

Sitka Public Library Commission Meeting  
January 6, 2016

Members Present: Alice Johnstone, Jane Eidler, Cindy Litman, Jan Love, Robb Farmer, Library Director, Ben Miyasato, Assembly Liaison, Marilyn Guhl, Library Staff Liaison

Jan Love, filling in for president Curt Ledford, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December 2, 2016 were approved as presented.

Business:

Guest Comments: Dan Jones, a member of the Police and Fire Commission, offered his good wishes on the completion of the library construction.

Library History: Bill Foster gave a presentation of his plans for a display of the past locations of Sitka libraries to be part of Sitka Public Library's opening. Bill shared a draft of his plans including photos of all the past libraries in Sitka on a map. Kristy Griffin, curator of the Sitka History Museum, will assist on the project. Bill will meet with the Commission next Thursday, January 14, at 6:00 pm with a further update on the display.

Library Construction/Move: The substantial completion inspection was completed on December 23, 2015. Today, January 6, the library reached the occupation status. The construction came in under budget, which allows for items on the Unfunded Alternatives funded. Computers and printers for the Lab have been ordered. Digital signage will be funded along with other items from the prioritized list. The staff is well into preparation for the move. The plan is open for patrons on February 2, 2016.

Government Update: Robb Farmer has been attending the Citizen Task Force meetings each week. The group is determining ways the City may reduce the budget. Robb is working on the 2017 budget that is due the end of February. Thus far budget reduction percent has not been issued to City departments.

Programming: Robb reported on the many December programs at the library. Santa was once again a big hit with young patrons.

The next Sitka Public Library Commission meeting will be February 3, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the new library meeting room. Yes!!