birth – 36 months) Registration required.

The last session of each month is sign-up time for the next month.

Sessions last 1 month.

Monday 12:30 p.m. at Weekes

Thursday 10:15 a.m. at Main

Thursday 11:30 a.m. at Main



Preschool Stories

(ages 3 – 5)

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. at Main

Thursday 11:30 a.m. at Weekes



Rhythm and Stories

(all ages)

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. at Weekes



Music and Movement

(ages birth – 6)

Friday 10:30 a.m. at Weekes

Saturday 10:30 a.m. at Main



Spanish Stories and Craft

(all ages)

Saturday 11:30 a.m. at Weekes