

ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA



CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
303 E. B STREET • ONTARIO, CA 91764
March 14, 2023 • 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Lanthripe Lawliss Mena Ricci

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR February 14, 2023 /

Lanthripe Lawliss Mena Ricci

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Public Comment portion of the Library Board meeting is limited to 15 minutes total, with each speaker allowed a maximum of 3 minutes. Additional speakers are allowed 3 minutes each at the end of the meeting. Prior to consideration of each old or new business agenda item, a speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to comment on that specific item. Under provisions of the Brown Act, the Library Board is prohibited from taking action on oral requests.

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR February 2023 /

Lanthripe

Lawliss

Mena

Ricci

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STAFF REPORT

1. State of the City (Daisy Flores)
2. Early Literacy: From Family Place to LLBF (Rachelle Chasey)
3. Yarrtario and Cucamonga Chess Club: Two Volunteer-led Programs (Shawn Thrasher)
4. National Library Week (Steven Arechiga)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD COMMENTS

As a reminder, please make sure board comments pertain to the library and library business.

Lanthripe

Lawliss

Mena

Ricci

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ontario Promise Corps (update)
2. Zip Books (Update)
3. Summer at OCL

ADJOURNMENT

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OVITT FAMILY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order by Board member Crisol Mena at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Gina Lanthripe, Board member

MEMBERS PRESENT Board member Ann Lawless was present.

MEMBERS ABSENT Elizabeth Ricci

ALSO, PRESENT Library Director, Shawn Thrasher, Library Services Manager, Daisy Flores, Library Services Manager, Kelly Zackmann, Supervising Librarian, Heather Witherow and City Attorney Henry G. Castillo.

INTRODUCTIONS Library Director Shawn Thrasher introduced new Librarian, Yessenia Rivas. Ms. Rivas introduced herself and spoke about her education and previous work experience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments were made

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Board member Ann Lawliss, seconded by Board member Gina Lanthripe and unanimously carried to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes.

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

City Council Representative Debra Porada.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Board member Lanthripe, seconded by Board member Lawliss and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar for January 2023.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Shawn Thrasher spoke about the following items:

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A pilot program that will start at Ovitt Family Community Library called “*Laptops Anytime*”, will allow patrons to check out laptops. This will enable the Library to clear the public floor of PC’s and use that space for other activities and facilitate patrons to take the laptops to any area in the Library and use it to study in more quiet areas if they choose. There will still be a few PC’s left on the public floor for new technology users and/or users that prefer them. If successful, this program may also become available at Lewis Family Library and the entire program will start in the next few months.

In addition, Director Thrasher shared that Librarian Sofia Araya is leaving the City of Ontario for a promotion to the Altadena Library and will be missed.

Board member Mena asked Director Thrasher if PC’s were replaced by MAC laptops? Director Thrasher replied that they will be PC’s.

Board member Lanthripe asked if the children’s area was also having laptops replacing PC’s and Director Thrasher responded that the children’s area will remain as is for the time being.

STAFF REPORT

Status of the Friend of Ontario City Library

Shawn Thrasher, Library Director presented:

Background:

Friends of Ontario City Library (FOCL) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that acts as the fundraising arm of Ontario City Library, primarily through the sale of used books. The organization, informally formed in 1968, filed articles of incorporation in 1973. The group was active during the 1970s but went dark for a period in the 1980s and 1990s before becoming active again after the remodeling and reopening of Ontario City Library’s main branch.

According to the FOCL bylaws, revised in 2010, the purpose of the organization is:

- To foster a closer relationship between the Ontario City Library and the citizens of Ontario and its environs; and to increase support, both public and private.
- To serve as an advocacy organization for the Ontario City Library in the community and with elected officials.
- To increase awareness of the Ontario City Library; to sponsor cultural and related programs for the community; and to sponsor volunteer service for the Ontario City Library.
- To acquire donations and to raise funds to supplement the library’s budget for special materials, programs, equipment, or services not funded through the regular library budgets.
- To support the democratic ideals of the freedom to read and free access to materials and information as outlined in the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights.

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The Friends historically have raised money for the library through the sale of used books. Each branch has a used book sale area. The area is administered by the FOCL board and staffed by library volunteers. The Friends also raise money through membership dues, which can be paid annually or through a one-time “lifetime” membership dues payment.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Friends must have a board of directors and hold regular board meetings. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Friends board dwindled to one person. Because of this, in July 2022, the library hired a temporary part-time employee with expertise in building and growing Friends of the Library organizations, to rebuild the library’s Friends board. During the past six months, the expert has searched for and onboarded new board members, held three board meetings and one board retreat, revitalized the Friends of Ontario City Library’s webpage, social media, and marketing, revived the Friends book sale volunteer program, planned two Friends-sponsored author events, and led discussions with the new board on future fundraising opportunities.

At the December 2022 meeting, Milissa Checchi was elected President; Robin Legaspi was elected Vice President; Stacy Hu was elected Treasurer; and Devlin Smith was elected Secretary. Other board members include Randi Campbell, Marci Garcia, Roxanna Gutierrez, David Patterson, Larry Miceli, Ethan Ross, Tomas Schutter and Beverly Smith. Three committees were also formed: Membership(Gutierrez), Bookstore (Miceli), and Hospitality (Garcia).

For several years, library staff have given presentations at the beginning of the Friends fiscal year to ask for funds to support specific programs and services. These presentations were most recently given at the December meeting, and the board met and discussed these presentations at their retreat, then allocated funds to staff in January 2023.

FOCL board members worked together to create a new mission statement: “The Friends of Ontario City Library supports the Ontario City Library’s mission to serve its patrons and our community through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteerism. Future Friends board meetings will take place the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Ovitt Family Community Library.

On Wednesday, February 22, 2023 The Friends of Ontario City Library will be hosting best-selling author Sadeqa Johnson, who will discuss her book, *The House of Eve*. The event is free and is sold out. Friends members, including those who join the day of the event, can attend a private reception with the author before the event.

The Friends are currently planning a fundraising gala to be held in November 2023 to celebrate its 50th anniversary and will hold a special DVD/media sale in the library’s meeting room on April 15, 2023. A *three-bucks a bag* sale is also in the planning stages. The Friends will also be reviewing and updating their bylaws, holding a trivia night, and will be creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Ontario.

A copy of this presentation is available upon request from the Library Director.

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Director Thrasher introduced member of the FOCL Board that attended the BoT meeting as follows: Milissa Checchi, President, Beverly Smith, Board member, Devlin Smith, Board Secretary and Marci Garcia, Hospitality Chair.

Board member Lawliss commented that she was happy to see FOCL had grown.

Board member Lanthripe wanted to know when the three-bucks a bag sale was taking place and the answer was that it was still being worked on, no date yet.

City Council Representative Debra Porada commented that she was thrilled that the FOCL was reinvigorated and thanked all involved and especially thanked Director Thrasher for his involvement. She also requested that at the next meeting Director Thrasher report on the Chess Group that meets, which spans the ages of 17 to 80-year-olds and all have a great time.

STAFF REPORT

An Overview of each of the Twenty-eight online databases Ontario City Library owns

Heather Witherow, Supervising Librarian presented:

Background:

Ontario City Library's patrons can access twenty-eight online databases using library computers or personal devices. Access can be for learning new skills, helping with a job search, and more.

All the databases can be found on the library's website: www.OntarioCA.gov/LibraryResources, click on the pull-down arrow next to eResources: The following are the sites available:

- Join a Book Club
- Brainfuse – HelpNow,
- Britannica School Edition
- Coursera
- CultureGram
- GetSetUp
- Learning Express Library with Job & Career Accelerator
- LinkedIn Learning
- Northstar Digital Literacy
- ProQuest, ProQuest Research Companion, SIRS Discoverer, and SIRS Issues Researcher
- Skillshare
- America's News
- CLIRWater California Water Documents Collection
- Local history and Newspaper Indexes
- Mitchell's ProDemand Automotive Reference
- New York Times

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Board member Lawliss asked if these resources could be accessed from anywhere and Supervising Librarian Witherow replied that some yes with a library card and others you may need to use inside of the library.

Board member Lanthripe asked about **Coursera**, if it was college credit and Ms. Witherow answered that depending on the course, it would be on their website.

Board member Mena asked if there was an age restriction for **Join a Book Club** and Ms. Witherow responded that this resource required an email be set up so for small children, it would require parents set up that email in the “Kids Buzz” section.

STAFF REPORT

Ontario City Library Short- and Long-Term Goals

Shawn Thrasher, Library Director presented:

Background:

Short-and long- term goals for Ontario City Library. A short-term goal would be defined as a project or service to be completed in 2023-24. A long-term goal would be any project or service after 2024.

Expand Services

Long-term Goals (2025)

- Build full-service branch in Great Park, Ontario Ranch
- Build two small branches in yet undetermined areas
- Build two satellites in yet undetermined areas
- Hire/orient/train staff and support staff

Friends

Short-term Goals

- Board development & retreat
- Hold regular meetings
- Author events
- Update bylaws
- MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)
- Hire a part-time staff member

Long-term Goals

- Sustain board membership
- Explore new fundraising opportunities
- Build volunteer foundation
- Maintain giving for library programs and services

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Literacy

Short-term Goals

- Implement elementary-aged literacy program
- Grow Adult Literacy
- Foster English as a Second Language partnership with Chaffey College

Long-term Goals

- Implement middle school-aged literacy program
- Develop teen literacy program that complements existing services for teens

Technology

Short-term Goals

- Train all staff in Lightspeed Makerspace at Ovitt
- Hire and train Makerspace specific to part time staff
- Return Makerspace hours to previous hours
- Evaluate equipment and update as needed

Long-term Goals

- Outreach and marketing campaign
- Form partnerships with Maker community
- Host a large-scale Maker event in 2023

Local History

Long-term Goals

- Continue archiving and cataloging local history material to industry standards
- Establish collaborations with the Ontario Museum of History and Art as well as other local institutions such as Ontario Heritage on programs exhibits, and other public services
- Develop long range preservation planning for archival collections to ensure the safety and accessibility of historic materials now and into the future

A copy of this presentation is available upon request from the Library Director.

Board member Lawliss thanked Director Thrasher for the presentation and commented that she really liked the goals for the literacy programs and appreciated as it was timely because her child's school is also collaborating on this with the Library.

Board member Mena wanted to know when the new library would be built in the Great Park, Director Thrasher replied that when new housing developments were designed, the developer fees were allocated for services such as new libraries.

Board member Mena inquired about the positions that the Library was hiring for and Director Thrasher responded, that hiring for two different type of positions, both part-time and full time were going on right now. A new part-time Librarian is being recruited which has not been the norm.

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Board member Mena asked if there were locations for proposed satellite libraries and Mr. Thrasher responded that some are being reviewed but not yet firm.

Board member Lanthripe commented that the presentation was very well laid out and wanted to know what the age requirement for part-time positions. Director Thrasher responded that there were minimum requirements, and some require a high school diploma and other positions have other requirements, but it depended on the position.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Public Comment:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Director Thrasher informed Board that they needed to decide who would be President, Vice President and Secretary as there were only three (3) board members they all would need to be an officer with each serving the two-year term.

Motion: Moved by Board member Lanthripe, seconded by Board member Lawliss and unanimously carried to approve the officers as President Mena, Vice President Lanthripe and Secretary Lawliss.

Board member Comments:

Vice President Lanthripe said thank you and Happy Valentine's Day.

Secretary Lawliss commented that her child's school is doing a "Read-A-thon" and she asked Director Thrasher for guidance on collaboration with Ontario City Library and he connected her with Supervising Librarian, Briana Ochoa and was very grateful for the support that she has provided.

President Mena congratulated the new Board and thanked the *Friends of the Library* group for attending the Board meeting and commented that she attended their board meeting earlier this month and was surprised at all the things they are doing and very grateful. She also wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Mena adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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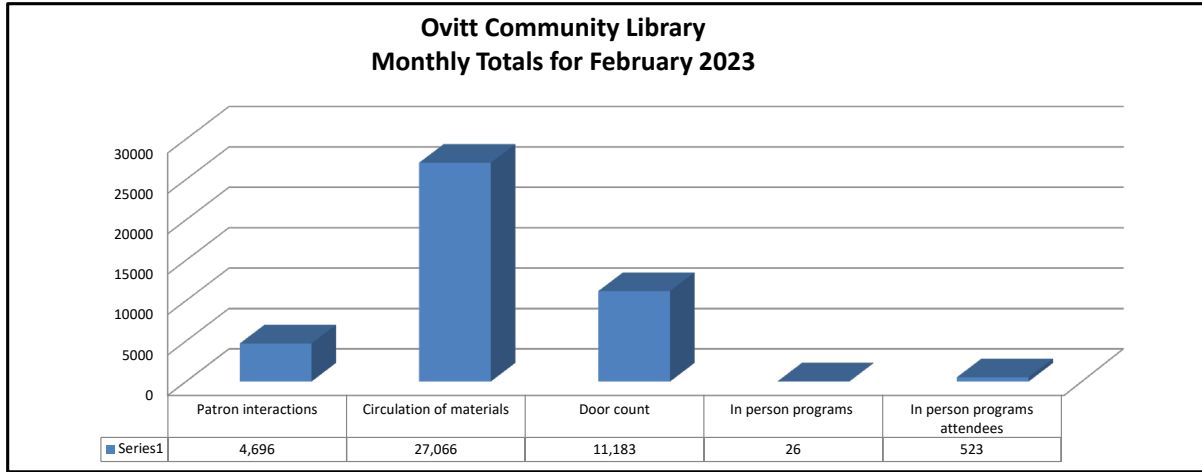
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Nelva Costello, Senior Administrative Assistant

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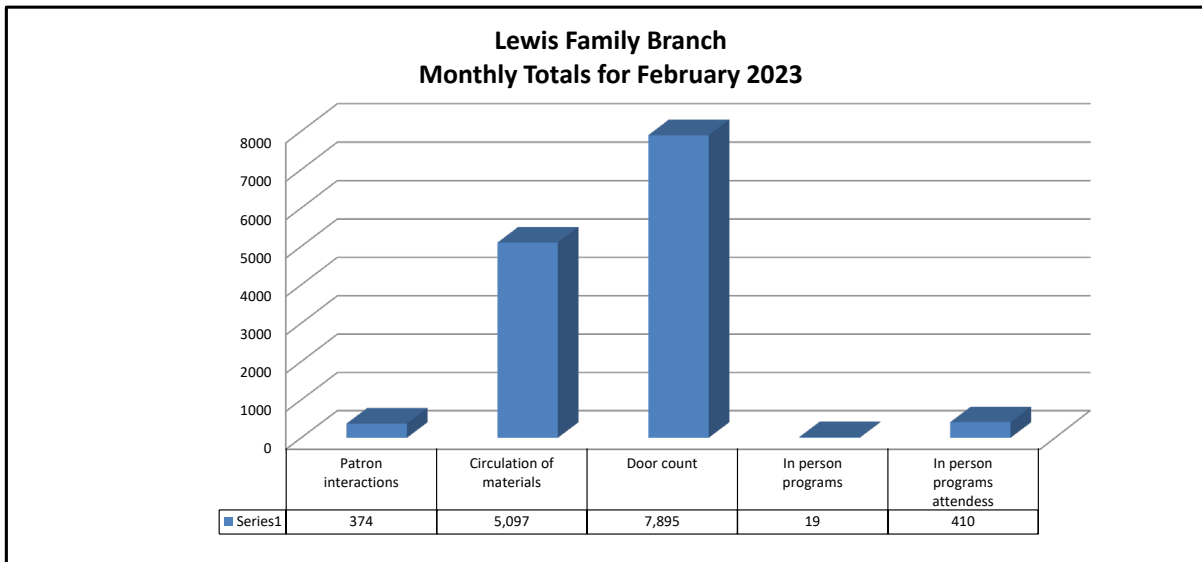
**City of Ontario Ovitt Community Library
Total Statistics for the Month of February 2023**

Site	Patron interactions	Circulation of materials	Door count	In person programs	In person programs attendees
Ovitt	4,696	27,066	11,183	26	523



**City of Ontario Lewis Family Branch
Total Statistics for the Month of February 2023**

Site	Patron interactions	Circulation of materials	Door count	In person programs	In person programs attendees
Lewis	374	5,097	7,895	19	410





CITY OF ONTARIO COMMUNITY LIFE & CULTURE

Agenda Report
March 14, 2023

SECTION: STAFF REPORTS

Department: Library
Prepared By: Daisy Flores
Staff Member Presenting:
Daisy Flores

Action: Report & File

SUBJECT:

2023 State of the City

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

This year Ontario will host two events for the State of the City. The State of the City Business Address will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 5 PM in the Ontario Convention Center and the Community Open House will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 1 PM in Ontario Town Square. Library staff attends both events, networking at the Business Address and hosting a booth at the Community Open House.

The Business Address, held at the Ontario Convention Center, will be a time for networking, including a presentation that features the Mayor and City Council and have various business leaders in attendance. This is an opportunity for Library Board members to share their positive experiences as residents and leaders in the City of Ontario.

The Community Open House will feature city departments and agencies highlighting the many services provided to residents. This event will be outdoors and held at Ontario Town Square. There will be booths, city vehicles, and activities for community members to enjoy.

Library Board Members attending these events have responsibilities to make themselves available to attendees, interact with people from other organizations, answer questions about the city, make connections that could lead to partnerships for the library, and share about the library's programs and services.

The Ontario City Library has two library locations, 130,000 active library card holders, and over 316,000 library materials available for public use. There are several programs and services but some that can be highlighted can include:

- Liftoff to Literacy, an adult literacy program
- Little Learners, Big Futures, an early literacy program
- Lightspeed Makerspace
- Model Colony History Room
- Ontario Learns, skill-based programs for adults
- Veterans Resource Center
- Workforce Development Office

These events are occasions to promote the library's offerings and Library Board members can serve as vessels to communicate that with event attendees.

2023 STATE OF THE CITY

PREMIER COMMUNITY OF THE INLAND EMPIRE



Presented By:

Daisy Flores, Library Services Manager

March 2023

Events

Business Address



Community Open House



Business Address

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Ontario Convention Center

5 PM

Registration & Pre-event
networking

6 PM

**State of the City Program –
Ontario Mayor and City Council**
*Networking forum immediately
following*



Expectations

- Dress to impress
- Make yourself welcoming and available to attendees
- Interact with attendees from other organizations
- Ask people about their business and role in their organization



Expectations

- Share your positive experiences as a resident and leader within the City.
- Direct attendees to appropriate staff if they have questions you cannot answer.
- Share all the great programs and services the library has to offer!





Ontario City Library General Information

- 2 locations
- 130,000 library card holders
- 316,000 library materials

Ontario City Library Programs & Services

- Adult Literacy
- Little Learners, Big Futures
- Lightspeed Makerspace
- Model Colony History Room
- Ontario Learns
- Veterans Resource Center
- Workforce Development



FREE

Community Open House



2023
STATE OF THE CITY
PREMIER COMMUNITY OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

Don't Miss Out!

The City of Ontario will host its second annual Community Open House on **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, from **1 PM - 4 PM** at **Ontario Town Square**. This free outdoor event will highlight City services and programs available to Ontario residents.

To learn more, visit www.OntarioCA.gov/SOC.



Saturday, March 25, 2023

Ontario Town Square

1 – 4 PM

Activity and informational booths highlighting city services and programs.



Thank you.



**CITY OF ONTARIO
COMMUNITY LIFE & CULTURE**

Agenda Report
March 14, 2021

SECTION: Click or tap here to enter text.

Department: Library
Prepared By: Rachelle Chasey
Staff Member Presenting:
Rachelle Chasey
Approved By:

Action: Report & File

SUBJECT

Early Literacy: From Family Place to LLBF at Lewis Family Branch

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

In 2011 the Ontario City Library was the recipient of a \$30,000 grant from the California State Library under its California Family Place Library Program. This grant is the foundation and has led the way to what would eventually become the Ontario City Library's Little Learners, Big Futures initiative. The Ontario City Library is proud to provide exposure to early childhood learning activities and raise early childhood development and school readiness awareness and the Family Place project set the framework.

The California Family Place ensured that the Ontario City Library would be able to expand its professional relationships with local early learning agencies and organizations, build community outreach and provide a shared space for children ages 0-4 and their families.

A Family Place Library builds on the knowledge that early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in a young child's growth and development. The overall goal of a Family place library is to develop and implement a family friendly environment by transforming libraries into community centers for literacy, early childhood development, parent education and engagement, family support and community communication. Most importantly, it brings play into the library through comfortable furniture, bright spaces, interactive learning spaces, toys and a collection of books for parents and caregivers. According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, "play at the library draws families in and helps them learn how early literacy develops, with a focus on developmentally appropriate activities for children of different ages".

In 2012, the Family Place area was created at the Ovitt Family Community Library in the children's area. A space in the back of the children's area by the story time room was transformed with bright and interactive wall décor, comfortable furniture for children and their families, early learning manipulatives and toys and a brand-new parenting book collection. It has been updated and expanded throughout the years making it a popular space for little learners and their families.

The Family Place grant also funded parent/child workshops that were held quarterly at the Ovitt Family Community Library and off site at numerous recreation centers. These workshops created a great foundation for the Raising Little Learners workshops that are currently being done by AmeriCorp Early Learning Advisors and are held off site at Veteran's Memorial Park.

In 2013, a Family Place area was created at the Lewis Family Branch. This new area, modeled after the Family Place area at the Ovitt Family Community Library, included new furniture for children and their families, toys, a play marketplace and wall décor. This area is heavily used and is a safe space for patrons to congregate before and after library programs. This area is located by the children's materials, computers and reading area, making it a true family area.

The Family Place grant also funded a parenting collection which was first created at the Ovitt Family Community Library and then at the Lewis Family Branch. Both collections are located near the Family Place area, making it an ideal browsing section. The Parenting Shelf is geared towards parents and caregivers looking for support in raising children and teens. These non-fiction books cover a wide range of topics such as potty training, cookbooks for picky eaters and how to give emotional support to teens. This collection contains books in both English and Spanish and library staff select materials based off professional review journals and they are ordered regularly.

The Ontario City Library has been dedicated to early learning and literacy for many years. With innovative and supportive programming for children ages 0-5, our Little Learners, Big Futures initiative encourages a child's success to start at home. Both library branches provide innovative early childhood programming that fall under the LLBF umbrella. The following the programs are Lewis specific.

- Reggio Emilia for Little Learners: The Reggio Emilia approach is an educational philosophy based on the principals of respect, responsibility and community through exploration, discovery and play. These programs are nature based, inspire collaboration and group work and are child led. Little learners have created bracelets and hats out of natural materials found outside and painted a recent storm with their fingers and mud. Little learners are encouraged to share and be supportive of one another.
- Dramatic Play for Little Learners: These programs encourage little learners to take on roles and act them out in a way of exploring themselves and their surroundings. Academic research calls this "sociodramatic play" but in all essence it is "pretending." These activities can be structured (prompts, pre-determined scenarios) or unstructured (children choose their own roles and play scenarios). Lewis Family Branch held a Dramatic Play for Little Learners: Space Edition program in which little learners constructed a space station, cleaned moon rocks, collected data and transmitted it back to Earth, and painted what they saw while out in the universe. Dramatic Play teaches little learners self-regulation, conflict resolution and literacy techniques.
- S.T.E.A.M for Little Learners: S.T.E.A.M programming is essential to early childhood education as it allows little learners to explore, experiment and create in a safe and nurturing environment. Little learners at the Lewis Family Branch have melted snow people made out of baking soda with vinegar and discussed the chemical reactions they saw and built towers out of foam pieces and shaving cream until they came tumbling down teaching little learners about engineering. S.T.E.A.M programming for little learners encourages hands on exploration and provides the tools needed to start school successfully.

As Ontario continues to grow, the Ontario City Library will open new branches throughout the city and will expand its offerings of early learning and literacy programs.

Early Literacy: From Family Place to LLBF

Presented By:
Rachelle Chasey, Librarian and
Circulation Supervisor, MLIS
March 2023

Family Place

- Project Background
- What is a Family Place Library?
- Family Place at the Ovitt Family Community Library



Family Place at Lewis Family Branch



- An Early Learning Environment at the Lewis Family Branch

Parent Shelf Collection

- What is our Parent Shelf?
- Our Parent Shelf Location
- Our Parent Shelf's Uses



LLBF Programming at Lewis Family Branch



- Reggio Emilia for Little Learners
- Dramatic Play for Little Learners
- S.T.E.A.M for Little Learners

Thank You!

Rachelle Chasey, MLIS



CITY OF ONTARIO COMMUNITY LIFE & CULTURE

Agenda Report

SECTION: STAFF REPORTS

Department: Library
Prepared By: Shawn Thrasher
Staff Member Presenting:
Shawn Thrasher

Action: Report & File

SUBJECT:

Yarntario and Cucamonga Chess Club are two volunteer-led programs that occur regularly at Ovitt Family Community Library.

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Prior to the pandemic, Yarntario was known as A Good Yarn: Knit and Crochet Club. It was managed by staff who no longer work at the library, and went dark during the pandemic closure. In 2021, an active attendee of that program, Matthew Jaramillo, approached the library to inquire as to the return of the knit and crochet gathering. The library director and Jaramillo worked together to restart the program. Jaramillo also suggested changing the name to Yarntario. The library did social media and marketing to encourage people to attend. The first program had over 20 attendees of all ages and backgrounds. Yarntario meets every Tuesday evening at Ovitt Family Community Library from 6-8pm, usually in the Ovitt meeting room. Originally, the group was meeting in the library's literacy classroom, but soon outgrew this space. Jaramillo started an Instagram account to showcase the program which he manages; the library provides additional marketing, space to meet and store supplies, and other types of support for the program. The library has purchased some supplies for the program out of the library's programming

budget as well, including yarn and knitting needles. Two volunteers mainly oversee the program: Jaramillo, and Stacy Hu. This includes set up and tear down. The program has approximately 15-20 attendees each Tuesday, weather and holidays excepting. Members range from seasoned knitters and crocheters, those trying to increase their skills, and newbies wanting to learn. All ages are welcome, but parents are encouraged to stay with young children.

Ian Erickson, a local college student, approached the library in 2021. His group, Cucamonga Chess Club, started in summer 2021 and had been meeting outside in parks to play. With the advent of colder weather, he was looking for a place to meet indoors. The library agreed to provide a space and market the group through flyers and social media; local community members donated chess boards for the group. The group has been meeting on the first and third Saturdays of every month since January 2022. The average attendance has been around ten players per meeting. A mix of all ages and backgrounds attend the program. Similarly to Yarrtario, the group was meeting in the library's literacy classroom but also outgrew this space and have subsequently moved into the library's meeting room. In December 2022, Friends of Ontario City Library allocated funds to purchase more items needed by Cucamonga Chess Club, including timers. Cucamonga Chess Club and the Friends of Ontario City Library are also in discussion to host a chess tournament as a fundraiser for the Friends while also providing prize money to winners.

The two programs have several similarities that are important to the success of both. First, they are niche hobbies that have enthusiastic participants. Second, both programs are intended to not only provide a free location where attendees can participate in a hobby they love, but attendees also act as teachers to those new to the hobby. Third, they are managed by volunteers who can devote time and especially a breadth of experience to the programs that library staff may not have. Fourth, they are managed by Ontario community members.

The Value of Public Libraries published by the State Library of California in August 2021 listed ten reasons to value libraries. Yarrtario and Cucamonga Chess Club illustrate perfectly four of the ten reasons:

- Public libraries are community hubs that bring people together and close the opportunity gap by connecting people to essential services and resources.
- Libraries build and support communities of lifelong learners and help Californians enjoy the social and economic benefits that learning brings.
- Books are just the tip of the library iceberg. Through digital labs, makerspaces, career centers and business resources, memory labs, public programs, community partnerships, and online resources, public libraries help communities explore, learn, connect, and have fun beyond their traditional "library" brand.
- Public libraries are free and open to all.

The report includes a section called "Building Strong Communities" that states that "public libraries are commonly referred to as a "third place"—neither home nor workspace. Third places are "the informal spaces that are often mainstays in a neighborhood, places where both random and intentional in-person relationships are made. The meeting spaces and social connections that libraries offer help individual users create stronger communities... [Pew Research Center surveys state that] seventy-three percent of Americans say their local libraries promote a sense of community across different groups, while 65 percent see libraries as gathering places for addressing community challenges." *The Value of Public*

Libraries can be found at <https://www.library.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Value-of-Libraries.pdf>.

Yarntario & Cucamonga Chess Club: Two Volunteer-led Programs

Yarntario



Yarntario



Cucamonga Chess



Cucamonga Chess



Similarities



Enthusiasm
Teachers
Time & Experience
Resident run

Value of Public Libraries

Bringing residents together

Lifelong learning

Beyond the books

Free & open to all

Building Strong Communities



Value of Public Libraries

<https://www.library.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Value-of-Libraries.pdf>



CITY OF ONTARIO COMMUNITY LIFE & CULTURE

Agenda Report

SECTION: STAFF REPORTS

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

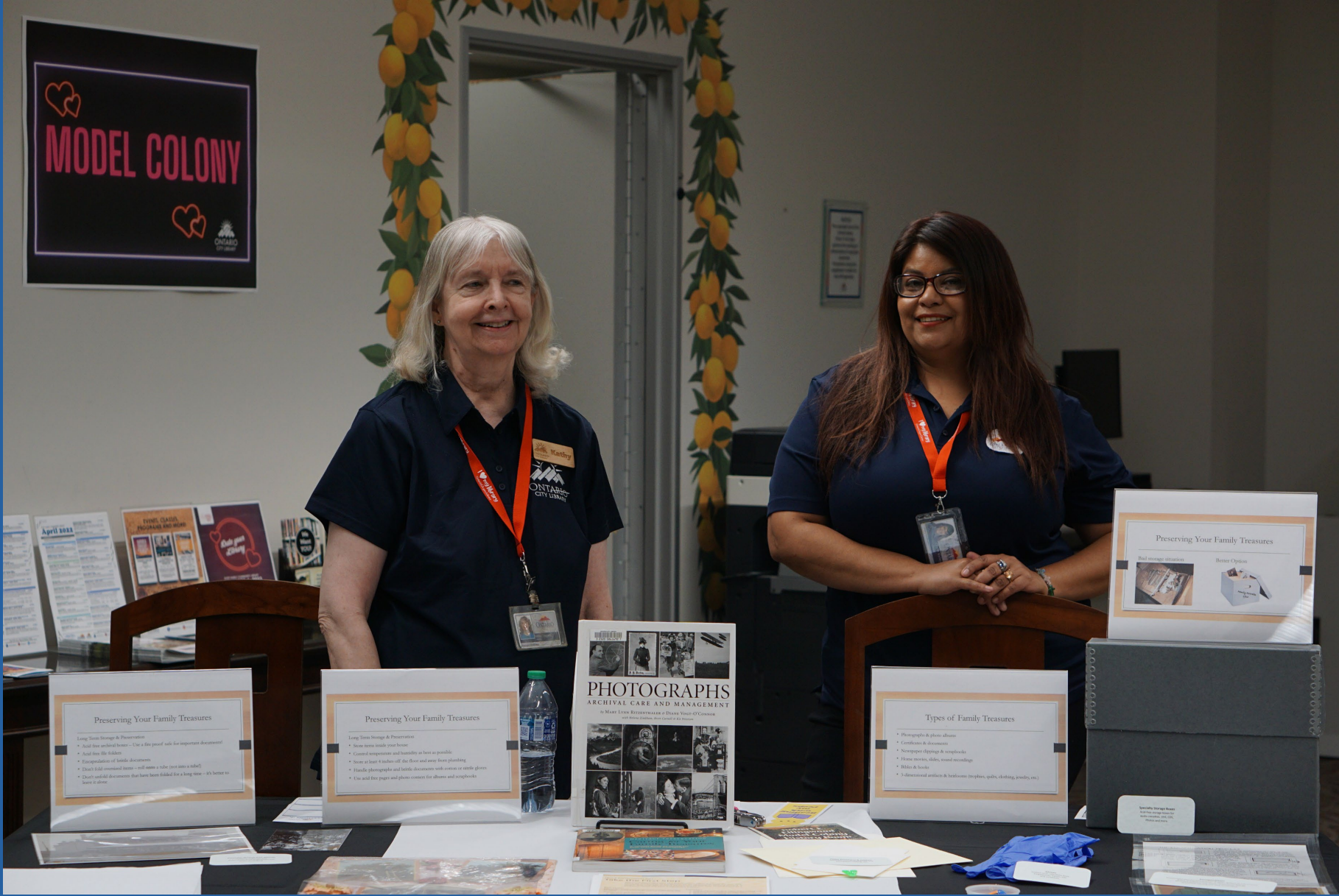
The Ontario City Library will be celebrating its annual National Library Week from April 23 - 29, 2023. The Ovitt Family Community Library will be having its second "Date Your Library" event on Wednesday, April 26 from 5-7pm. Library patrons will have the chance to speed date the library by stopping at specific points throughout the library to get elevator pitches on a variety of programs and services. Kids can simulate working in a library through dramatic play, teens will learn about the various equipment in our lightspeed makerspace, and adults can visit our Model Colony local history room, workforce development office or our veteran's resource to name a few. The Lewis Family Branch will also celebrate National Library Week with the with activities throughout the week and a "Love Learning and the Library" program for adults on 4/25 from 6:30p - 7:30p.

Library staff are asking Library Board members to consider a motion to approve two for the price of one movie checkouts during the entirety of National Library Week.

National Library Week

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March 2023



MODEL COLONY

Preserving Your Family Treasures

Long-Term Storage & Preservation

- Acid-free and buffered boxes – Use a free proof card for important documents
- Acid-free file folders
- Encapsulation of brittle documents
- Don't add unneeded items – will make a table just one is added
- Check out old documents that have been folded for a long time – it's better to leave it alone

Preserving Your Family Treasures

Long-Term Storage & Preservation

- Store items inside cover boxes
- Control temperature and humidity as best as possible
- Store at least 4 inches off the floor and away from plumbing
- Handle photographs and brittle documents with care or inside gloves
- Use acid-free paper and photo corners for albums and scrapbooks

PHOTOGRAPHS
ARCHIVAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT

By Mary Lynn Reitzelwiler & Diane Vucelja-Goswami

Types of Family Treasures

- Photographs in photo albums
- Cardstock or documents
- Newspaper clippings & scrapbooks
- Home movies, slides, sound recordings
- Videos & books
- Antiques and artifacts & heirlooms (jewelry, quilts, clothing, jewelry, etc.)

Preserving Your Family Treasures

Real storage situation

Better Option









CHECKIN' YOU OUT



ENJOY 2 FOR 1 DVD CHECKOUTS

April 3-9



NATIONAL
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