

## MINUTES

### MCLS AV Committee Meeting January 16, 2008 Burbank Public Library

**In Attendance:** Rachel Bieber (TOR) Chair; (AZU) Esther Harris; (BEV) Suzanne Mulhare; (BUR) Elizabeth Joyce; (CAB) Karilyn Steward; (CMM) Nicole Bird; (DORA) Gaetano Abbondanza; (MON) Alice Kuo; (MPK) Maggie Wang; (PVP) Mary Cohen; (RED) Steve Fritch; (SAM) Nanette Schneir; (SMD) Catriona Shafer; (THO) Mohsen Rahnamaie; (WHI) Vivian Vellanoweth; (SAB - BUR) Gloria O'Donahoe

I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Rachel Bieber.

II. **Introductions** – Self-introductions were made.

III. **Approval of Agenda** – Steve (RED) moved that the agenda be approved. Suzanne (BEV) seconded the motion.

IV. **Approval of Minutes** – September 19, 2007 meeting

Alice Kuo (MON) moved that the Minutes be approved with an addenda from Rachel to 5d.that Torrance Public Library also has an age limit restriction on checking out DVDs and VHS videos; Gaetano Abbondanza (DORA) seconded the motion.

V. **Reports** – System News

In the absence of an MCLS liaison, Rachel passed around the MCLS System News report that had been sent earlier via e-mail to Committee members. The two items in the report were regarding (a.) the public relations and marketing workshop to be offered in January and (b.) the new MCLS website. See attached.

VI. **Old Business**

A. AV Tour

A hand-vote was taken, and the majority of members voted to tour the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Science Margaret Herrick Library rather than the Disney Library archives. Christina will follow up.

B. Spring Workshop Update

Elizabeth (BUR) said that the Security and Crime Prevention Committee has not met; however, plans for the workshop are moving along and she has already contacted and lined up 3M Security. The Workshop will be a joint AV/Circ committee project and will take place March 12, at the Glendale Public Library.

C. Review of ILL Survey

The only MCLS libraries that loan AV materials are Downey, Santa Monica, and Sierra Madre. The Survey is attached. Libraries that do not ILL AV materials stated the following as their major reasons: materials are too popular and there is a

desire to maintain them for local patrons (RED); there is concern for loss and damage, and some of the collections are too new and only currently being developed (CAL); and the short time limits for some items make ILL unfeasible (MPK). There have not been any problems with AV ILL transactions at SAM.

## VII. **New Business**

### Structured Exchange – Safety and Security in the Library

Theft is a problem at BEV, MPK, SAM, THO, and TOR; theft is not a significant problem at BUR, CAB, CMM, DORA, PVP, RED, SMD, and WHI. Gresco security cases used by most of the libraries, and the Demco Dream Pac (WHI) seem to be the most effective deterrents to theft. 3M tattle tape overlays placed on discs are also effective because they are difficult to remove. Other deterrents to theft include housing materials in back of the desk, patrolling exits, and using security cameras. A number of libraries have the problem of audiovisual materials not being returned and becoming “long overdue” (particularly titles needed for student school assignments).

## VIII. Other

### A. When is it Time to Get Rid of VHS Collections?

A number of Committee members commented that they are actively weeding their VHS collections, and, particularly weeding those titles that become available to purchase on DVD. Gloria, SAB (BUR) said that many people still have VHS players because VHS sells quickly at the Library bookstore. Rachel (TOR) suggested that VHS be checked out for longer time periods than DVDs. Steve (RED) commented that the quality of VHS becomes suspect after 250 circulations.

### B. Blu Ray verses HD DVD

While the future of high-definition DVD came into sharper focus this month after Warner Bros. said that it would release movies for the home video market exclusively on the Blu-ray disc format, the issue is not completely resolved. Steve (RED) said that according to *Home Media Magazine*, as of 1/6/08, the percentages for the proportion of Blu-Ray verses HD DVD sales since inception are 62% Blu-ray and 38% HD DVD; most people, however, are still waiting to see what transpires before buying anything. We will discuss this issue further at our next meeting.

## IX. **Agenda Building for May 21, Meeting at Oxnard Public Library**

Suggestions were made to include discussion of the following items on the agenda: creative marketing of collections (structured exchange); Blu Ray and HD DVD; the 3/12 Workshop; and the Amazon Kindle.

## X. **Roundtable**

- BUR: Wide variety of people and costume to be part of upcoming program, “Anime and Beyond.” Staff member has small part in popular film, *There will be Blood*. Opening for YA librarian. New central library on horizon in near future.

- DORA: Adding computer games to collection and considering possibility of adding Console games. Thus far, Library knows Yorba Linda collects latter. Palos Verdes, only other MCLS library present, also collects games.
- SAM: Money to inaugurate Spanish Language audiobook collection for Main and one branch library requested from Friends of Library. Spanish-language audiobooks to be purchased through plan from Recorded Books. Downloadable audiobooks to be part of collection until at least summer of 2009.
- BEV: Recently hired Library Director to also assume position of Assistant Director of Community Services. Several Reference Department positions open.
- THO: Two new Division Managers and openings for Adult Services librarian and for branch manager. Soon another City reads program to begin. Last year's all City Reads very successful, as are monthly movie programs.
- SMD: New landscaping and outdoor tables and chairs enable Library to begin expanding outdoors.
- RED: Building of new north branch to begin soon. Children's librarian position open.
- CAB: Staff to move into new Library in July - with expanded AV budget. Karilyn, chair of MCLS/SLS YA Committee, said to watch for Gaming Workshop in Cerritos on February 26.
- MON: Library presently in temporary location and not filling positions.
- WHI: Young Adults department working closely with high schools and particularly encouraging use of library databases. Playaways to be added to collection soon.
- MPK: One movie per month being shown. No new technology being added at this time. Senior reference librarian position open.
- CMM: In preparation for renovation, much weeding of adult collection taking place; shelf space will be lost. Library eagerly looking forward to replacing Dynix system with Sirsi. YA Department very interested in gaming.
- AZU: Openings for a technology and a children's librarian. In preparation for moving to new location, great deal of weeding taking place.
- PVP: Training for migration to Triple I taking place. Position for children's librarian open.

- TOR: Publication of book entitled *Free for All: Oddballs, Geeks, and Gangstas in the Public Library* by branch library assistant Don Borchert. Remodeling of first floor postponed, and children's DVDs moved upstairs. Program about year 1968 being planned by patron historian; films *Forrest Gump* and *Apollo 13* to be included in program.
- OXN: Committee member Karen Schatz not present, but following is e-mailed news read by Chair: experimenting with combining juvenile VHS and DVD movies and, if successful, may do this with other formats; new children's librarian hired to replace retired librarian; and position for Literacy Coordinator available at end of the month when current Coordinator leaves.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Nanette Schneir