

Serra Adult Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:30 a.m. – Online Via Teams

1. Call to Order

Erin Peak called the meeting to order at 10:38 am.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Welcome Azalea Ebbay, San Diego Public Library
Missy Solis, San Diego County Library
Jacqueline Luna, Coronado Public Library
Pete Miesner, San Diego Public Library
Erin Peak, Carlsbad City Library (Chair)
Jennelise Hafen, Oceanside Public Library

3. Public Comments

No public was present.

4. Update and Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

Jacqueline made the motion to adopt the Agenda. Missy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2022 Professional Development Workshop Planning Updates

- a. Community Partners Forum
 - a. Jacqueline Luna, Missy Solis, and Monica Chapa-Domercq will meet and debrief at the next meeting.
 - b. Keep group informed about community partners contacted and/or connections solidified
- b. Discussion of breakout sessions
- c. Catering discussion
 - a. Suggestion of catering from BIPOC owned restaurants
- d. Program
 - a. Reviewed Schedule of Events
 - b. Discussed assigning or doing call out for poster sessions
- e. Reviewed SASC Conference Task List
 - a. Pete Miesner will confirm room – April 27
 - i. Parking voucher \$5, Pete Miesner will verify

6. Sharing/Cooperative-Wide Programs

Carlsbad City Library – Erin Peak

- Recruitment for a full-time Librarian – Technology Services in Adult & Teen Services
- New! Hoopla - Carlsbad City Library now offers free access to streaming music, comics, movies & TV shows, eBooks, eAudiobooks and readalongs with Hoopla. More than 80 languages are included among all formats. Patrons can check out 6 titles per month for ad-free content with no wait times.
- Jennifer Coburn Author Event - Join us on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Schulman Auditorium at Dove Library for an author panel in partnership with Adventures by the Book, featuring author Jennifer Coburn. Her book, *Cradles of the Reich* will be released on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Books will be sold during the event and an author signing will follow the discussion.
- Focus On: Finding Your Mexican Roots – Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2 to 4 p.m. Discover how to get started tracing your Mexican roots using genealogy records available in the Ancestry Library Edition database and FamilySearch.org website. A FamilySearch.org account is required. Please create a free FamilySearch account before the class.
- Library Card month – Show your card and get a free book
- Freedom to Read Teen Short Story & Poetry Contest – Sept
- **Voices of Inspiration Author Event** - Join us on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Schulman Auditorium at Dove Library on September 17, featuring voices of inspiration from authors Shugri Said Salh, Jesse Leon and Jillian Haslam. Each author will discuss their personal stories of resilience and survival, touching on topics including the refugee experience, substance abuse, mental health struggles, poverty, and trauma through the lens of BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ experiences. We will also have three resource tables, **Breaking Down Barriers, North County LGBTQ Resource Center, the Carlsbad City Library Literacy Services** and Career Online High School, before the author panel in the Dove Courtyard so that attendees can learn about resources and educational opportunities on the topics above.
- Grow Your Garden (Cole Library) -09/24/2022 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Carlsbad City Library's Grow Your Garden program lets you swap succulents, seeds, fruit, vegetables and herbs from your garden with your neighbors and learn new gardening techniques. Join us on Sept. 24 for an Integrated Pest Management event with Kathryn Blankinship, Master Gardener.
- All Staff Annual Training – Oct 24-28

Coronado Public Library – Jacqueline Luna

On October 8 we will host the San Diego Writers Festival. We are anticipating a large crowd. The event will take place at the library, at the Spreckels Center next door, and at the high school. The lineup includes Shilpi Somaya Gowda as the keynote, and Joe Ide, Qian Julie Wong, Dean Nelson and more on panels and giving workshops. Learn more at <https://sandiegowritersfestival.com/>

We are hosting several author events in the next few weeks. Last week we hosted Elena Armas in conversation with Lauren Billings to an enthusiastic crowd. On Wednesday, September 21 we will host mystery author Craig Johnson- author of the Longmire series. On Saturday, September 24 we will host Javier Zamora, author of *Solito*, recently named as a NY Times book for the Fall.

We launched a new exhibit with the UCSD San Diego Visual arts group. The exhibit features pieces of many different mediums including textiles, photography, watercolors, and oils. We also have an exhibit on 1920's fashion that just went up.

Our autumn concert series is off to a great start and will feature a concert by a solo artist each week through October.

San Diego County Library – Missy Solis

- SDCL has an opening for a [Graphic Artist](#) within the Learning, Marketing, and Engagement Team. This listing closes on 9/22.
- The Lakeside Library Grand Opening is expected to happen later this year. Planning is underway for a celebration.
- On October 8, SDCL will participate in a Child Support Services event to check out laptops and hotspots and promote Library High School.
- The El Cajon Library is partnering with the International Rescue Committee to provide Chromebook and hotspot distribution events for Afghani refugees.
- The Creando Enlaces committee is reforming and there may be a call for participation among SERRA libraries.
- SDCL is revamping its staff training and new employee orientation experiences.

San Diego Public Library – Azalea Ebbay and Pete Miesner

- **Banned Book Week** Sept. 18-24
 - show movies of banned books that have been adapted for the screen,
 - 11th Annual Read-a-Thon on Monday, September 19th @ 4:00 p.m. at the Central Library
- **57th Annual Local Author Showcase**: accepting submissions through November 28, 2022
- The San Diego Public Library and San Diego Public Library Foundation are developing a [New Master Plan](#). The Plan will provide a long-range vision and strategy for San Diego Public Library facility, technology, and program investments.
 - Currently preparing for community listening sessions to get public input
- The Library Exec Team is currently working with the MEA union to determine how to staff **Sunday Hours** at Central Library and 9 locations.
- **Hiring**
 - About to do Lib I/II process
 - Lib Asst I/II process soon
- Some SDPL have volunteered for **Naloxone (Narcan) training**.
- The new exhibit **We Are Not Strangers Here: African Americans in Rural California**, on view at the Central Library through October 23, explores the little-known history of African Americans' relationship with the wilderness and the natural landscape of rural California.

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/we-are-not-strangers-here-african-american-histories-rural-california-0>

- **California Reparations Task Force For African Americans: A Community Discussion**

Monday, September 19 | 6:30 – 8:00 | San Diego Central Library

- o Community Forum on the California Reparations Task Force, established on September 30, 2020 by the California Legislature. Council President pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe and SDAAGR member Jerry B. Moss, Sr. will lead a discussion of the Task Force's objective, its ongoing work, and the 500-pages interim report issued in June. The program will be moderated by San Diego State University Africana Studies Department Chair and Associate Professor Adisa Alkebulan.
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/california-reparations-task-force-african-americans-community-discussion>

Oceanside Public Library – Jennelise Hafen

- Community Wide Read of *Altas of the Heart* by Brene Brown as part of our Community Health & Well-being Initiative. Have had successful Art for Older Adults programming with a Healing Arts instructor and have a Mini Retreat coming up on September 24 with a Black woman owned local Arts & Wellness Collective.
- Photographs on display Jose Aponte - *Indigenous Peru*
- Opening for Principal Librarian in our Children's Department
- Staff Development Day – November 2
- Finishing up plans for Valley Arts Fest on November 12 - a celebration of Oceanside and its first peoples: the Payómkawichum (People of the West).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 made motion by Jennelise Hafen, seconded by Jacqueline Luna.

Minutes recorded by Jennelise Hafen



Serra Cooperative Library System is a network of public libraries in the southern California counties of Imperial and San Diego. You can find your local library to discover services and programs available throughout the region. Our goal is to work collaboratively with each other to provide materials and shared services when possible. We are a special district of the State of California, with funding primarily from the State, but augmented through member contributions and grants. For more info visit: <https://www.serralib.org/>