

Serra Adult Services Committee

Meeting Minutes recorded by Azar Katouzian

Thursday, August 18, 2022, 10:30 am

1. CALL TO ORDER

Erin Peak called the meeting to order at 10:33

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Azar Katouzian, Escondido Public Library

Erin Peak, Carlsbad City Library (Chair)

Erwin Magbanua, Chula Vista Public Library

Jacqueline Luna, Coronado Public Library

Melissa Solis, San Diego County Library

Monica Chapa-Domercq, Oceanside Public Library

Monnee Tong, San Diego Public Library

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public was present.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 21, 2022 MEETING

Jacqueline Luna made the motion to approve the Minutes. Monnee Tong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2022-2023 WORKSHOP PLANNING

UPDATES:

- a. Erwin Magbanua: shared Patty Wong is interested in participating in the conference as a keynote. Patty wants to know more in detail about the conference such as what is the agenda, the area of subjects that will discuss.

- b. Program:

Two items of the workshop schedule were discussed:

- **Community Partners Forum**: Missy Solis brought "The GARE" (Government Alliance on Race and Equity organization) to the attention. The County of San Diego; Oceanside library, and Chula Vista Library are members of this organization and "GARE" has training in Equity in libraries, but the committee is looking for a community partner that has done program in Equity and will be able to share their experience but GARE is training partner. Erwin Magbanua will consult with Patty Wong as well.

The committee members decided to create smaller subcommittees to research for potential **Community Partners** that worked on racial equity in San Diego and share their research results in the September meeting. Jacqueline Luna, Missy Solis, and Monica Chapa-Domercq expressed their interest in being in the subcommittee.

- **Library-related programs/services**: the committee discussed the potential of reaching out or inviting someone from the library/ or libraries that have planned their

program in considering of the social Equity to share what did they do. The following area discussed in this part of workshop programs:

- Hosting the people/ libraries that are not located in San Diego and are candidates to present in this part of the workshop discussed. Erwin Magbanua suggested plan B which would be a virtual presentation/panel by those libraries.
- Monica Chapa-Domercq shared the Oceanside Library's community engagement and leadership project that did outreach to identify how well the library is doing and what area and communities were unserved. They had a community conversation and community survey. The library is partnering with other parts of the City of Oceanside. The project leader would be a good candidate for this session.
- The collection development and the collection development policy that is the constructional subject for making the library collection equal for all the patrons, and considering censorship in collect suggested by Erwin Magbanua. The variety of SDCL services such as Hotspot, Chromebook check out, and the little free library project, and also the new collection development project in Carlsbad library were two other potential areas that could be present in **library related program** discussed.
- The overall demographic of San Diego, the refugees and their languages and their cultural information, and community profiles that we know better how to serve all the people from all of the county was the other area that was discussed as a potential subject to be presented in the workshop.

c. Breakout sessions

Breakout sessions as a part of the workshop that will give the participants a chance to discuss, share and learn are considered to be planned in the workshop. The following ideas shared for the breakout sessions:

- Reaching out to community organizations, and asking if they can participate in breakout session and share their experiences and have better conversation in smaller group comparing the larger group.
- Community demographic, reflecting of provided services to different groups in our library community
- General questions such as what did they learn from different forums, panelist, or how was the training today and what will they take to their libraries after this workshop?

d. Workshop logo: Monnee Tong sent the last year's logo to committee members

e. Call for participants' registration date: March 1st the registration date, and in the January / February emails will be sent out.

6. SHARING/ COOPERATIVE-WIDE PROGRAMS

Carlsbad City Library – Erin Peak

- **Bendable Carlsbad:** We are excited to announce a new program in partnership with the City of Carlsbad's Innovation & Economic Development Department, the Carlsbad Chamber of

Commerce and Drucker, Lightcast, Bendable. Bendable provides lifelong learning courses on a wide variety of topics and brings together many eResources we already provide into one seamless website. This collaborative program's highlight is the *Job Readiness Room*, a new pilot that will serve as a model for other library systems in the future.

Under the program, entry-level job seekers take online job-readiness courses to earn a micro-credential. Those who complete the training are guaranteed at least one job interview with a local employer in one of several fields the job seeker chooses. Bendable's platform is available to those with a San Diego zip code. <https://carlsbad.bendable.com/>

- Launched Kanopy and Hoopla
- **Grow Your Garden:** Grow Your Garden program lets you swap succulents, seeds, fruit, vegetables and herbs from your garden with your neighbors and learn new gardening techniques. Sat, Aug. 27, 10:00 a.m. Microgreen Ventures with Patrice Smerdu. Dove Library
- **September is Library Card Sign-Up Month** – show your library card and receive a free book
- **Voices of Inspiration Author Event** - Join us on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Schulman Auditorium at Dove Library on September 17, featuring voices of inspiration from authors Shugri Said Salh, Jesse Leon and Jillian Haslam. Each author will discuss their personal stories of resilience and survival, touching on topics including the refugee experience, substance abuse, mental health struggles, poverty, and trauma through the lens of BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ experiences. We will also have three resource tables, [Breaking Down Barriers](#), [North County LGBTQ Resource Center](#), the [Carlsbad City Library Literacy Services](#) and [Career Online High School](#), before the author panel in the Dove Courtyard so that attendees can learn about resources and educational opportunities on the topics above.
 - *I'm Not Broken: A Memoir* by Jesse Leon
 - *A Voice Out of Poverty* by Jillian Haslam
 - [The Last Nomad: Coming of Age in the Somali Desert, a Memoir](#) by Shugri Said Salh
- Hired a new full-time librarian and will need to hire another.

Chula Vista Public Library – Erwin Magbanua

- We are preparing for the upcoming Filipinos in South Bay exhibition that is set to launch in October for our museum at the Civic Center Library. We have a related Filipino American Artist exhibit that will launch alongside it.
- San Diego Opera will be performing “VOICES (Equal Voices)/VOCES = (VOCES Iguales)” at the Civic Center Library in October.
- We recently began a new partnership with La Rondalla de San Diego for a series of performances at the Civic Center Library.
- We are currently working with Asian Story Theater for a new musical play about the Covid-19 pandemic called “Not Working”.
- Passport services are being developed for the South Chula Vista Branch Library.

Coronado Public Library – Jacqueline Luna

- Hosted author Marianne Wiggins on Thursday, August 11. We will host Elena Armas on September 8 in conversation with Lauren Billings of Christina Lauren.

- On Friday, August 12, we wrapped up our Summer Reading Program with numbers edging close to pre-covid. We had a 91% increase in readers over 2021 and a 200% increase in books reported.
- We have one final concert in our Summer Jazz Festival on August 26th featuring Joe Bourne. Following that, we will launch straight into our Autumn Concert series which will feature a different solo artist each Friday in the fall.
- We will launch our nomination period for our 2023 Community Read at the end of this month.
- We are about to transition our exhibits from an Island Art and Storybook Show and the 50th Anniversary of the Coronado Promenade Concerts to an exhibit by the UCSD Visual Arts Group.

Escondido Public Library- Azar Katouzian

- We finished our SRC it had more than 1600 registrations and very well attendance in-person programs
- We will have our All staff day training on September 10th
- The Pioneer Room in partnering with the Escondido History Center will participate in the Grape Day Exhibit on Sep. 10th
- We will have another Healthy you Series: Meditation and mindfulness in two sessions on September 14th and 28th
- Escondido Writers Group will have Local Author Guest “Susan J. Farese” in their meeting on September 9th.
- We will have the Free Flu clinic and COVID booster clinic on September 27: 1:00 3:00 pm.
- We will add link * to our current ILL services from October and Customer Services and admin are working on implementing it, so we will have two ILL services
- We have received more park passes, and our patrons are very excited about these services
- We reached out to one of the Native American tribes and we are planning to discuss with another tribe to run the program for November the Native American month

Oceanside Public Library – Monica Chapa-Domercq

- OPL hosted the 13th Annual Write On, Oceanside! Literary Festival on August 13. It featured 22 local authors showcasing their work, a publishing workshop, and writing contest winner announcements. It’s a great event for Oceanside and other local authors who want to be featured at some point by the Library.
- In September we’ll be hosting a community-wide read for our Community Health and Wellbeing Initiative. Adults will be reading Atlas of the Heart by Brené Brown- the book breaks down 87 emotions and how to identify and understand them and make connections. Brené Brown is an American professor, lecturer, author, and podcast host. She is known in particular for her research on shame, vulnerability, and leadership, and for her widely viewed TEDx talk.
- For programming we will host a special book club with Shannon Nosenzo (LCSW) on Sept 20 and a mini Wellness retreat on September 24 from 10-2 with the Soultry Sisters and Kizzy Satchell. Mindful movement, sound healing, and wellness crafts, and Lunch will be provided.
- READS Learning Center is reading Healthy Relationships and will have a special workshop open to all on 9/15. Walk-ins are welcome.
- We will be hosting a book club in Spanish and Reading Brené Brown’s Desafiando la tierra salvaje/Braving the wilderness. Free books are offered to all who register for these special events.

- Also, we have a new Library Director, CJ DiMento who worked at OPL for 17 years in various capacities. She's a great library advocate!

San Diego County Library- Missy Solis

- One Book, One San Diego – Close to confirming simultaneous use access for some of the One Book selections. Please share widely! Only a phone number is needed to access ebooks or audiobooks through the Libby app.
- SDCL will have some new positions available in the coming months. Will share postings once available. One position will support the library's 4 new outreach vehicles and system-wide outreach. So the engagement part of Learning, Marketing, and Engagement.
- Two Literacy Coordinator vacancies – both coordinators had over 15 years of experience so we are reviewing the job descriptions. We are interested in working with a consultant to evaluate the programs and would love to hear from other libraries. Working on procuring a new database to capture literacy program participation, outcomes, and communication.
- Tech Connect program – 7,000 devices received through a federal grant. Chromebooks and hotspots. See sdcl.org/techconnect. Softly launched and promoted to prevent branches from running out quickly. Focus on facilitating partnerships to facilitate checkouts. Outreach event in National City with grandparents raising grandkids/Spanish speakers, outreach with International Rescue committee.
- Shout Your Abortion collaborative event – 9/10. Circuit libraries partnership with major support from SDPL as the hosting organization. We're providing funding for giveaway books.
- National Voter Registration Day is coming up on 9/20. We'll have ROV outreach staff at 5 branches helping people register to vote.
- Library High School Graduation ceremony – tentatively scheduled for October 1st at Cuyamaca College.

San Diego Public Library – Monnee Tong

- -SDPL and the Library Shop are participating at the San Diego Union Tribune's *Festival of Books* on Saturday August 20
- -It was announced at a press conference on July 28 that the Oak Park Library would receive state funding of \$68.5 million to build a new library
- -We added more chrome books and hot spots for circulation
- -The next hiring processes will be for Librarian I-II and Library Assistant II
- -The Central Library has a new social work intern, a graduate student from San Diego State's School of Social Work
 - ***Shout Your Abortion and My Mom Had An Abortion*** featuring **Amelia Bonow, Beezus Murphy, and Tatiana Gill**, will be at the Central Library on September 10. This program is a collaboration of the San Diego Public Library, Library Foundation San Diego, San Diego County Library, University of California San Diego Library, San Diego State University Library, and the California State University San Marcos Library.
 - ***California Reparations Task Force For African Americans: A Community Discussion*** will be held at the Central Library on September 19. Council President pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe and SDAAGR member Jerry B. Moss, Sr. will lead the discussion.
 - Monnee will unfortunately be stepping down from the committee. A new member from SDPL will be appointed.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am by Erin Peak.