Minutes of the
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD
March 9, 2005

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Leslie Krongold, President Ruth Belikove, Vice President Karen Butter, Board Member Mark Schoenrock, Board Member
Absent:	Alan Mitchell, Board Member
Staff:	Library Director Susan Hardie, Secretary Jenna Gaber, Recording Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

Board member Butter MOVED approval of the Consent Calendar. Board member Schoenrock SECONDED the motion which CARRIED by a unanimous voice vote.

An asterisk indicates items so enacted and adopted on the Consent Calendar.

A. *Report from Library Director highlighting Library Department activities for the month of March 2005. Accepted.

B. *Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board meeting of February 9, 2005. Approved.

C. *Library Services Report for the month of January 2005. Accepted.

D. Report from Finance Department reflecting FY 2003-04 Library expenditures (by fund) through February 2005. Accepted.

E. Bills for ratification. Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Main Library Project Update

Library Director Hardie stated that the contractor is ready to start construction of the new Main Library on March 15th. Equipment and trailers are being moved onto the site starting tomorrow.

Board member Belikove thanked the Library Director for all her hard work to get to this point.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Donor Recognition

Board member Butter stated that the art sub-team met prior to the Library Board meeting. A draft policy on donor recognition is being drawn up for the Library Board to review. The Board will then make a recommendation to the City Council for approval.
The team felt that it is time to move forward on the medallions that are being placed on the exterior of the new main library.

B. Library Building Team (M. Hartigan)

Library Director Hardie stated that the Library Building Team will meet on April 7th.

C. Alameda Free Library Foundation (R. Belikove)

Board member Belikove reported that the solicitation letter that was sent out was not as profitable as the one sent out the previous year. A sub-committee was formed to decide how to handle donations that come in. No events have been planned yet.

D Friends of the Alameda Free Library (M. Skeen)

Molly Skeen reported that the Friends book sale at the "O" Club raised over $9,000. Ms. Skeen thanked the Library Director for helping the Friends reserve the "O" Club. The next book sale will be in June. On March 19th the Junior Friends will have a storytime at the Bay Farm Branch Library. On April 26th the Friends will sponsor author Pam Chun at the Interim Main Library.

E. Library Building Watch (L. Krongold)

Leslie Krongold reported that the next newsletter will go out this month. There will be a Library Logo meeting on March 10th. She feels that the team is coming close to a final logo.

F. Patron suggestions/comments (Speak-Outs) and Library Director's response.

Library Director Hardie responded to 12 input/feedback forms regarding: patron complaint about being harassed by another patron with pornographic images at the computer station; patron concern about the library purchasing a book that only one person has requested; please purchase the following DVD's *Requiem for a Dream, Last Exit to Brooklyn, Belle Époque, Bettlejuice, Harry Potter, Mystery Science Theater 3000, Friends, Horatio Hornblower Series, Final Analysis, The Art & Skill of Public Speaking,* and *A Cinderella Story.* Please purchase books on travel; and, please remove the T*ravel Holiday* sticker from the magazine section since we no longer subscribe to it.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

None.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board member Butter commented that several libraries have purchased access to the Overdrive audio book collection. She asked if the Alameda Library would also purchase it. Library Director Hardie stated that we expect to participate beginning next fiscal year.

Board member Butter asked how we were able to have additional funds put into the Library's budget. Library Director Hardie stated that there had been a clerical error early on in the budget process and that it had been corrected.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Schoenrock MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Board member Butter SECONDED the motion which CARRIED by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hardie, Secretary