

**MCLS Reference and Adult Services Committee Meeting
Torrance Public Library
Tuesday, May 15, 2007**

**Attendees: Chair, Dana Vinke
Patricia Todd, Alhambra
Joe Purtell, Anaheim
Erica Metoyer, Altadena
Chris Rodriguez, Burbank
Nancy Tidwell, Burbank
Nancy Munoz, Downey
Dina Cramer, El Segundo
Sandy Krause, Glendora
Kay Ikuta, Inglewood
Ruth Stewart, Long Beach
Mary Yogi, Los Angeles County
Mike Germroth, MCLS Reference Center
Lanny Swallow, Palos Verdes
Karen Reitz, Redondo Beach
David Sebastian, Redondo Beach
Paul Knop, South Pasadena
Sue Pelman, Thousand Oaks**

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Dana Vinke at 9:30 a.m.

2. Introductions

3. MCLS Report, Mike Germroth

- MCLS is working on a new website with www.craftyspace.com
- Rosario Garza created new blog, mclsdirector.blogspot.com, that includes news from libraries around the country.
- MCLS PR/Funding Committee is sponsoring a blog at mclspr.blogspot.com that includes information about outreach, programming, funding, and public relations. The committee asks for comments and ideas.
- In Fall '07 Sheri Haber will have an interactive/live voice component when conducting workshops.
- Heather Teysko, Califa Southern California Rep., has hours at the Pasadena Headquarters. She can be reached at 310-348-9578, or by email at hteysko@califa.org.
- There are still a few openings for the June 13, Religion, online web Workshop.
- Mike is working on combining the 3 MCLS law weblibliographies into one

for a possible workshop in the Fall. He is planning on attending the UCLA Friday Forum on 9/21/07, "Beyond Nolo: Assisting Users with Basic Legal Questions," to make sure he isn't missing anything.

- Moorpark Public Library will be a full MCLS member on July 1.
- Pam Alger will be working with OCLC to set up a training session for updating periodical holdings, as well as the "continually updated resources" (databases, websites, and loose-leaf services).

4. Discussion of Rethinking Reference Workshop

- Palos Verdes' PLVD 2.0 Project is one way of motivating staff to learn new technologies.
- Issues related to using new technologies:
 - Additional Duties
 - Additional Staff
 - Learning Curve
 - Budget
 - Buy in from the library director
 - Tie to library's mission
 - Marketing
 - Prioritize Reference Department services and duties.
 - Ask ourselves what we do best.

5. Planning for Next Year:

a. Election of officers - 2007/2008

Chair, Dana Vinke, Torrance
Vice Chair, Karen Reitz, Redondo Beach
Secretary, Paul Knop, South Pasadena

Dina Cramer made motion to approve, seconded by Patricia Todd.

b. Meeting dates and locations

September 25, 2007	South Pasadena
January 29, 2008	Thousand Oaks
April 22, 2008 (Workshop)	Burbank/Buena Vista
June 3, 2008	Long Beach/Mark Twain

c. Meeting and workshop topics

September 25	Safety & Security
January 9	Electronic Communication (Show & Tell)
April 22 Workshop	Reference & Intergenerational Concerns: Staff & Public Perspectives

June 3, 2008

Recruitment and Selection
Process

6. Structured Exchange

- The Safety & Security discussion was tabled until the Sept. 25th meeting at South Pasadena Public Library. Mike asked that we read the safety and security handout he distributed from California Library Laws (2007) at www.library.ca.gov/laws/index.cfm , pages 236-238 (CA Penal Code section 490.5)

7. Roundtable

Long Beach: Several vacancies. The Mark Twain Branch is opening in late summer. It's been 30-40 years since a new branch opened.

MCLS: Part-time business manager leaving.

South Pasadena: Author series. Book Group beginning. Kaplan SAT essay writing program. Learning Express database. Full – time librarian position open.

El Segundo: Concert series once a month on Sundays. Upcoming author fair includes 37 authors. Event is cosponsored by the Friends of the Library. Expanding and building a homework center. Book Club Group is publishing "Book Group Favorites" (one side is fiction & one is nonfiction).

County of Los Angeles: Website has a new look. ILS migration to Sirsi Dynix. Openings for Librarian I and II. Festival of Books presence.

Palos Verdes: Four ILS vendor presentations. Nasa Exhibit Opening. Show Us Your Favorite Book display.

Burbank: Literature Resource Center database. Senior Librarian interviews in June. Supervising Librarian in Reference retiring in July.

Downey: Learning Express and Consumer Health databases. Teen Poetry Slam. Teen Advisory Group. Purchased Spanish and Korean OCLC Language sets. Updating website. Downloadable videos available in July.

Alhambra: New library opening in 2008. Steppenwolf coming to the City.

Anaheim: Offering games in branches through partnership with the schools. New branch opening. Central has MUSEO section that includes local history, state, meeting rooms and is comanaged by the library.

Anaheim 150 year city celebration.

Glendora: Summer Reading Club preparation for children and adults. Have 2 book groups. Adult services senior librarian opening.

Inglewood: City is 100 years old. Thomson Gale database package. Open positions.

Altadena: Website design. April Cookies & Poetry program. Friends of the Library booksale. Senior Children's opening. No fault foster library card. Life and times of A. Einstein program.

Thousand Oaks: Division manager positions filled. Photos on Flickr. One city, one book link on homepage. October 7, Jonathan Safan. IM reference using Meebo. Classes on blogging and using Flickr. Film screenings.

Redondo Beach: Offering proctoring - \$15 resident/\$20 non-resident. New programs librarian. We the People grant. New part-time librarian. Mystery/Sisters in Crime program on July 23. Community concert in June.

Torrance: Increase of \$100,00 in book budget. Sunday service upcoming. "Read the Book, See the Movie" showing in parks with branch libraries. Received \$60,000 to digitize local paper and city directories. Family Game night sponsored by Red Octane. Invitation to Ballywood. Community services librarian retired. Learning Express database.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Tidwell