Sacramento Public Library Authority

April 26, 2012 **Agenda Item 3.0: Library Volunteer Recognition**

TO: **Sacramento Public Library Authority Board Members**

FROM: **Randi Kay Stephens, Volunteer Services Coordinator**

RE: **Library Volunteer Recognition**

Recommended Action: Information Only.

BACKGROUND

Sacramento Public Library has phenomenal volunteers throughout the entire system including our 28 Branches, Central Library, Bookmobile, Adult Literacy Service, and our Sacramento Room. Volunteers contribute greatly to the library through Geneaology services, Reading to the Dogs programs, serving as docents, helping with computers, serving as homework coaches and so much more. We benefit greatly from the hours of service and financial support of our Friends of Sacramento Public Library at each of our branches and the tremendous work and offerings available at the Book Den. Volunteers with the Foundation support our programs and projects through time and financial support. Sacramento Public Library has a strong tradition of adult and teen volunteerism and our staff and patrons appreciate the time and talent of our valuable volunteers. Volunteers enhance and enrich the library experience for patrons and act as ambassadors for the library in our Sacramento community.

In fiscal year 2010-11, the Sacramento Public Library received more than 50,000 hours of volunteer service in branches alone. Library branch volunteer hours increased by more than 8,000 hours over the previous fiscal year. Over 150 Adult Literacy Service volunteers contributed more than 17,000 hours of instruction with adult learners. The hours that volunteers donate to Sacramento Public Library are the equivalent of *more than 30 full time staff* and provide the Sacramento community with enhancements above what can be provided by paid staff. In total, our volunteers contributed more than $1.6 million dollars* in service hours to Sacramento Public Library.

Each year, the Friends of Sacramento Public Library give countless hours of service at each branch book sale, through service projects, and the administration of the Friends organization. Proceeds from sales benefit our programs and offerings at the Sacramento Public Library. In fiscal year 2010-11, at the Book Den and Warehouse on Belvedere Avenue, volunteers contributed nearly 20,000 hours of service. Service hours at the Book Den and Warehouse equate to more than $400,000 in value!

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A: "Sacramento Public Library Volunteers in Action!"

*Website Independent Sector values California Volunteer Hourly Value for 2010 at $24.18 in dollars per hour saved on labor and benefits: http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time

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SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY
VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!

Volunteers are instrumental in computer coaching, assisting with classes and serving as a docents. Their service is essential to the library system.

SPL volunteers support our outreach efforts in the community, serve as coaches / tutors, and also help keep our branches neat and clean.

Friends of Sacramento Public Library host regular Book Sales and support the library's programs through their financial and volunteer assistance.

Would you like to be part of the fun?
Contact Volunteer Services to get started:
volunteer@saclibrary.org / 916-264-2920