

**LIBRARIANS' GUILD, AFSCME LOCAL 2626
UPDATE**

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SIGN UP FOR LIBRARIANS GUILD TWITTER:

Follow us on Twitter and receive text messages about upcoming meetings, events and news. Just search for the Librarians Guild on Twitter and click "Follow." Once we verify that you are a Guild member, you will receive our Tweets.

MAYOR'S BUDGET SURVEY-BE COUNTED!

Yes, Measure L passed and our library is better funded, but we must continue to remind the Mayor and City Council that our library is important. Please take a few minutes to fill out the Mayor's Budget Survey and encourage all library supporters, including your co-workers, to take the survey, as well. Go to WWW.LAPL.ORG and click on the 2012 Mayor's Community Budget Survey (Located under "What's New").

CITY LIBRARIAN IS LEAVING LAPL:

On Friday, February 10, Martín Gómez announced that he is leaving LAPL to become the Vice-Dean in USC Libraries. His last day will be Monday, March 19. We wish him success and good luck in the new and different challenges that he will face.

O.P.S. TO BE SWALLOWED BY LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT?

Once again, Mayor Villaraigosa may be seeking to transfer the Office of Public Safety to the police department--a move that would further the Mayor's plan to increase LAPD numbers. Roy Stone, Henry Gambill, and Verdel Flores have held meetings with representatives of OPS and two Security Unions, SEIU 721 and LIUNA 777, and are collectively formulating our opposition to the Mayor's plan. The Guild's two concerns are that Librarians would be forced to go through LAPD operators to get help and rely on a busy LAPD to consider library issues a priority concern. In addition, many OPS officers could lose their jobs. None of this bodes well. However, there are no concrete plans that have been presented to anyone at this point.

HIRING COMMITTEE APPROVES PROMOTIONAL EXAMS:

After a long delay, the Hiring Committee has approved promotional exams for Division, Principal, and Senior Librarians. Division and Principal exams are currently showing a tentative March open date, but the Senior exam is listed as "pending." We will let you know as soon as we hear real dates. The Guild will conduct training sessions for interested applicants, so stay tuned. You can also check the City Personnel site: <http://per.lacity.org/exams/MasterCalendarMenu.htm>

WATCH IMPORTANT VIDEO: CITY LIBRARIAN TALKS FUTURE:

Follow these directions to locate a very informative video of the January 4th Adult Information Meeting. There is an interesting Q and A with the City Librarian and the Senior/Principals, where staffing, future reference service, and messenger clerks are just some of the important topics. The video doesn't take long to view and is well worth

watching: (1) Go to <http://inside.lapl.org/broadcast/> (2) Under 'Archived' see 'Adult' on the left, and click on Part 1 to retrieve the videos for the January 4, 2012 meeting. (You may want to fast forward through the earlier parts, but they are interesting.)

HEALTH and SAFETY:

At our last Health and Safety Meeting with Management, one topic of discussion was how to order needed equipment (such as headsets for the telephone) and what to do about broken ergonomic chairs. The answer is to contact Eloisa in the Business Office, but please email the Guild, as well, so we can monitor the situation. Technicians will be sent out to the branches or departments. Rank and File librarians should go through their Seniors, who should, in turn, CC their Area Managers.

SUBSTITUTES--RUMORS ARE FALSE:

There is a rumor that we are nearly out of funds for substitutes in this current fiscal year. This is **NOT TRUE**. Despite requiring heavy Sub usage to cover last year's Thanksgiving and Christmas HT, the library has only spent roughly one half of its Sub budget. So, keep requesting Subs when necessary.

RESTORED WORD PROCESSING (A repeat from the last update):

Many librarians have told us at recent meetings that they did not know that the Guild had helped restore word-processing to the public computers. This is what we wrote in our November 2011 Update: *Since ITA took away the word processing program from our public computers, referring the public to Google Docs or Skydrive, the Librarians Guild has pointed out to management in a series of meetings all the problems inherent with this decision. As a result, management has agreed to restore word processing via WordPad. The restoration should occur at the end of November.* **Postscript:** As we know, WordPad isn't wonderful, but it is easier for many people to use.

AFSCME CALIFORNIA PEOPLE CONFERENCE CONVENTION 2012:

Want to travel to Sacramento and learn how the political arm of AFSCME works? The Guild will pay all expenses (airfare, hotel, etc.) for any Guild members who wish to go as official representatives of Local 2626. Interested? Contact librariansguild@hotmail.com
Date: March 25-26, 2012. Location: Holiday Inn Plaza, 300 J Street, Sacramento, CA.

SUNSHINE:

Condolences to CHELLIE SCHWARTZMAN (Brentwood) on the passing of her mother. Please contact Emma Roublow at San Pedro to inform her of the happy news and the less than good news.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Sat. Feb. 25. 7:15 pm, at Librarians' Guild, AFSCME Local 2626
514 Shatto Place. Los Angeles, CA 90020. All librarians welcome including our as needed librarian substitutes and any of our laid off librarians. Please RSVP at librariansguild@hotmail.com no later than Friday, Feb. 26 by 4 pm. DINNER IS INCLUDED, AS ALWAYS!

Topics of discussion will include the examination process and practice sessions, City Librarian (Now What?), LAPL budget preparation and the Wine and Whine Report.