

## **Friends of Dimond Library Virtual Meeting**

February 6, 2021

11 am

**In attendance:** Gisela Merker, Madeleine Briar, Mary Schrader, Jean Busch, JoAnne Yoshioka, Karen Marie Schroeder, Elena Loera, Daphne Parson, Stephanie Woodbury, Sarah Hodgson, Karen Long, and Gen Katz. Suzanne Knott and Tom Rose who usually attend had a vaccination appointment conflict.

**Thanks** to the Dimond Branch Library friends... Thanks to Suzanne Knott and Tom Rose for cleaning the library grounds every Thursday morning. Thanks to JoAnne Yoshioka, Sandy Venning and Margaret Bray for helping with the library garden in November and December. Thanks to Tricia Christopher for her hours of extra assistance on obtaining the plants and planning the new garden section. Thanks to Karen Marie Schroeder for continuing her work as our treasurer. We would also like to thank the library staff for outstanding work helping the community during this pandemic. Thanks to Public Works for their support on the new garden section.

### **Dimond Branch Updates: (from Sarah Hodgson)**

Dimond's Children's Librarian position is vacant since Miriam Medow has left OPL.

Zadok Doe'Parker is Dimond's new full time Library Assistant. He works doing Sidewalk Pickup Thursdays-Saturdays.

Re-opening plans are under discussion but there's no date set.

The AARP tax preparation program will not be offered at any of the branch libraries this year. Starting next month the Main Library will have a limited program. Sarah also listed 3 other local programs that offer free tax preparation for seniors. If you have questions, please call the library for help.

5 chrome books will be available for a week check out starting next Monday.

Dimond Library has the 2<sup>nd</sup> most checkouts after Rockridge in the system.

### **Powerpoint presentation by Sarah on Library resources from the Oakland Public Library (OPL) website.**

1. For new books, start with the OPL website, go to catalog, then search, then featured lists. Select New Books or CDS, etc. New books with a few older ones to start with are listed in no particular order. Select & scroll here. The list is updated monthly.
2. For a 72 hour subscription to the New York Times... Start with OPL page, select online services in the middle. Below this select online research and learning. Finally select

newspapers and articles. A variety of newspapers and articles are listed. Scroll down to NY Time and click. You will get a 72 hour access code.

3. Kanopy offers more than 1,000 film titles and includes Great Courses. You can access 5 films per month. Kanopy is offered thru Overdrive.
4. For ebooks and audio books, both Overdrive and Libby are available for free checkouts. You do need to set up an account using your library card. Sarah said Libby is slightly easier to use but Overdrive has a few more options.

#### **Dimond Library Friends' Updates: (from Karen Long)**

**Request for a treasurer volunteer** from Friends of the Oakland Public Library (FOPL)- Ronile Lahti from FOPL has asked if anyone is interested in becoming the treasurer for FOPL/ After a little discussion on FOPL, no one expressed interest. Karen will notify them.

**Sending a book on public libraries to Congressional members:** Every Library (a national library advocacy group) has asked that we donate \$20 or more to their effort to send a book called Inspiring Library Stories to all of the members of Congress. \$20 would pay for 1 book. The group was a little doubtful that the books would be read but decided to support purchasing 1 book.

#### **Library Garden update:**

New section of garden is completed with great help and advice from Tricia Christopher and help with planting by Sue Johnson.

Thanks also to Kevin Charles & his public works staff for their work on the new section: rototilling, composting, and putting in edge boards , providing the jute bags for weed suppression plus reworking the old irrigation system.

**Volunteer needs:** Karen asked for a few library volunteers to help with weeding in the library garden. She can do less gardening right now due to recent surgery.

#### **Financial Report** by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer

Karen Marie Reported that we currently have \$50,225 in our treasury. Recent expenditures:

Regrading new garden section including purchasing & placing rocks, spreading mulch: \$900

New hose: \$32

New wholesale plants: \$120

3 hours of digging & planting on top of burlap: \$120

#### **1 New request:**

**\$500 for supporting seed lending libraries at other branches.** Currently only 4 branches have seed lending libraries & they are very popular. Group decided to support helping other branches with this program.

**Pending from 2020 (A number of these are on hold until the library can reopen with full programming.)**

\$2288 Branch furniture (table for returns for interior bookdrop)  
\$100 Teen Program Snacks  
\$100 Supplies for Dimond history archive  
\$25 Snacks for afternoon movie series (4 sessions)  
\$178 Creative Crafts for Adults program (  
\$400 Magnet with new hours (previously approved amount *\$240 Magnet*) (1000)  
\$100 Stipend for Family Yoga program  
\$100 Stipend for Tai Chi program  
\$50 Materials for Making Medicinal Tea program  
\$150 Supplies for Making Natural Products program (enough for 15-20 participants)  
\$50 Seeds for the Seed Library  
\$100 Stipend for Knitting Circle  
\$110 Wheelbarrow for the garden  
\$300 15 people to attend the AARP Safe Driver course (summer 2020)

#### Summer Reading Program

\$100 for adult raffle prizes  
\$100 for children's raffle prizes  
  
\$2050 for Children's Summer Reading programming  
  
\$250 for 4-sessions of Scientific Adventures  
  
\$100 for teen raffle prizes  
  
\$350 for teen volunteer party

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**Next Meeting will be Saturday, May 1 @ 11:00 a.m.**