



**MINUTES OF THE
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sara Strickler, President
Thushan Amarasiriwardena, Vice President
Anita Battle, Board Member
Debbie Gibbons, Board Member

Absent: Dimple Kanji, Board Member

Staff: Mike Eitner, Library Director
Marlon Romero, Recording Secretary

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

An asterisk indicates items so enacted or approved on the Consent Calendar

- *A. Report from Director Eitner Highlighting Activities for the Months of May and June, 2024.
- *B. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meetings of May 8, 2024.
- *C. Modified Library Services Report for the Months of April and May, 2024.
- *D. Financial Report Reflecting FY23/24 Expenditures by Fund for May and June, 2024.
- *E. Bills for Ratification for the Months of May and June, 2024.

Director Eitner reported on library activities during May and June, 2024. The Library is recruiting for an Adult Services Librarian and once on board, the Supper and Support program will be reimagined so it may continue. President Strickler asked which types of Pathway to Learning kits are being offered. Director Eitner responded some of the kits include sewing, baking, birding, computer science, DIY, astronomy, knitting and crocheting. They will be available for a 3-week loan period. There are no changes to the Draft Minutes. Director Eitner pointed out that the

statistics in the Library Services Report have been updated and reformatted to reflect a more streamlined summary.

President Strickler moved to accept the Consent Calendar. Vice President Amarasiriwardena seconded the motion, which passed with a 4-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Current and On-Going Library Activities

The Automated Material Handling Agreement was approved by City Council on June 18, 2024. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year in June, 2025. Director Eitner asked for the Library Board's consideration to approve a policy change to eliminate the \$2.00 replacement fee for lost library cards. President Strickler moved to approve the policy change to eliminate the \$2.00 replacement fee for lost library cards. Board Member Battle seconded the motion, which passed with a 4-0 vote. Director Eitner shared that long-time Library employee, Cliff Poche, passed away unexpectedly. There will be a memorial service for Library staff on Thursday, July 18 at 5:30, in the Stafford Room, and Library Board members are welcome to attend.

B. Friends of the Library

The Friends have hired a new Executive Director, Beth Quirarte, and she started a couple weeks ago. This is a new position for the Friends.

C. Patron Suggestions/Comments (Speak-Outs) and Library Director's Response

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Gibbons asked if there are any upcoming outreach opportunities. Director Eitner responded there are none at this time, but Library Card Sign Up Month is in September and the Library Board can help advertise that there is no fee for a replacement card. President Strickler shared that she enjoyed the map posted on the second floor with stickers on places you've been and places you want to go.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Eitner, Library Director and
Secretary to the Alameda Free Library Board