

San Anselmo Library Oversight Committee Meeting

(October 5, 2012)

This was the committee's fourth semiannual meeting, taking place in the History Museum at 4:30PM on October 5, 2012. All members of the committee were present, that is: Liz Dahlgren, Sheila Girton, Eli Welber, Sara Shideler and Ted Freeman. The meeting was conducted by Librarian Linda Kenton. The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM. No one spoke at open time for public expression.

Librarian Linda Kenton presented materials to the committee showing the library budget situation and the ways that the Parcel tax money was being spent to improve and expand offerings. Again the purpose of the parcel tax was ***to increase the San Anselmo Library open hours, improve children's services at the library including hiring a special children's Librarian, and enhance general library services.*** (The money is being spent strictly in line with the tax and budgeted carefully for each year.)

In addition to the library open hours they have been previously added the library remained open the week between the Christmas and New Year's holidays instead of closing for the week as it had in previous years.

A long list of improvements (20) in children's services was presented. Some of the things included were:

- The addition of a second Toddler Story Time session on Monday mornings.
- The hiring of 7.5 additional hours of a seasoned children's librarian to assist the full time children's librarian in improving and expanding services.
- Additional and expanded Summer Reading Programs for various ages.
- French Story Time introduced and a French language collection added.
- The Storytelling Festival.
- Fabulous Fridays, monthly educational and cultural programming.
- Read-Aloud Book Club for new readers.
- Children's librarian visit to elementary schools in San Anselmo to promote library use, the Summer Reading Program and Library card use.
- Weekly Preschool story time.
- Poetry Writing Club, a monthly program for children 7-12.
- Children's materials expanded, with a focus in non-fiction titles.

A list of 17 "Enhanced General Library Services" was presented. Some of the highlights of the list are as follows:

- Eureka Collection of high demand best sellers.
- Overdrive and Tumblebooks eBook collections for adults and children.
- Began major de-selection initiative to update fiction and non-fiction adult collections.
- Joined Link+, a California and Nevada materials lending program.
- Additional databases, Tutor.com and Mango languages were added.
- eReaders purchased for SA residents and three evenings of training as provided by Barnes and Noble.
- A four-month survey of periodicals to refine the collection.
- Family Fun Day making a scarecrow with Country Fair Day.

Ted Freeman, Committee note-taker.