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President

Community Outreach

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Library Divisions

Engagement and Learning
Emerging Technology and Collections

Areas of Special Interest

- Strategic Plan Implementation
- Assisting in the development of Friends of the Library locations
- Increase M/FBE contract opportunities
- Diversification of library collection
- Rehabilitation of the Washington Irving Library
- Explore expanding the African American Oral History Collection
- Explore creating micro grant program
- Expand financial literacy classes
- Add dual enrollment to our high school program

Other Activities

- Create connection between 211 and local branches
- Create commission sponsored educational events

Linda Blank
Vice President

Community Outreach

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- CD #5
- CD #6

Library Divisions

Branch Library Services

Areas of Special Interest

- Strategic Plan Implementation
- Branch access to services of library experience office
- Community engagement with branches
- Expanding central library programs to branches
- Explore creating micro grant program
- Expand financial literacy classes
- Add dual enrollment to our high school program
- Expanding of programs with local schools

Other Activities

- Attend LA Library Foundation meetings
- Meet with branch library director, senior librarians and area managers
- Support for outside groups to perform or create programs in the library
- Support community outreach programs

Hiram Sims
Commissioner

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Library Divisions

Engagement and Learning

Areas of Special Interest

- Adding creative writing courses to the library system
- Adding book publishing classes to the library system
- Preserving the technology 2 go bundle system for people without computers
- Increasing the awareness of social services through the library
- Creating a clear pathway for writers to get their books in the library system
- Creating a clear pathway for performers to get paid to do library performances

Other Activities

Kelly Besser
Commissioner

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Library Divisions

Library Experience Office
Central Library Services

Areas of Special Interest

- Strategic Plan Implementation
- Canon busting collection development
- Budget support of Mayor's Office EDIA
- LAPL services support of Inside Safe Initiative
- Programming collaborations between UCLA Library and LAPL
- Celebration and promotion of zine collections
- Amplification of underrepresented communities, cultures, and collections
- Continuation of Drag Queen Story Hours and LGBTQIA+ programming and collection development

Other Activities

- Meet with branch library directors, assistant directors, senior librarians and area managers
- Meet with research, special collections manager, business office, library experience team
- Plan site visits to every branch library
- Tour central library and attend program events

Mayra Valadez
Commissioner

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- CD # 3
- CD # 7

Library Divisions

Library Experience Office
New Americans Program

Areas of Special Interest

- Exploring adding a music catalog to library services, which can look like paying for an online subscription service for LAPL patrons
- Budget support
- Attending meetings between library branch leaders and the LAPD working group
- Expanding workshops for first-time home buyers
- Community partnerships with organizations like Ciclavia, participation in annual community events like Summer Night Lights, and community-specific festivals like Reseda Rising, etc.
- Partnerships with influencers and Hollywood artists and LAPL
- Developing and understanding current partnerships with community institutions: community clinics serving Medi-Cal population, food banks, family source centers, houses of workshop, etc.

Other Activities