

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

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER:

Fairfax Branch, October 5. Dinner 6:15; Meeting 7:30

To sign-up for the meeting and reserve your dinner, check out the meeting notice sent via email, or go to: <http://form.jotform.us/form/22717497594165>

HEALTHCARE – MEETING ... LAST CHANCE TO BE HEARD:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 9:00 A.M. City Hall East, 12th floor, CAO Office.

The Joint Labor Management Health Benefits Committee will discuss the Anthem Blue Cross proposal to eliminate UCLA and Cedars Sinai as service providers. If you are concerned about this, you should ATTEND this meeting; the Guild will pay lost time and mileage/parking for librarians. If you cannot attend please email your concerns to librariansguild@hotmail.com. Clerical staff needs to be informed and involved in this, so please SHARE this with ALL STAFF.

PROPOSITION 32 (on November ballot)

Why this matters – The proposition eliminates payroll deduction as a means to fund political causes. Since payroll deduction is the only way that unions fund anything, political or not, the proposition would cripple unions in the political process, while granting virtually free reign to corporations, Super PACs and big business interests. If this proposition passes, the Guild would no longer be able to lobby on important working life issues. In fact, if this was in place in 2011, we would not have been able to be one of the major funding sources to promote the passage of Measure L. Therefore, we are asking all members to BE ACTIVE and help us defeat Proposition 32. Please educate and encourage your friends, family members, and co-workers about this very important ballot proposition. In addition, please volunteer to work the AFSCME phone banking sessions every Thursday night (until November elections) at AFSCME Council 36 HQ. For details, contact librariansguild@hotmail.com.

SENIOR LIBRARIAN INTERVIEWS:

Notices for the civil service interviews were mailed the week of September 24, so if you did not receive your date please call City Personnel, Examining Division.

HALF TIME LIBRARIANS WHO WISH TO BE FULL TIME (& VICE VERSA):

We are still working on this with Management, but the issue rests currently with the Managed Hiring Committee (Mayor, CAO, Personnel, etc.). Evidentially, the committee is focused on cost at this point.

OPS UPDATE ON MERGER INTO LAPD:

As part of the Health and Safety Committee, the Guild has met several times with the Business Office, LAPD and OPS regarding problems that have ensued since the merger.

Please help us by sending your experiences—both good and bad—to Verdel Flores, Health and Safety Chair: vflores@lapl.org

EXPANDED HOURS:

Because of our current depleted staffing levels, compounded by delays in the promotional process, the Librarians' Guild asked Management to consider postponing the October 15 expanded hours date. At issue is our feeling that clerical and librarian staffs should be in place prior to commencing with expanded hours. While Management was unwilling to accommodate our request due to Measure L pressures, they have been considering our proposal to hire and put in "temporary" places the librarians and clerical staff from the newly created civil service lists.

DUSTY BOOK REPORT EXTENSIONS:

The Librarians' Guild has successfully requested extensions for the dusty book reports. The new due date will be December 1, 2012.