

*City Librarian Report to Board of Trustees
20 August 2019*



Personnel Updates:

Comings and Goings

- Suzzane Beattie — new Adult Svcs on-call librarian from SFPL
- Kyle Hval — new on-call Adult Svcs Librarian from Mountain View
- Barbara Dhyne — new Aide from Books Inc.
- Derek Clemons — new Library Asst for Easton Branch from McMillan Tutoring
- Justine Kay — new on-call Childrens Librarian from West Hillsborough School

Recruitments

- The Library will be interview for a New Teen/Children Librarian. We will sorely miss our current Teen Librarian Kim Day but we are thrilled for her new position at the Enoch-Pratt Free Library in Baltimore MD

General Updates:

- **Monthly Topic** – Adult Svcs
- **Strategic Plan 2019/2020** – N/A
- **Passport Intake update** – the Library will be hiring a part-time Passport Intake person to help alleviate the strain on Technical Services staff.
- **Policy** –
 - Library Security Camera policy -- pending
 - Community Board Posting policy – pending
 - Law Enforcement/ICE Records Requests policy – pending
- **Tech Lab update: “The Lab” Create, tinker, and play at the Lab!**
 - *The Lab -- What's in The Lab -- 4 Sewing Machines, Embroidery Machine, 1 Serger, Iron & Ironing board, various fabrics, 3D Printers-- Ultimaker 3 & Toybox (coming in October)*
 - *How it works 1. Book an orientation (for first-time users) 2. Book a machine 3. Show up for your equipment booking during Open Lab*
- **Training** –
 - Professional Development Day will be held Oct 14th in lieu of Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day)
 - The Library will be looking into training to assist staff in dealing with homeless and mentally ill patrons.
- **Significant Upcoming Events** –
 - "The Lab" opened on Monday, August 19. The Lab will be open for drop-ins on Mondays through Thursdays, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Lab will feature four sewing machines, an embroidery machine, a serger, an Ultimaker 3D printer, a Toybox 3D printer (coming in September), and archival equipment (coming in October).

- September 6th will be the Library's last Frist Friday Art series. The program kicked off in May of 2017 and there have been 27 different art exhibitions and 25 [First Friday opening reception events](#) with the artists. It had quite a great run.

○ ***Facilities update –***

- Staff are working with the Foundation to become more ADA compliant outside of the Foundation office and in the Lane Room hallway with regard to trucks and garbage cans. Within the same topic, staff will be corralling step-stools in one area where patrons/staff can use one and return.
- Public Works are having some difficulties with key card readers at the Library – hopefully resolved soon.
- Parking structure changes mentioned in a previous meeting will commence in September for the City as a whole but will not affect the Library until February or March according to Syed Murtuza, Public Works Director.

○ ***Foundation report –***

- When Breath Becomes Air: A Conversation with Dr. Lucy Kalanithi – Sunday Sept 15th 4pm – 9pm. Tickets go on sale Aug 19th and Aug 26th.

○ ***PLS/PLP –***

- PLP executive president sent a letter to LinkedIn urging them to reconsider their new privacy settings for LinkedIn Learning, an educational resource subscribed to many libraries across the nation. As of now when a Library patron uses accesses a learning video they must create an open LinkedIn acct.
- Peninsula Library System will definitely be negatively affected by Macmillan's new eBook pricing decision (see document "eBook Lending Changes") but how much we are not sure.
 - open letter from Steve Potash from OverDrive: <https://overdrivesteve.com/macmillan-publishes-a-work-of-fiction/>
 - article from CNN <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/02/opinions/libraries-fight-publishers-over-e-books-west/>