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LIBRARY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD

Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
224 Church Street, Santa Cruz

7:00 PM   CLOSED SESSION
Personnel Evaluation, Director of Libraries   Gov't Code 54957

7:30 PM   PUBLIC MEETING

1. ROLL CALL

2. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (Chair)

3. APPROVE AGENDA

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF December 5, 2005

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

    No Items

7. APPOINT CITIZEN MEMBER FOR TERM COMMENCING FEBRUARY 2006 AND ENDING JANUARY 2010 FROM AMONG THREE APPLICANTS

    Nancy Gerdt
    Patricia Huntsinger
    Steve Monahan

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

a. "ALA Joins Lawsuit to Block FCC's Wiretapping Rule." *Library Journal*, October 31, 2005

b. Memo and Report from State Librarian regarding Staying Connected Survey.

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9. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES

10. MEMBER REPORTS

11. STAFF REPORTS

    a. Director's Monthly Report (oral)

        Live Oak Branch Opening
        Financial Update

    b. Staff Report on "We Have Stories to Tell" Project
       Janis O'Driscoll, Youth Services Coordinator

12. OTHER BUSINESS

    a. Financial Planning Process Update

    b. Adopt 2006 Legislative Program

    c. Presentations
       Michael Termini, JPB Vice Chair
       Pat Sandidge, Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Inc.

13. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:30PM in the Community Meeting Room of the Central Branch Library

14. ADJOURNMENT

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SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES
A CITY-COUNTY SYSTEM

LIBRARY JOINT POWERS BOARD

MINUTES

December 5, 2005

Central Branch Community Meeting Room
224 Church Street, Santa Cruz

7:00 PM   CLOSED SESSION
                 Current Labor Negotiations (Government Code §54957.6)

7:30 PM   PUBLIC MEETING

I.   ROLL CALL

Present: Citizen Richard Gaughan, Citizen Barbara Gorson, Councilmember Cynthia Mathews, Citizen Leigh Poitinger, Supervisor Mark Stone, Supervisor Beautz, Councilmember Randy Johnson

Excused: Councilmember Rotkin
Absent: Councilmember Michael Termini

Staff: Anne Turner, Director of Libraries
             Susan Elgin, Assistant Director of Libraries

II.   APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA OF DECEMBER 5, 2005

The agenda of December 5, 2005 was unanimously approved with the change of moving line item 11a to follow the Consent Agenda. (Gaughan/Mathews)

III.   APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2005

The minutes of November 7, 2005 were unanimously approved.
(Mathews/Poitinger)(Abstained: Johnson & Stone)

IV.   CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Beautz moved, seconded by Councilmember Mathews

that the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt the following open hours schedule for the re-opened Live Oak Branch Library: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, Noon to 5 p.m.

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Supervisor Beautz moved, seconded by Councilmember Mathews

> **that the Library Joint Powers Board approve closing all Branches and programs of the Library System on Friday April 7, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that a Staff Morning may be held for all employees.**
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> **UNAN**

V.   OTHER BUSINESS

    A. Citizen Member Candidates (Nancy Gerdt, Steve Monahan and Patricia Huntsinger) gave a short introduction to the board regarding their candidacy. The board will discuss and vote at the January meeting.

VI.   ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None.

VII.   WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

    A. "How Are We Doing? Service Standards Compared to Current Library Services." November 2005 Update.

    B. "The Library Website 2005: We Aren't Just Hours and Directions Anymore." Presented by Mail McPartland to CALTAC Workshop, October 29, 2005.

    C. "RFID" Backgrounder for Library Workers." Presented by Lori Bowen Ayre to CALTAC Workshop, October 29, 2005.

VIII.   REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES

Pat Sandidge, Managing Director of the Friends of the Santa Cruz City-County Library System reported the following Friends' activities:
- Book Sales
  - Took in over $21,000
  - Several High Schools boxed up what was left over
- La Selva Beach Community Book sale netted $550 on behalf of the Friends.
- Scotts Valley Community Book Sale netted $2,000 on behalf of the Friends.
- Article was written in the Santa Cruz Sentinel regarding book sorting volunteers
- Book Fund Drive Advertisement is now being printed in the Sentinel
- Children's Book Sale-Details to follow in February
- Supervisor Beautz, Redevelopment Agency and the Friends continue plans for the Live Oak Grand Opening; Laurie King will make an author presentation.
- CLA sponsoring "Day in the District" to talk with the legislators.

IX.   MEMBER REPORTS

    A. Leigh Poitinger reported on the 11/19/05 Libraries Standards and Master Plan Workshop, attended by board members, library staff and the public. There will be a draft of the Standards Plan in January and Facilities will be looked at later.

B. Barbara Gorson reported on her meeting with Director Anne Turner to develop a guideline for costs in the future. This report will take a look at the 5-year expense forecast (excluding special projects and programs run by grants).

X. STAFF REPORTS

The Director made the following reports:

- December 2, 2005 Retirement Party held for Jane Schymeinsky, Facilities Supervisor and Catherine Steele, Outreach Coordinator.
- December 3, 2005 Downtown Holiday Parade in which the Library participated.
- Spanish That Works in the Library just concluded with 8 attendees and 2 library instructors. This class teaches library terminology and jargon in Spanish to staff in order to help better serve Spanish-speaking patrons.
- A proposal was written for the LSTA $94,000 Grant (more to report in January). This grant would help provide 2 sets of tutorials for patrons, use of library resources and tutorials by subject.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Staff Reorganization

Board acknowledged correspondence from Account Clerk II Calvin Trimpey.

Councilmember Mathews moved, seconded by Citizen Gorson

> **that the Board approve further budget adjustments to implement the balance of the staff reorganization proposals made in November 2005.**
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> **UNAN**

B. Library Collection Development Plan, 2005-2010

Susan Elgin, Assistant Director, reviewed the 2nd edition of the Collection Development Plan, 2005-2010.

XII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2006

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kira Henifin, Clerk of the Board

All documents referred to in these minutes are available in the Library Office.

Library Journal

ALA Joins Lawsuit To Block FCC's Wiretapping Rule

-- October 31, 2005

The Federal Communications Commission wants to extend new regulations to universities and libraries that would force them to redesign their networks by July 2007 to enable law enforcement agencies to have remote access to their systems.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wants to extend new regulations to universities and libraries that would force them to redesign their networks by July 2007 to enable law enforcement agencies to have remote access to their systems. In turn, the American Council on Education, representing universities, and the American Library Association (ALA), representing libraries, have gone to court. ALA joined a coalition of public interest and business groups, led by the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) asking a federal appeals court to overturn the FCC ruling. According to a CDT statement, "The civil liberties, privacy and high-tech industry advocates opposing the FCC ruling warn that it extends the wiretapping rules to technologies it was never intended to cover, imposes a burdensome government mandate on innovators and threatens the privacy rights of individuals who use the Internet and other new communications technologies."

Rick Weingarten, director of ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP), said that critics believe that the FCC lacks the authority to implement the rule. It would also, he said, constitute "an unfunded mandate, basically a blank check, and it could cost a lot. The potential benefits are very little, so the public interest doesn't support it." He said that the concern in the library community is growing, "because we think it could potentially impact library consortial networks. There are a lot of networks, even broader consortia that include libraries, and they'd have to reengineer their entire network." Added Carrie Lowe of OITP, "They've asked for 24/7/365 point of contact, to enable these offsite wiretaps at any time"—a potentially burdensome expense. Weingarten observed, "This is a major change in policy that, if executed, should be done legislatively, with hearings and all issues vetted in the political process, rather than by some regulatory agency."

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CALIFORNIA
STATE LIBRARY
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TO: California Public Library Directors

FROM: Susan Hildreth
           State Librarian of California

DATE: December 19, 2005

SUBJECT: Staying Connected Survey

Some months ago, I asked you to take an online survey being conducted by Infopeople under the auspices of the Gates Foundation Staying Connected Program. The survey was designed to assess how your library is doing in terms of sustaining public access computing. As part of the California implementation of the Staying Connected Program, Infopeople was tasked with the responsibility of preparing a statewide "report card" on public access computing, and the survey responses formed the foundation for that report card.

Infopeople contracted with Lori Ayre and the Galecia Group to conduct the survey and prepare the report. Some of you may have been contacted by Lori in follow-up telephone calls to clarify your survey responses. The report has now been completed and the draft results are being distributed with this letter.

172 of the 179 California public libraries responded to the survey. Encouragingly, 121, or 70%, of those responding received a grade of "A" or "B," indicating that public access computing is a sustainable part of the library program.

With this letter you are receiving a copy of the executive summary of the survey report and a copy of the "report card" for your library. This is the first time the information has been released, and it should be regarded as a draft version. To allay any concerns about confidentiality, only the Gates Foundation, State Library, and Infopeople have copies of the full report with the report cards for every individual library. The executive summary includes an explanation of the grading system.

For those libraries that received a grade of "C" or "D," the State Library will be offering a package of free training and limited technical assistance that, combined with the Gates

Hardware Upgrade Grants, should help to move you forward towards sustainable public access computing. The training will be provided by Infopeople with Gates Staying Connected funding and will cover best practices for public access computing as well as computer maintenance and troubleshooting.

Please review the report card for your library. If you have questions or want to change any of the information for your library, please contact Lori Ayre at LBAyre@galecia.com or by phone at 707-763-6869. If you have any general comments about this survey or the Staying Connected Program, please contact Ira Bray at ibray@library.ca.gov or by phone at 916-653-0171.

Thank you for your participation in this project and for your continued work to make computing ability available to the public in your library.

Public Access Computing
Report Card
For California Libraries
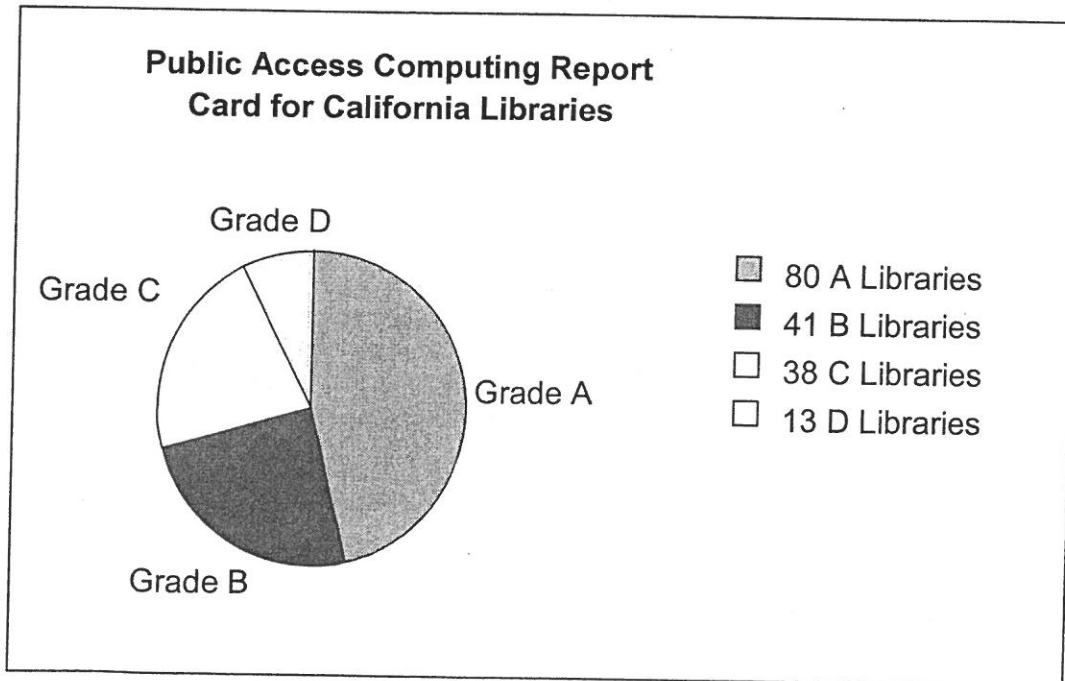
Once most public libraries in the United States were successfully connected to the Internet, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation established a grant program that works through state library agencies to help public libraries stay connected. According to the Gates Foundation website, "Staying Connected challenge grants were given to state library agencies to assist local libraries with their technology needs, particularly in training staff and keeping their computer systems running."

In California, the State Library formed a Staying Connected Advisory Group consisting of representatives from local libraries, Infopeople, and State Library staff. The Advisory Group decided that a key initial step was to survey public libraries to evaluate how well they are supporting public access computing. Every California public library received a letter from the State Librarian asking them to fill out a short survey. 172 of 179 libraries completed the survey, which consisted of five questions, four of which addressed best practices associated with managing and maintaining public access computers. The fifth question asked for information about technology projects planned for the next two years.

The survey responses, clarified and modified by follow-up telephone calls, were used to give each library a grade that indicates how well the library is currently able to sustain public access computing. The grades collectively provide a statewide "report card" that is essentially a snapshot of public access computing sustainability in California.

The grades were assigned based on responses to the first four questions of the survey as explained below. Based upon this system, the distribution of California library public access computing sustainability appears as follows:

Public Access Computing Report Card for California Libraries

Grade D
Grade C
Grade A
Grade B

- 80 A Libraries
- 41 B Libraries
- 38 C Libraries
- 13 D Libraries

This chart clearly shows that California public libraries have made good progress towards long-term public access computing sustainability, with over 70% of the libraries scoring either A or B. An explanation of the grading system and some detail on responses follow.

Question 1 asked whether the library has made the support and maintenance of their public access computers an integral part of their library operation and budget or whether they see supporting their public computers as something to be done when "extra" funds are available.

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1. Have you integrated the support of public access computers into your basic library operations and budget?
1) Support is integrated with library operations and is part of the general budget.: **99**
2) Support and budgeting for public access computers is covered with a combination of special funds and regular funding.: **23**
3) Support and budgeting for public access computers is covered with special funds as it becomes available.: **4**
4) Support is handled by the county or city.: **24**
5) We have a contract with an outside vendor who supports all of our computers.: **5**
6) Other, please explain:: **40**

Questions 2 and 3 addressed best practices for supporting PCs in any business environment including libraries; specifically, the ability to replicate standardized desktop images and implement a PC replacement cycle. The designers of the survey believed that by implementing procedures that are efficient (such as cloning desktop images) and proactive (such as using an ongoing replacement cycle), libraries are more likely to keep their PCs functional and available to patrons 99% of the time.

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2. Are your computers part of an ongoing replacement cycle?
1) All library computers are on a scheduled replacement cycle.: **88**
2) Only staff computers are on a scheduled replacement cycle.: **10**
3) Only public access computers are on a scheduled replacement cycle.: **1**
4) None of our computers are on a scheduled replacement cycle.: **47**
5) Other, please explain:: **62**

3. Do you have the ability to "clone" the software on your library desktops?
1) Yes, we clone all of our desktops using Ghost, standard user profiles, or some other process: **75**
2) We clone all of our staff desktops but not the public access computers.: **3**
3) We clone all of our public access computers but not the staff computers.: **18**
4) No, we configure each new PC individually.: **42**
5) I don't understand this question.: **12**
6) Other, please explain:: **52**

Question 4 asked the library to state their impression of whether or not their ability (or inability) to support public access computers affects service.

How does your ability to support your public access computers affect service?
1) We are able to keep our computers up and running 99% of the time so it does not affect service to our patrons.: **51**
2) We are able to solve most problems with the public access computers and any down time is fairly minimal.: **80**
3) Our public access computers do have problems that take some time to get resolved but we have enough of them that it doesn't usually affect service to our patrons.: **18**
4) Our public access computers are often down and this has been problematic for us.: **11**
5) We have very few public access computers and when they go [which is often], we have to wait a long time to get technical support.: **3**
6) Other, please explain:: **26**

Each question was presented as a multiple choice with one choice being "other." Libraries were given the option to add comments to each of the questions. The best answer to each question was always the first answer. This was the answer that indicates the library has implemented industry-standard practices and is doing an excellent job of support their public computers. Libraries that chose the first answer for each question were given an A for each answer as well as an A overall.

At the other extreme, libraries that chose the last answer (before "Other, please explain") were given an E for the individual question. An E indicates that the library needs training or assistance in this area (budgeting, cloning, technology management, support).

Libraries that received an E on three or more questions were given an overall grade of D.

Many libraries explained their answers in the comments section. Each comment has been evaluated as part of the grading process. In 21 cases, the survey respondent was contacted so that additional information could be gathered. In some cases, a question still remains about an individual question so it has been coded with a Q instead of an A,B,C, D, or E. If the clarification wasn't critical to overall evaluation of the survey, it was not pursued.

Between the all "As" and all "Es" are many variations. Libraries that received an overall grade of A did receive not necessarily receive all As in their individual answers. Most received a combination of As and Bs indicating they were aware of how to support their public access computing program even if they were not implementing it as effectively as they would like (B or C).

Libraries receiving an overall grade of B usually showed significant weakness (C, D or E) in only one area and the weakness was not yet affecting service to their public access computing customers.

Libraries with a combination of complete failure in one area (E) and some weaknesses in other areas were generally given an overall grade of C. In most cases, these libraries also indicated that their ability to support public access computers was having an effect on service.

Libraries given an overall grade of D reported problems in almost every area the survey queried. These libraries are considered at risk for their ability to sustain public access computers.

The survey results and this report not only provide a snapshot of overall public access computing practices in California public libraries but also form the basis for the remediation and assistance that will be the next phase of the Staying Connected program. Weaknesses and issues identified by the survey will be addressed through a series of free training events that will be delivered in multiple locations throughout the state over the next twelve months. For example, the survey revealed that fewer than half of the public libraries use cloning techniques to configure public access computers. Libraries using these techniques are better able to keep their public access computers up and running with minimal staff impact. Infopeople will provide specific, hands-on instruction in cloning to every library that replied on the survey that they are not currently using such techniques.

Those with questions or who want more information about this survey and state plans for the Staying Connected Program should contact Ira Bray in Library Development Services at the California State Library, ibray@library.ca.gov, 916-653-0171.

Santa Cruz Libraries

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Survey respondent: Anne M. Turner

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Overall Grade: A

A	Integrated Support	Support is integrated with library operations and is part of the general budget.
A	Ongoing Replacement Cycle	All library computers are on a scheduled replacement cycle.
B	Clone	We clone all of our staff desktops but not the public access computers.
A	Service	We are able to keep our computers up and running 99% of the time so it does not affect service to our patrons.

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December 30, 2005

TO: LIBRARY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD

FR: ANNE M. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

RE: LIBRARY FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

REPORT: NO ACTION REQUIRED

At its meeting in September the Board approved a process and a timeline for developing a Library Financial Plan.

The process is well underway, but it has fallen behind the somewhat ambitious schedule originally proposed. Below is the list of actions, with updates where appropriate and revised report dates highlighted.

ACTION	REPORT DATE
Review Library's existing *Standards for Library Services and Facilities* and *Facilities Master Plan*, proposing revisions as appropriate in light of changing conditions, demographics, and technology. A Board Subcommittee would work with Director and various key Library staff members. **Update**: A public meeting was held. Revised Guidelines have been drafted which the Subcommittee (Poitinger, Gaughan, Gorson, and Mathews) is discussing.	December 2005 **February 2006**
Review and prepare 5 year projections for library baseline expenses for current Service array. A Board representative would work with the Director of Libraries **Update**: Gorson and Turner are working on this, but await final collective bargaining agreement numbers	December 2005 **February 2006**

Review and prepare 5 year projections for library revenues. A Board representative would work with the Director of Libraries **Update:** Assistant County Administrator Busch and Turner Are working on this, but await publication of December sales Tax numbers	December 2005 **Feb/March 2006**
Develop estimates for capital and other projects. Director of Libraries would prepare this information.	January 2006 **March 2006**
Review the revenue/expense projections and determine whether any significant structural changes to system services or revenues are required, identifying alternatives for doing so.	February 2006 **March 2006**
Prioritize for implementation capital and other projects identified. A Board Subcommittee would work with the Director of Libraries to develop recommendations for the Board.	February 2006 **April 2006**
Consider and choose options for adding funding for capital projects. Director of Libraries would develop list of funding options.	March 2006 **April 2006**

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December 23, 2005

TO: LIBRARY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD

FR: DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

RE: ADOPT 2006 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: That by motion the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt the attached legislative program for 2006, and that it request the County Board of Supervisors and the Capitola, Santa Cruz, and Scotts Valley City Councils to also actively support these measures by including them in their own legislative programs.

BACKGROUND

Attached are seven legislative proposals for the coming year—three State, two Federal, and two State and Federal:

State:
- California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006
- California Public Library Foundation—PLF
- Support All Types of Libraries

Federal:
- Library Services and Technology Act Funding
- Confidentiality of Library Patron Records

State and Federal:
- Telecommunications: Discounted Rates for Libraries
- Open Access to Information In Any Format

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2006 STATE LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT REQUEST

CONTACT: ANNE M. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES
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TITLE: CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUB-
LIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2006

SUMMARY: The Library Joint Powers Authority Board advocates passage of a
statewide bond measure that would provide $600 million to meet identified and
developing library construction and renovation needs. The measure will be on
the June 2006 ballot.

PRESENT LAW: In 2000 voters approved a California Public Library Construc-
tion and Renovation Bond Act that provided $350,000,000 to be distributed in
three grant cycles ending in early 2004. Only 25% of the projects submitted
could be funded.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: Statewide assessment sets the need for construc-
tion or renovation funds at more than four billion dollars: 600 projects comprising
almost 12 million square feet. The new bond measure would award funds on a
competitive basis with a required 35% local match. Unfunded applications from
the Bond Act of 2000 would be given first priority, up to 50% of the total amount
authorized. $25 million would be made available for joint-use projects with
schools. Library construction projects provide jobs and economic stimulus.
Current construction is not keeping pace with technological need. Libraries pro-
vide necessary after-school programs for youth, a tenet of the Governor's com-
mitment to quality school programs for K-12 students.

FISCAL IMPACT: No local negative fiscal impact. Positive impact is noted
above.

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2006 STATE LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT REQUEST

CONTACT: ANNE M. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES
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TITLE: CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND--PLF

SUMMARY: The Library Joint Powers Board advocates increased funding for the California Public Library Foundation (PLF) program and opposes any reductions beyond the 2005/06 budget level.

PRESENT LAW: Education Code Sections 18010-18031 provide for a Public Library Foundation fund for public libraries on a per capita matching basis with local public library jurisdictions. The per capita funding basis is to be adjusted annually as per the provisions of Education Code Section 18020. The "Foundation" of the title does not refer to a legal entity, but rather to the State's obligation to share in the basic funding of public library services.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: The State has never fully funded the Public Library Fund, and the amounts approved by the Governor have steadily declined over the years. In 2000-01 the amount was $56,870,000. By 2005-06 it had been reduced to roughly $14.4 million. In other words, public libraries have taken a 75% cut in state funding since 2000-01. The Santa Cruz Library System expects to receive $79,507 in FY 2005-06, down substantially from previous years. The Watsonville Library will receive only $22,070. Were the program fully funded, these amounts would be more than $480,000 and $132,000 respectively. All Santa Cruz Library funds are allocated to the library materials budget; Watsonville uses the funds for improving operations and adding open hours.

One of the greatest advantages of PLF funding is that the money comes directly to the Library without the cost and workload requirements of grant applications. Additionally, funds can be used for general library operations thereby providing needed flexibility.

FISCAL IMPACT: Severe local negative fiscal impact as noted above.

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2006 STATE LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT REQUEST

CONTACT: ANNE M. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES
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TITLE: SUPPORT ALL TYPES LIBRARIES

PROPOSAL: Encourage support for all types of libraries including public, academic, school, and special libraries, County law libraries, and the California State Library in order to promote resource sharing.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: Effective library services to all the people of the State depend on resource sharing among all types of libraries. These include cooperative licensing agreements for access to commercial databases, basic telecommunications infrastructure, and access to library materials.

All types of libraries have been hit by budget cuts during the last decade. Legislation to network California's libraries electronically and through various cooperative programs was signed into law in 1998. It was never adequately funded, and was de-funded completely two years ago. School libraries were among the first programs to be cut by cash-starved local school districts. The State-funded university and community college libraries have been hard hit by funding cuts. Local law libraries are trapped in a funding mechanism that does not grow rapidly enough to meet their needs.   And of course the Public Library Foundation program has been steadily under-funded since its inception.

Both the Santa Cruz City-County Library and the Watsonville Public Library have been active participants in the resource-sharing activities of the Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System, which includes members of every library type. Both are charter members of CALIFA, a service bureau providing discounts and access to shared resource.

FISCAL IMPACT: Cost savings result from sharing resources.

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2006 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE
SUPPORT REQUEST

CONTACT: ANNE M. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES
              831-420-5612

TITLE: LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT FUNDING

PROPOSAL: The Library Joint Powers Authority Board advocates funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of at least $300 million.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: The Library Services and Technology Act is the federal program that provides (through the State) grants to local libraries for Information access through technology and information empowerment through special services. Both the Santa Cruz and Watsonville libraries have used LSTA funds to experiment with various innovative projects. For example, the Library System's community information database was first created with grant funding. Our young adult services at the Garfield Park Branch were strengthened with LSTA funds.   We have also used the LSTA program to provide graduate education tuition grants to six library employees and to purchase Spanish-language materials for the Bookmobile and other branches.   The proposed FY 2007 budget for LSTA (which is located in the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services) is roughly $210 million, but a 1% rescission is expected   Given local and state library funding cuts, substantially more federal library support is needed.

FISCAL IMPACT: Grants subsidize the regular budget.

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2006 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT REQUEST

CONTACT: ANNE M. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES
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TITLE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF LIBRARY PATRON RECORDS

PROPOSAL: The Library Joint Powers Authority Board opposes any legislation that jeopardizes the confidentiality of library patron information, including certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: In 2003 the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopted a resolution opposing the USA PATRIOT Act because it opposes any use of governmental power to suppress the free and open exchange of knowledge and information or to intimidate individuals exercising free inquiry. It believes that certain sections of the Act violate fundamental rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States Constitution, including the confidentiality of library patron information. At a minimum the act should be amended to exempt libraries from these "search and seizure" provisions, as well as other monitoring attempts such as direct access to library automation systems.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

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LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT REQUEST

CONTACT: ANNE M. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES
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TITLE: TELECOMMUNICATIONS: DISCOUNTED RATES FOR LIBRARIES

SUMMARY: The Library Joint Powers Authority Board supports programs at both the State and Federal levels that guarantee for libraries the largest possible discount in rates for telecommunications services, internal connections, and access to the Internet.

PRESENT LAW: The California Teleconnect Fund, administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), provides a discount in telecommunications services for all libraries and schools statewide. The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 also provides for "discounted rates for schools and libraries" under the administration of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: Both the City-County Library System and the Watsonville Public Library need to provide equitable access to information on the Internet and other electronic resources. The public now expects and demands current and extensive information, far beyond what is available in print form. Providing this access requires significant and rapidly escalating telecommunications expenditures.

In FY 2005-06 both the Santa Cruz and Watsonville public libraries expect to receive state and federal discounts, enabling them to use the best communications technology to support their information services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The state program provides a 50% discount for libraries and schools. The FCC E-rate national program continues to be adjusted and it is virtually impossible to predict the full fiscal impact.

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2006 STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT REQUEST

CONTACT: ANNE M. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES
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TITLE: OPEN ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN ANY FORMAT

PROPOSAL: The Library Joint Powers Authority Board opposes legislation that jeopardizes open access to information.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: Legislative proposals to limit access to library resources, including the Internet, are a direct contradiction to the philosophic underpinnings of our free public library system. The usual mechanisms proposed are electronic filtering devices, in the hope of weeding out pornographic and other sex sites. Limiting access to books and magazines based on their subject content has also been proposed. The Santa Cruz City-County Library System Joint Powers Authority Board and the library staff are as concerned as anyone that children not be exposed to pornographic Internet sites or other material with age-inappropriate sexual content. The staff makes every effort to assist parents in teaching children how to use the library resources effectively, and it closely monitors adult compliance with rules for Internet use. However, the Board and staff believe that filtering is an ineffective method of blocking pornography that also blocks access to needed information. Absent industry-wide standards, only individual choice is a suitable "filter."

FISCAL IMPACT: The Board's decision in 2001 not to comply with the federal Child Internet Protection Act, which mandates filtering in order to receive federal technology grants, has so far resulted in no funding losses.

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