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TO: Library Advisory Commission

FROM: Monique le Conge Ziesenhenné, Library Director

RE: Library Director's Report, Nov/Dec 2016

- As a follow-up to the meeting about College Terrace, you'll find a report by Alex Perez. Please let me know if you have any questions, ideally ahead of the meeting, so that I can find out anything, as needed.
- The PLP bicycle grant has been completed, including purchase of the 2 bicycles, creation of the Walk/Roll to Libraries map (available in print and online), installation of 2 bicycle repair stations, and public/family programs. As you've been following, the process extended over the fall and the result has been great.
- This year, the library has been awarded another PLP Innovation Grant (<http://www.plpinfo.org/innovation-grants/>) to pilot robot greeters and a 3D modeling workstation. Two staff attended the Consumer Electronics Show recently and reported that there are a great variety of robot possibilities, some which are "very cute." The grant runs through fall of 2017 and will include looking at user experience in the test.
- The bookdrops have been installed at Mitchell Park and Rinconada. Rinconada is functioning and Mitchell Park will be operational by mid-January.
- Staff attended the California Library Association annual conference in Sacramento. Library Director participated in a presentation regarding using consultants in public libraries: Help is On the Way: Using Consultants Effectively.
- Library Director attended the following meetings: California State Library Public Library Directors' Forum in Sacramento, Library Journal Directors' Forum regarding sustainability in public libraries in Sacramento, American Library Association Midwinter Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- Managers toured Foothill College Campus as guests of the president, Thuy Thi Nguyen, and are considering partnership opportunities there. The contact allowed us to promote our resources in their library and learning commons.
- Karol Gallucci retired from the City at the end of December. We are working on a temporary hourly replacement until a recruitment can begin.
- New library staff members had a 2-day orientation with our organizational consultant; no work had been done in 2016, so the new group was fairly large, showing how our succession planning has resulted in successful hirings. In January, all staff will attend a ½ day training on the topic of change and how to handle stress.