

Library Commission Advocacy Ad Hoc Group
6/5/24 8:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – Susan Hildreth Called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

	Present	Absent	Excused
Sue Hamill	X		
Susan Hildreth	X		
Michael Fischer	X		
Nicole Gemmer	X		
Clifton Louie	X		
Rachel Rosekind		X	
Robert Sanguedolce	X		
Tommy Smith	X		
Heather Lurvey	X		

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers from the audience may address the Library Commission on any relevant issue that is not scheduled for the agenda. Public comment can be made on agenda items when the item is discussed. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and speakers may text your comments/questions to 925-818-0049 prior to the meeting. Public comment on agenda items can also be e-mailed to the Library Commission at nina.braithwaite@library.cccounty.us to be received one day prior to the Library Commission meeting.

[No members of the public were present.](#)

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – attachment 1

The full body will vote to accept, with or without edits, the minutes of the May 1, 2024, meeting.

[No edits/corrections were proposed when asked. Michael Fischer called for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 1, 2024, meeting as submitted and Sue Hammil seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved by the Library Commission Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee, five Aye votes, no abstentions and zero No votes.](#)

5. DISCUSSION TOPICS:

A. Debrief of May 16th Full Library Commission Meeting – Sue Hamill

[The proof-of-concept presentation for seeking additional funding for increased open hours was presented to the full Library Commission at the May 16, 2024, Library Commission meeting. The Library Commission was unanimous in voicing their agreement that CCCL is grossly underfunded. The adhoc group agreed that this is great progress and that the rest of the Commission is seeking further direction from the committee. Commissioners were also very interested in the adhoc group coming back with further details about Sundays hours being added into the proposal.](#)

B. Assessment of Other County Library Sunday Open Hours – Susan Hildreth/ Alison McKee

Library	Total Number of Branches	Number of branches open on Sunday	Number of Sunday open hours	Percent of Branches open on Sundays
Contra Costa	26			0%
Alameda	12	6	4	50%
Marin	10	2	5	20%
Napa	4	1	4	25%
Solano	9	3	5	33%

avg=4.5

avg=32%

median=29%

Average percentage of branches open on Sundays is around 33%. All libraries open in each system are open the same hours, either 12:00-5:00 or 1:00-5:00. When CCC Library was open on Sundays, 9 branches were open 1:00-5:00.

C. Ad-Hoc Committee Composition – Alison McKee:

By-laws say we can have no more than 5 commission members on a subcommittee.

The following members chose to remove themselves from the group but will participate as guests. They requested that they remain on the mailing list.

Michael Fischer
Nicole Gemmer
Tommy Smith
Heather Lurvey

D. Information to Present to the Full Library Commission and Timing – Alison McKee

Alison will work on further details of Sunday recommendations to bring to July ad hoc meeting and the group will present a simple update at the July meeting and a more robust update and perhaps proposal for the full Commission to consider at the September meeting.

Relationship mapping-all members will put together a list of other community groups and county departments and cities who may be interested in the effort to find additional funding for library open hours.

ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING – Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m. until next meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.