



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

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Marlon Romero, Acting Library Director
Lori Amaya, Recording Secretary

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Evan Schwartz shared with the board the benefits of a 3-D printer and offered the use of his printer. He also presented a design he created, and recommended the board consider including a 3-D printer to the Tool Lending Library.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- *A. Report from the Acting Library Director Highlighting Activities for the Months of November and December, 2023.
- *B. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of November 8, 2023.
- *C. Modified Library Services Report for the Months of October and November, 2023.
- *D. Financial Report Reflecting FY23/24 Expenditures by Fund for November and December, 2023.
- *E. Bills for Ratification for the Months of November and December, 2023.

Acting Director Romero reported on library activities during November and December, 2023.

Board Member Battle moved to accept the Consent Calendar. Board Member Kanji seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Current and On-Going Library Activities

Acting Director Romero updated the Board on the current and ongoing library activities since the last board meeting.

B. Tool Lending Library Survey

Vice President Amarasiriwardena presented the Tool Lending Library Survey results. The results will also be shared with the City Manager's Office to provide guidance on the next steps.

C. Notice of Extended Suspension and Library Card Application

The Notice of Extended Suspension form and the Library Card Application forms will be reviewed by the City Attorney's Office and will be presented to the Board for a vote at the next meeting.

D. Friends of the Library (M. Romero)

The Café dropped, "Dewey" from their name and is now the "Friend's Café." The Friends are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

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

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Gibbons asked if there are any outreach opportunities coming up. Acting Director Romero responded that library staff will contact them when there are opportunities.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlon Romero, Acting Library Director and
Secretary to the Alameda Free Library Board