



# Sacramento Public Library Authority

April 25, 2013

## Agenda Item 4.1: Library Volunteer Recognition

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

**FROM:** Cathy Crosthwaite, Volunteer Services Coordinator

**RE:** Library Volunteer Recognition

**Recommended Action:** Information Only.

### **BACKGROUND**

Throughout the Sacramento Public Library's history, volunteers have played an important role by working hard to enhance the services offered to the communities. Volunteers were active throughout the entire system including our 28 branches, Central Library, Bookmobile, Adult Literacy Service and the Sacramento Room. They guided patrons through the maze of genealogy explorations, coached children in their school homework assignments, assisted patrons in finding jobs, sat patiently while children read out loud, cleaned children's books, directed patrons to appropriate sections of the library or with technology questions and so much more. We benefit 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.

In 2012, the library volunteers, adult literacy tutors, and Friends of the Library volunteered over 80,000 hours which is the equivalent of almost \$2,000,000 worth of service.\* Library branch volunteer hours increased from 2011 to 2012 by over 10,000 hours showing that even more time is being given by these community members to improve their neighborhood libraries. The hours that volunteers donate to Sacramento Public Library provide the community with enhancements above what can be provided by paid staff.

Volunteers are passionate about their libraries. They work tirelessly to enhance and enrich the library experience for patrons. Volunteers are our best advocates and take seriously their additional role as ambassadors for the library throughout the Sacramento County community.

\*Website Independent Sector values California Volunteer Hourly Value for 2011 at \$24.75 in dollars per hour saved on labor and benefits: [http://independentsector.org/volunteer\\_time](http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time).



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### **A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY VOLUNTEERS – NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

WHEREAS, Volunteer Week is being celebrated in public libraries throughout the country and Sacramento County, and all of the cities and communities therein from April 21, 2013 to April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Sacramento Public Library volunteers provided 62,465 hours of service in libraries, Adult Literacy volunteers provided 8,432 hours of tutoring for adults looking to improve their education levels, and 9,168 hours in the Friends of the Library Book Den which equates to almost two million dollars' worth of support; and

WHEREAS, volunteers show their commitment to service to the community by homework coaching, job coaching, adult literacy tutoring, data entry, shelf reading, book sorting, book selling, computer training, advocacy and outreach; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are passionate about the Sacramento Public Library and the communities it serves;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board does hereby proclaim Volunteer Week and thank the more than 1900 volunteers who support and enhance our libraries.

**ISSUED: This 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013**

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**Phil Serna, Authority Board Chair**