



**SANTIAGO  
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

**Santiago Library System  
Reference and Local History Committee  
Special Meeting Agenda and Minutes  
November 14, 2023  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Santa Ana Public Library  
26 Civic Center Drive  
Santa Ana, CA 92704**

**Call to Order**

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| 1. Call to Order      | Chair     |
| 2. Roll Call          | Secretary |
| 3. Adoption of Agenda |           |

*This is the opportunity for Committee members to delete items from the Agenda, to continue items, to re-order items, and to make additions pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b).*

4. Oral Communications

*Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public may address the Santiago Library System Executive Council on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive Council. Presentations by the public are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public are also permitted to address the Santiago Library System Executive Council on specific Agenda Items before and at the time that an Item is being considered by the Executive Council. Action may not be taken on items not on the Agenda except in emergencies or as otherwise authorized pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2(b).*

**New Business**

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| 5. Local History | Committee |
| 6. Group Project | Committee |
| 7. Round Table   | Committee |

**Adjournment**

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| 8. Review of Action Items |  |
| 9. Adjournment            |  |

Notes:

## Fullerton

Alligator  
AI talk  
Game championship  
Spooky craft night  
Local author 12/18  
Yule Ball Harry Potter theme 12/9

## Local history

State grant for library upgrade  
Local history 50th anniversary  
Library oral history (June)  
Group projects  
Intellectual freedom for the public and staff  
Limited public forum for handouts from public

## Buena Park

- Passports:
  - Appointments are open online.
  - No more early morning lineup for in-person appointments.
  - Taking walk-ins if staff is available.
- Building:
  - HVAC project is getting close to completion. Passed City inspection, but still waiting for duct work and controls to be completed.
  - Flooding in the basement. No programming in the basement until cleanup and repairs are completed.
  - RFP open for construction management services
- Programming:
  - Stories with Soccer Stars program on 12/4
  - Snowman ornament take-home craft kits for adults in December.
  - Programming break December 23-30
  - Bilingual Korean-English storytime on 12/18
- Local History
  - No dedicated space for local history materials
  - Some local history books at Ref Desk
  - Local newspapers (hard copy)
    - American (1970 – 1971)
    - Buena Park Independent (1988 – present)
    - Buena Park News (1923, 1946 – 1970)
    - Buena Park Pony Express (1960 – 1963)
    - Herald American (1964)

## OCPL

### Local History at OCPL:

#### 1. [OC Memory Lab](#)

- At the Tustin Library patrons can use OCPL equipment to scan photographs and documents and convert VHS, analog recordings, and audiocassette tapes into digital format.
- Requirements: library card, sign waiver, attend orientation, and make a reservation for a 3-hour maximum session.
- [OC Stories is our local history Web page.](#) If patrons want to upload and share their own OC story to this Web page, they need to sign the OCstories agreement. Staff assist patrons with saving their media for review and upload.

#### 2. [Little Saigon Stories](#)

- Several videos posted with interviews of Vietnamese American residents, including politicians, doctors, business owners, and others
- Seeks to preserve the experiences of Orange County's Vietnamese American community
- Project made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities

#### 3. **Print Documents**

- a. Certain branches have medium to large local history book collections: Garden Grove, Tustin, and others.
- b. Many branches have a small collection of historical documents related to their city.
- c. We often refer patrons to our local historical societies.

#### 4. **Microfilm/Readers**

- a. Garden Grove Main, Irvine Heritage Park, and San Clemente branches
- b. OC Register, LA Times, New York Times and other periodicals

#### 5. [Genealogy Resources Online](#)

- a. Includes some already highlighted above.
- b. Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3, HeritageQuest Online, Historical Sheet Music Collection, Indigenous Voices of San Juan Capistrano, Little Saigon Stories, National Geographic Virtual Library, OC Public Libraries Digital Newspapers, OC Public Libraries Genealogy Page, OC Register, OC Stories, OC Surf Stories

#### 6. **Garden Grove Main (GGM) branch-specific:**

- a. **Jim Tortolano** gave a great and well-attended presentation on Garden Grove history for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration a few years ago.
- b. GGM is the government documents repository branch for OCPL. We have federal, state, and local documents. Many more of the California docs have gone fully online in the past 1-2 years (links in our online catalog).

## General OCPL Announcements:

### 1. Upcoming “Slice of Literary Orange” Authors

Instead of the former one-day ticketed event, this is a free event series featuring keynote speakers throughout the year at venues across the county.

- a. **Author Mitch Albom:** Thurs, November 30, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Laguna Hills Community Center
    - Author of fiction and nonfiction, and has also been a journalist, screenwriter, playwright, broadcaster and musician
    - There will be community partner booths and books available for purchase
    - Funded in part through a grant from the California Department of Aging, as allocated by the Orange County Board of Supervisors
  - b. **Author Douglas Preston:** Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 11:30 am at San Clemente Community Center
    - Author of fiction and nonfiction, former editor at the American Museum of Natural History in New York
    - In conversation with Paddy Hirsch
    - Complimentary books available while supplies last
2. **OC Public Libraries Presents Author Tess Gerritsen:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Cypress Library
- Author of the Rizzoli and Isles series, police procedurals, which inspired the television series. Her new espionage series features a group of retired spies.
  - Complimentary books available while supplies last

### 7. Zip Book Funding

- We have funding again.
- Key Changes: Patrons must make request online and we are not purchasing used items.

### 8. Winter Reading Challenge

- December 11 through January 27
- Pre-registration on Beanstack starting December 1
- Patrons use Beanstack to track all of their books and reading activities to earn digital badges. They earn the Completion Badge by collecting 10 book or activity badges of any combination.
- Branches will offer weekly engagement activities (Question of the Week: e.g., "Do you prefer cats or dogs?", "Is a hot dog a sandwich?", etc. Patrons vote with puffballs in jars.)
  - Some branches may offer incentives for participating in weekly activities and/or an opportunity drawing ticket for larger incentives using their Friends of the Libraries' Bookstores funding.
- Scavenger hunts
- Associated Programs:

- System-wide kick-off at La Habra Library on Dec. 12th with an author talk by Mirelle Ortega, a performance by the Mariachi Panteras, crafts, a book giveaway, and more.
- OCPL has partnered with PBS SoCal to present screenings of “Molly of Denali” at Cypress, Tustin, and Rancho Santa Margarita branches. The screenings will feature PBS SoCal book giveaways.

## Newport

1. Local History:
  - a. We are currently in the process of analyzing a large amount of primary sources compiled from all four library locations.
  - b. There are several historical groups in Newport that have an interest in using library space, so we are also looking at developing guidelines for local history displays.
2. Collection Development policy update.
  - a. Board wanted clearer language on the objection procedures, as well as a review of patron objection and response forms.
  - b. Policy update is ongoing.
3. The Newport Beach Library Foundation does the majority of the adult programming.
  - a. The Foundation will present 44 programs during the 2023-2024 season, 32 of which are free to the public.
  - b. The library itself offers Sunday Musicales (once per month) as well as seasonal author and writing programs.
4. ILL
  - a. We are examining our ILL program over the next year to make adjustments to best fit time demands and staff needs.
5. Looking forward:
  - a. Expanding homebound to new parents.
  - b. Seed Library launch at our largest branch.

## Orange

### Local History

- Orange Public Library uses PTFS (Progressive Technology Federal Systems) for both digitizing microfilm and for hosting our digital collection platform, Knowvaton. This vendor is completing an upgrade of the platform, which is set to go live any day.
- We received our report from the Northeast Document Conservation Center walkthrough in September. We are currently reviewing their recommendations for our archives and prioritizing shifting of special collections to our temperature-controlled space. Once our most sensitive collections are moved, we will be able to begin our disaster preparedness plan specifically for our History Center.
- Please reach out if your organization is interested in being a part of an Orange County disaster network for archives. OPL will start by getting interested parties on an e-mail list.
- Current Local History priorities include shifting our collections, digitizing paper records, and uploading all item information into the software PastPerfect as an internal inventory system.

- A team of volunteers continue to help us transcribe documents and sort donated ephemera. We continue to receive daily patron questions, donation questions, and are active with our local community historical organizations.
- Our current exhibit up in the library is focused on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Orange International Street Fair. An exhibit celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friendly Center in Orange will be up from February to June 2024.

#### Round Table

- Our Winter Reading Club begins December 18 and ends February 3. Each age group has a different type of challenge.
- The El Modena Branch Library Teaching Garden soft-launched yesterday. The grand opening will include a ribbon cutting event with the Orange Chamber of Commerce on Monday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. By then all planter boxes will be full and signage/cleanup complete.
- OPL's Library Services Director is retiring next month.

#### Yorba Linda

##### **Local History**

The Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 100 years. The local history librarian completed research and provided information about 100 years of history and accomplishments for the chamber to use as part of their celebration.

Beginning the process of organizing our photo collection. Organizing by theme – such as historical houses, and then within that theme. Followed by labeling and having a listing of photos.

We try to do 2-3 programs a year on local history or genealogy.

##### **Round Table**

Our annual Food for Fines is going on. Patrons can donate money or canned food for the Orange County Food Bank and have their fines waived. Food for Fines runs through December 16.

We are still providing programs as part of our State Parks Grant. Upcoming programs include DIY Air Plant Geode, Grow It Now: Managing Pests in Your Garden, Winter Mountain Mixed Media Art Instruction, Stargazing 101, and DIY Winter Wonderland.

To end the year, we have our campus wide program Holidays on the Paseo on Wednesday, December 20 with live music, cookie decorating and crafts.

We have continuous recruitments for part-time library clerks and part time library pages.

#### Santa Ana

- Hosting a series of cricut for beginner's class in the fall.
- Partnered with the city jail to run a book club with incarcerated inmates.
- Hosting our first book club for adults called Let's Talk About It.
- Hosting Appy Hours at the 2 senior centers in Santa Ana.
- Computer Classes in Spanish on Saturdays.
- Spanish Language Art Programming once a month.

## Local History

- SAHR staff is re-organizing material to make it easier for staff and patrons to find and retrieve materials.
- Team is also re-evaluating which items will be kept once the renovation takes place.

## Placentia

Programs - Our Hispanic Heritage programs were very popular

- Dia de Los Muertos Community altar - 50 participants
- Adult Beanstack Hispanic Heritage Challenge - 5 participants
- All Ages Loteria night - 50 participants

## Literacy

- 47 programs were offered over the month of October

## Winter Reading

- Gearing up - Adult prizes offered are a bakers gift basket, a cozy-up basket, and blue tooth headphones

## Hangar/Makerspace

- Hangar Usage – 162 for October – steadily increasing with new model (open hours) – but appointments for equipment use are not being requested as often

## Huntington Beach

### Round Table

- Monster Mash and trick or treat night @ Central Library 1800 people came through the library during the 2 hour period.
- Recent New and Popular programs – pocket program (putting pockets in dresses and skirts), Salsa Making Workshop, Pumpkin Fest at our smallest branch unexpectedly drew 85 people (games, art activities, photo spot), started monthly tours at our Central Library. Display on Slat Wall – places to visit in HB was popular.
- H-Item passed 4-3 seeing clarification to determine how to move forward.
- City Manager – retired from public service, suddenly
- Moving from Cloud Library to Libby

## History

Our City Archivist, Kathie Schey, has done programs on library and city history at Central Library and Main Street Branch.

Orange County California Genealogical Society – a non-profit educational organization based at Central Library.

- Purpose is to collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge and information in regards to genealogy and related historical, biographical and heraldic data. It strives to instill and promote interest and instruction in genealogical research.

- Collection housed at Central Library
- Free access to the collection
- staffed by volunteers at specific times during the week and by appointment

## **Adjournment**

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\*\*\*\*\*CERTIFICATION OF POSTING\*\*\*\*\*

I, Amy Crepeau, Chairperson for the Santiago Library System Reference and Local History Committee, hereby certify that the Agenda for the September 12, 2023, meeting of the Santiago Library System Reference and Local History Committee was posted on August 31, 2023.

Amy Crepeau, Chairperson