

CalPERS delays contribution rate hike next year

By **Ed Mendel** | 11/25/09 12:00 AM PST

CalPERS is delaying a contribution rate hike for local governments and schools a year, pushing back the impact of huge investment losses in the stock market crash last year.

The change puts even more distance between the historic crash and the higher annual payments from employers needed to make up for the losses, which will not fully kick in until five or six years later.

If the critics are right and the current level of retirement benefits are "unsustainable" for future employees, the financial crunch may not be a sudden rate shock but instead a kind of slow-motion train wreck over a number of years.

In any case, there will be no big CalPERS rate hike to point to next year during the campaign for an initiative to cut retirement benefits for new state and local government hires, if enough signatures are gathered to put the measure on the ballot.

Ron Seeling, the CalPERS chief actually, told a board committee last week that what had been expected to be three years of roughly equal rate increases will now have little or no increase in the first year.

Seeling said the rate increases approved by the CalPERS board last June were based on an estimate that investment losses during the fiscal year that ended that month would be 29 percent, but the amount turned out to be 24 percent.

"I wanted to make you aware that the 5 percent better performance than we had anticipated does have that impact," he said.

There will now be little or no change in the contribution rate for non-teaching school employees next July 1, the first year of a three-year "smoothing" of the rate increase required by the market crash.

And there will be little change in the contribution rate for the 2,000 local government agencies in CalPERS on July 1, 2011, when their three-year smoothing starts after a lag caused by reporting and the time needed for the many actuarial calculations.

"It's really a two-year phase-in and it comes two years out for the local governments," said Seeling.

Facing opposition from the Schwarzenegger administration, the CalPERS board has taken no action on a contribution increase for state workers scheduled to begin next July along with the new rate for non-teaching school employees.

The administration opposed the proposed smoothing plan that pushes the big contribution increase required by the market crash into the future, arguing that CalPERS and future state budgets could be harmed by deferring payments.

"While the proposal achieves short-term savings, the employer rate would increase for 28 years thereafter as a result of that deferral," Dave Gilb, Personnel Administration director and a CalPERS board member said in a letter last June.

"It resembles a form of borrowing from the fund because the employer rates are lower for two years, but must be paid back with higher rates in future years," he said.

Gilb estimated that the state payment to CalPERS, \$3.3 billion this fiscal year, should increase \$879 million next July to reflect the crash. He said the increase under the proposed smoothing would be a small fraction of that, about \$29 million.

But things have changed since June. Gilb retired, replaced by Debbie Endsley. More importantly, nonpartisan Legislative Analyst Mac Taylor estimated last week that the state budget has a \$21 billion shortfall over the next year and a half.

Seeling told the CalPERS board last week that his staff has given the Schwarzenegger administration a half dozen options for increasing contributions for state workers.

Greg Beatty, Endsley's board representative, thanked Seeling and said the administration will respond next month. Seeling said CalPERS wanted to accommodate the administration, but it "goes without saying" that the CalPERS board can set the rate.

"We could have set the rate for the state using the same methodology that we used for everybody else and said, 'If you would like to pay it faster, send in some extra money,'" said Seeling, "and that may be where this turns out."

A chart given to the CalPERS board last spring shows that after the three-year smoothing, contribution rates for most workers were expected to slowly climb for three decades, going from roughly 17 percent of payroll now to 27 percent.

The actuaries said they were treating the market crash as a unique event, "isolating" its cost from the rest of the fund and paying it off over 30 years with contribution increases.

"We believe that this year should be handled differently and that it should be paid separately and outside the smoothing process," the actuaries told the board. "We do not want to rely on future investment returns to pay for the 2008-09 investment losses."

Critics who argue that the current level of retirement benefits are "unsustainable" and should be reduced for new hires say CalPERS is too optimistic about its expected investment earnings, an annual average of 7.75 percent.

Among the experts who think average earnings will be less than 7.75 percent in the years ahead is Laurence Fink, chairman of BlackRock, the world's largest money managing firm, who spoke to the CalPERS board last summer.

The CalPERS chief investment officer, Joe Dear, addressed the earnings issue last week during his monthly report to the board. He said 5.25 percent of the earnings assumption is "real" and 2.5 percent is inflation.

Dear said the 7.75 percent earnings assumption is below the national average for pension funds, 8 percent, and below the earnings average of CalPERS during the last two decades, 7.9 percent.

He said CalPERS believes, among other things, that stocks will yield 3 to 4 percent more on average than bonds and that private equity investments will average 3 percent more than domestic stocks.

Dear said he might agree with money managers, who tend to have a short-term investment horizon, that earnings may average 6 percent in the short term. But, he said, CalPERS has decades in which to repeat its past investment performance.

"It will take prudence, discipline, conviction and skill to repeat this performance over the next 20 years," Dear said. "But I believe we have what it takes."

If CalPERS earnings fall short of their target, the annual contributions required from state and local governments will grow even larger, taking money that could be used for other programs.

But as the aftermath of the historic stock market crash apparently shows, the financial squeeze could take years to play out.

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**DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY
DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
8/18/09 – 9/21/09**

LIBRARY PROGRAMS / SERVICES / OPERATIONS

- The Library staff has explored how to prepare the Library to cope with the expected H1N1 pandemic. Our emphasis will be on preventative measures and public awareness.
- In partnership with the Dixon Historical Society, the Library is converting the oral history files (audio and video) into digital formats which can then be available on the website.

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- The Solano County Librarian position is likely to remain vacant for an extended period of time.
- A stimulus grant proposal has been submitted to the Federal government for high-speed broadband capability through the Sacramento Valley (Redding, Chico, Marysville/Yuba City, Woodland, Davis, and Dixon areas). \$212 million has been requested. If funded, the grant would include libraries and educational institutions as well as other civic and community partners.

OTHER

- I participated in the orientation session for school board candidates on September 14.

**DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY
DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
9/22/09 – 10/19/09**

LIBRARY PROGRAMS / SERVICES / OPERATIONS

- In partnership with the Dixon Historical Society, the Library is exploring the possibility of retrieving and reviewing historical records which have long been stored in two storage containers at Silveyville School. We believe that many of the Library District's early records were placed there together with early school district records.
- Library staff have completed 2 site visits authorized by the Commission, and visited 8 new public library buildings.
- Goodwill will conduct its first Dixon job training class using space provided by the Library District on 10/19/09.
- Over 30 people attended the second Community Forum to see examples of new public library buildings.

SNAP / NBCLS

- I have attended a workshop on Open Source Library Software, which seems to offer great potential for SNAP to replace its aging integrated library system at a cost that is almost 1/10th of what we might otherwise need to pay.

OTHER

- I met with new Commissioner Olivia Stringer on three occasions to conduct her orientation sessions.
- Nancy Schrott (Reference / Adult Services Librarian) retired on Friday, October 16.

**DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY
DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
10/20/09 – 11/16/09**

LIBRARY PROGRAMS / SERVICES / OPERATIONS

- It turned out to be relatively easy to get the DHS branch library up and running. Three teams of volunteers were trained, the on-site computer system was checked and found to be in good working order, and the patron tables and chairs were returned to their regular positions. Service began on 11/10/09.
- North Bay Schools Insurance (from which we get our coverage) conducted our biennial inspection on 11/09/09. Only one recommendation was made: to put identification labels on a few of the electric breaker switches in one of the electrical boxes.
- Over two dozen people attended the third Community Forum to learn about the results of the public opinion polling conducted by Godbe Research.

SNAP / NBCLS

- At this point in time, it appears likely that Solano County will delay recruitment of a new county librarian for upwards of a year.

OTHER

- I attended the 10/27/09 meeting of the Dixon City Council, at which the mid-term update of the five year redevelopment plan was discussed. The updated plan now includes the new library facility as one of the goals for financial support.
- At the 11/5/09 meeting of the Downtown Dixon Business Association merchants, I provided a short briefing and update on our work concerning the new library facility, and reported some of the data from the Godbe survey.

Comparison Measure B Revenue 08/09 to 09/10

Bolded dates are catch up checks

Period Covered		Period Covered	
7/1/08-7/14/08	\$50,510.06	6/12/08-7/13/09	\$36,915.73
7/15/08-8/13/08	\$67,349.97	7/14/09-8/13/09	\$47,261.72
5/14/2008-9/12/2008	\$46,264.81	5/14/2009-9/14/2009	\$52,315.29
9/13/08-10/14/08	\$46,959.04	9/15/2009-10/14/2009	\$41,343.64
10/15/08-11/14/08	\$62,608.96	10/15/09-11/13/09	\$43,864.82
8/14/08-12/11/08	\$51,849.47		
12/12/08-1/14/09	\$43,217.85		
1/15/09-2/13/09	\$47,400.23		
11/15/08-03/12/09	\$56,627.54		
3/13/09-4/14=3/09	\$33,233.91		
4/14/09-5/13/2009	\$45,466.15		
2/15/2009-6/12/2009	\$44,540.57		
Total	\$596,028.56	Total	\$221,701.20
Total 7/1/08-11/14/08	\$273,692.84	Total 6/12/08-10/14/09	\$221,701.20

Dixon Public Library Budget and Accounts 2009-2010 IMPACT FEE

		FY2008-2009 BUDGET and ACCOUNTS							
11/3/2009	smm								
		FY08-09	FY08-09		FY09-10	FY09-10			
		Budget	Final End of FY		Proposed Budget	Actual as of			
		(Approved)	8/7/2009			10/31/2009			
REVENUES:									
9401	Interest	\$9,000	\$39,077.78	434.2%	\$12,000.00	\$140.26	1.2%		
9601	Building Use Fees	\$65,000	\$48,660.03	74.9%	\$20,000.00	\$17,015.91	85.1%		
	REVENUE TOTAL	\$74,000	\$87,737.81		\$32,000.00	\$17,156.17			
	Transfer from Fund Balance (740)								
	REVENUE GRAND TOTAL	\$74,000	\$87,737.81	118.6%	\$32,000.00	\$17,156.17	53.6%		
EXPENDITURES:									
2200	Office Expenses					\$0.00			
2235	Accounting and Financial Service	\$650	\$0.00	0.0%	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.0%		
4101	Land	\$1,176,000	\$1,175,042.82	99.9%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted		
4202	Construction in Progress	\$0	\$0.00		\$31,800.00	\$41,575.37	130.7%		
	TOTAL	\$1,176,650	\$1,175,042.82	99.9%	\$32,000.00	\$41,575.37			
	EXPENDITURES GRAND TOTAL	\$1,176,650	\$1,175,042.82	99.9%	\$32,000.00	\$41,575.37			
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$74,000	\$87,737.81	118.6%	\$32,000.00	\$17,156.17	53.6%		
	EXPENSES (BUDGET=NON-RESERVE/ACTUAL=TOTAL)	\$1,176,650.00	\$1,175,042.82	99.9%	\$32,000.00	\$41,575.37	129.9%		
	BALANCE		-\$1,087,305.01			-\$24,419.20			
	TO (FROM) FUND BALANCE AND RESERVES	-\$1,102,650.00							

SORT ORDER: SECTION within BUREAU within DIVISION within DEPTMNT within SUBOBJ within CATEGORY within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428 ; BUDG CATEGORY: 1000-9990,EX8500

Fund Fund Description
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 428 DIXON PUBLIC LIB DISTRICT-PFF

Object	Description	Budget	Adjustments	Mo Actual	YTD Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	Pct.
2000	Services and Supplies							
0002235	ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL SE	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
2000	Services and Supplies	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
4000	Fixed Assets							
0004101	LAND	31,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,800.00	
0004202	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	0.00	0.00	343.48	41,575.37	0.00	-41,575.37	9999%
4000	Fixed Assets	31,800.00	0.00	343.48	41,575.37	0.00	-9,775.37	131%
9400	Revenue From Use Of Money/Prop							
0009401	INTEREST INCOME	12,000.00	0.00	33.29	140.26	0.00	11,859.74	1%
9400	Revenue From Use Of Money	12,000.00	0.00	33.29	140.26	0.00	11,859.74	1%
9600	Charges For Services							
0009601	BUILDING USE FEES	20,000.00	0.00	16.54	17,015.91	0.00	2,984.09	85%
9600	Charges For Services	20,000.00	0.00	16.54	17,015.91	0.00	2,984.09	85%
Total Revenue		32,000.00	0.00	49.83	17,156.17	0.00	14,843.83	54%
Total Expense		32,000.00	0.00	343.48	41,575.37	0.00	-9,575.37	130%
				-293.65	-24,419.20			

SORT ORDER: CATEGORY within Object Type within DEPTMNT within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428 ; BUDG CATEGORY: 1000-9990,EX8500

Fund	Fund Description	Dept.	Department Description						
428	DIXON PUBLIC LIB DISTRICT-PFF	9428	DIXON PUB LIBRARY DISTRICT-PFF						
Object	Description	Budget	Adustments	Mo. Actual	YTD Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	Pct.	
9400	Revenue From Use Of Money	12,000.00	0.00	33.29	140.26	0.00	11,859.74	1%	
9600	Charges For Services	20,000.00	0.00	16.54	17,015.91	0.00	2,984.09	85%	
	Total Revenue	32,000.00	0.00	49.83	17,156.17	0.00	14,843.83	54%	
2000	Services and Supplies	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		
4000	Fixed Assets	31,800.00	0.00	343.48	41,575.37	0.00	-9,775.37	131%	
	Total Expense	32,000.00	0.00	343.48	41,575.37	0.00	-9,575.37	130%	
			Total Revenue		17,156.17				
			Total Expense		41,575.37				
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					-24,419.20				
Fund Total - Revenue		32,000.00	0.00	49.83	17,156.17	0.00	14,843.83	54%	
Fund Total - Expense		32,000.00	0.00	343.48	41,575.37	0.00	-9,575.37	130%	
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					-24,419.20				

SORT ORDER: CATEGORY within Object Type within DEPTMNT within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428 ; BUDG CATEGORY: 1000-9990,EX8500

Object	Description	Budget	Adustments	Mo. Actual	YTD Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	Pct.	
Grand Total - Revenue		1,042,899.00	0.00	56,174.61	178,674.20	0.00	864,224.80	17%	
Grand Total - Expense		1,042,899.00	0.00	89,236.75	338,991.68	0.00	703,907.32	33%	
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					-160,317.48				

SORT ORDER: SUBOBJ within ACCTYPE within within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428

Fund Fund Description
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428 DIXON PUBLIC LIB DISTRICT-PFF

	Account Code	***** Sub-Account ***** Debits	***** Credits	***** Account ***** Debits	***** Credits
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Assets:					
CASH IN TREASURY	0000010	30,806.08			
Cash in Treasury	010			30,806.08	
LAND	0000310	1,175,042.82			
LAND	310			1,175,042.82	
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	0000360	41,575.37			
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	360			41,575.37	
Total Assets				1,247,424.27	0.00
Liabilities and Equities:					
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS	0000699		8,815.00		
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS / EBT	505				8,815.00
FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE	0000740		46,410.28		
FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE	740				46,410.28
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS,NET	0000770		1,216,618.19		
INVESTMNTS IN GEN FIXED ASSETS	770				1,216,618.19
REVENUES	810				17,156.17
EXPENDITURES	820			41,575.37	
BUDGETED REVENUE	0000910	32,000.00			
BUDGETED REVENUE	910			32,000.00	
APPROPRIATIONS	0000930		32,000.00		
APPROPRIATIONS	930				32,000.00
Total Liabilities and Equities				73,575.37	1,320,999.64

SORT ORDER: SUBOBJ within ACCTTYPE within within within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428

Fund Fund Description
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 428 DIXON PUBLIC LIB DISTRICT-PFF

Account Code	***** Sub-Account *****	***** Account *****
*****	Debits Credits	Debits Credits
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** Fund Totals **		1,320,999.64 1,320,999.64

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11/3/09 smm		FY2008-2009 BUDGET and ACCOUNTS			FY2009-2010 BUDGET and ACCOUNTS		
		FY 08-09	FY 08-09		FY 09-10	FY 09-10	
		Budget	Actual as of		Budget	Actual as of	
		(Approved)	5/31/2009		(Proposed)	10/31/2009	
REVENUES:							
9000	Property Tax and other taxes	\$351,755	\$334,283.05	95.0%	\$312,555.00	\$136,533.08	43.7%
9001	Current Secured		\$305,329.01	Not Budgeted	\$285,209.09	\$0.00	0.0%
9002	Current Unsecured		\$12,193.82	Not Budgeted	\$11,108.99	\$0.00	0.0%
9003	Prior Unsecured		\$608.17	Not Budgeted	\$619.95	\$0.00	0.0%
9004	Supplemental Secured		\$762.64	Not Budgeted	\$242.07	\$0.00	0.0%
9005	Prior Secured		\$243.88	Not Budgeted	\$243.88	\$0.00	0.0%
9018	Unitary		\$15,145.53	Not Budgeted	\$15,131.02	\$40.34	0.3%
9015	Measure B Revenue	\$649,029	\$508,021.84	78.3%	\$557,280.00	\$136,492.74	24.5%
9400	Revenue from Use of Money	\$50,531	\$23,545.27	46.6%		\$0.00	Not Budgeted
9401	Interest Income				\$26,000.00	\$3,428.15	13.2%
9405	Income From Rentals				\$10,000.00	\$4,150.00	41.5%
9505/9507	Intergovernmental Revenues	\$4,392	\$3,559.05	81.0%	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	0.0%
9561	State Aid Stabilization	\$0	\$0.00	Not Budgeted	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
9569	State Other (PLF, ILL, TBR)	\$34,500	\$41,721.84	120.9%	\$51,488.00	\$9,331.45	18.1%
9591	Grant Revenue	\$0	\$0.00	Not Budgeted	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
9592	Redevelopment/Other revenue	\$0	\$31,276.41	3244651.8%	\$31,276.00	\$0.00	0.0%
9603	Photo/Microfiche Copies	\$1,170	\$2,713.75	231.9%	\$3,000.00	\$1,065.55	35.5%
9605	Library Fines	\$13,000	\$12,389.32	95.3%	\$13,500.00	\$3,951.30	29.3%
9663/9703	Redevelopment/Other Revenue	\$29,924	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
9704	Donations	\$1,000	\$195.00	19.5%	\$2,500.00	\$2,725.00	109.0%
9708	Misc. sales other	\$0	\$1,427.40	Not Budgeted	\$1,500.00	\$333.50	22.2%
	REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,135,301.00	\$959,132.93		\$1,010,899.00	\$161,518.03	
	Transfer from Fund Balance (740)	\$495,000.00	\$495,000.00	Not Budgeted	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
	Transfer from Reserve (730)	\$0	\$0.00	Not Budgeted	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
	Transfer from Reserve (709)	\$0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
	REVENUE GRAND TOTAL	\$1,630,301.00	\$1,454,132.93		\$1,010,899.00	\$161,518.03	

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11/3/09 smm		FY2008-2009 BUDGET and ACCOUNTS			FY2009-2010 BUDGET and ACCOUNTS		
		FY 08-09 Budget (Approved)	FY 08-09 Actual as of 5/31/2009		FY 09-10 Budget (Proposed)	FY 09-10 Actual as of 10/31/2009	
EXPENDITURES:							
1110	SALARIES AND WAGES--PERM EMP	\$469,806	\$411,144.04	87.5%	\$420,062.00	\$143,173.46	34.1%
1121	SALARIES AND WAGES--EXTRA HELP	\$27,228	\$38,364.60	140.9%	\$46,324.00	\$9,628.57	20.8%
1131	CALL BACK	\$3,000	\$103.65	3.5%	\$200.00	\$111.98	56.0%
1210	RETIREMENT--PERS	\$99,341	\$86,126.34	86.7%	\$88,625.00	\$29,269.69	33.0%
1220	RETIREMENT--FICA	\$38,635	\$34,068.67	88.2%	\$36,541.00	\$13,040.05	35.7%
1230	HEALTH INS	\$77,846	\$38,848.72	49.9%	\$74,161.00	\$2,072.32	2.8%
1240	COMPENSATION INS	\$4,884	\$3,534.62	72.4%	\$2,887.00	\$2,748.80	95.2%
1260	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$0	\$0.00	Not Budgeted	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
1260	DENTAL INS	\$9,320	\$5,569.55	59.8%	\$9,886.00	\$0.00	0.0%
1270	ACCRUED LEAVE	\$0	\$0.00	Not Budgeted	\$17,320.00	\$17,544.04	101.3%
							Not Budgeted
	TOTAL (PERSONNEL)	\$730,060.00	\$617,760.19	84.6%	\$696,006.00	\$217,588.91	31.3%
							Not Budgeted
2028	TELEPHONE	\$5,500	\$5,151.84	93.7%	\$8,500.00	\$2,353.92	27.7%
2030	FOOD	\$500	\$731.60	146.3%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2035	HOUSEHOLD/RUBBISH	\$2,000	\$2,340.64	117.0%	\$3,000.00	\$765.21	25.5%
2055	INSURANCE-OTHER	\$2,500	\$2,501.00	100.0%	\$3,000.00	\$3,419.00	114.0%
2120	MAINT. EQUIP.	\$3,000	\$6,021.00	200.7%	\$5,000.00	\$1,483.28	29.7%
2140	MAINT. BLDG.	\$4,400	\$18,871.39	428.9%	\$4,500.00	\$1,076.93	23.9%
2141	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,408.84	120.4%	\$0.00	\$605.80	Not Budgeted
2170	MEMBERSHIPS	\$4,000	\$3,806.00	95.2%	\$4,000.00	\$4,941.00	123.5%
2175	MISC. EXPENSES	\$500	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2178	FEES AND PERMITS	\$350	\$268.69	76.8%	\$350.00	\$191.79	54.8%
2178	CASH SHORTAGES	\$100	\$6.27	6.3%	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%
2180	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$500	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2200	OFFICE EXPENSES	\$8,000	\$6,958.72	87.0%	\$5,000.00	\$1,219.80	24.4%
2201	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$3,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2203	COMPUTER COMPONENTS (< \$1500)	\$1,000	\$603.61	60.4%	\$1,000.00	\$471.33	47.1%
2205	POSTAGE	\$1,000	\$1,047.03	104.7%	\$1,000.00	\$209.77	21.0%
2220	MICROFILM	\$900	\$0.00	0.0%	\$900.00	\$0.00	0.0%
2235	FINANCIAL FEES	\$20,000	\$22,889.40	114.4%	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
2236	CONSULTING SERVICES	\$3,000	\$125.00	4.2%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2239	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$2,000	\$595.00	29.8%	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
2245	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$141,867	\$119,793.32	84.4%	\$143,867.00	\$30,533.14	21.2%
2250	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,000	\$4,179.00	209.0%	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
2255	CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEE	\$100	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2260	DATA PROCESSING	\$100	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted

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11/3/09 smm		FY2008-2009 BUDGET and ACCOUNTS			FY2009-2010 BUDGET and ACCOUNTS		
		FY 08-09	FY 08-09		FY 09-10	FY 09-10	
		Budget	Actual as of		Budget	Actual as of	
		(Approved)	5/31/2009		(Proposed)	10/31/2009	
2261	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$2,000	\$2,953.55	147.7%	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
2280	PUBLICATIONS AND LEGAL NOTICES	\$1,200	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2281	ADVERTISING AND MARKETING	\$10,000	\$11,395.43	114.0%	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	25.0%
2285	RENTS AND LEASES--EQUIP	\$4,700	\$3,349.11	71.3%	\$3,500.00	\$1,376.52	39.3%
2295	RENTS AND LEASES--BLDGS	\$0	\$0.00	Not Budgeted	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2301	SMALL TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS	\$100	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2310	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	\$1,000	\$1,059.92	106.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2311	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,000	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2312	BINDERY	\$500	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2320	LIBRARY SOFTWARE	\$2,000	\$1,460.00	73.0%	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
2322	LIBRARY ADULT BOOKS	\$40,000	\$25,448.23	63.6%	\$25,000.00	\$6,357.77	25.4%
2323	LIBRARY--CHILDREN'S BOOKS	\$45,000	\$25,268.31	56.2%	\$25,000.00	\$6,552.84	26.2%
2324	LIBRARY--PERIODICALS	\$10,000	\$11,605.47	116.1%	\$8,000.00	\$630.25	7.9%
2325	LIBRARY--AV	\$12,000	\$7,246.61	60.4%	\$5,000.00	\$1,103.26	22.1%
2326	LIBRARY BOOK RENTAL	\$10,000	\$9,540.00	95.4%	\$6,000.00	\$5,724.00	95.4%
2327	LIBRARY MATERIALS PROCESS	\$11,000	\$5,827.99	53.0%	\$5,627.00	\$361.66	6.4%
2328	EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS	\$500	\$3,741.00	748.2%	\$2,000.00	\$1,350.00	67.5%
2335	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$2,500	\$1,961.98	78.5%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2337	REFRESHMENTS	\$300	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2339	MANAGEMENT BUSINESS EXPENSES	\$1,175	\$304.80	25.9%	\$0.00	\$26.28	Not Budgeted
2355	PERSONAL MILEAGE	\$3,000	\$926.03	30.8%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
2360	UTILITIES	\$15,000	\$12,235.14	81.6%	\$15,500.00	\$4,859.68	31.4%
2361	WATER	\$4,500	\$2,483.85	55.2%	\$4,000.00	\$969.39	24.7%
							Not Budgeted
	TOTAL SVCS&SUPL	\$385,792	\$325,104.77	84.3%	\$310,844.00	\$79,602.62	25.6%
	SubTotal - Library Materials(2222-2326)	\$117,000	\$79,108.62	67.6%	\$69,000.00	\$20,368.12	29.5%
							Not Budgeted
3020	Refund of prior year charge	\$500	\$1,717.72	343.5%	\$4,000.00	\$224.78	5.6%
3420	RETURNED CHECKS	\$49	\$8.00	16.3%	\$49.00	\$0.00	0.0%
							Not Budgeted
4101	LAND	\$450,000	\$426,495.70	94.8%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
4201	BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$2,500	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
4202	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	\$50,000	\$64,139.97	128.3%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
4303	EQUIPMENT	\$8,900	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
4304	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$2,500	\$3,526.13	141.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
							Not Budgeted
	TOTAL	\$513,900.00	\$494,161.80	96.2%	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Budgeted
							Not Budgeted
							Not Budgeted
							Not Budgeted
	EXPENDITURES GRAND TOTAL	\$1,630,301.00	\$1,438,752.48	88.3%	\$1,010,899.00	\$297,416.31	29.4%

SORT ORDER: SECTION within BUREAU within DIVISION within DEPTMNT within SUBOBJ within CATEGORY within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428 ; BUDG CATEGORY: 1000-9990,EX8500

Fund	Fund Description	Dept.	Department Description	Object	Description	Budget	Adjustments	Mo. Actual	YTD Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	Pct.
426	DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	9886	DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY									
1000	Salaries and Employee Benefits											
0001110	SALARY/WAGES REGULAR	420,062.00	0.00	38,412.51	143,173.46	0.00	276,888.54	34%				
0001121	SALARY/WAGES-EXTRA HELP	46,324.00	0.00	1,999.72	9,628.57	0.00	36,695.43	21%				
0001131	SALARY/WAGES OT/CALL-BACK	200.00	0.00	0.00	111.98	0.00	88.02	56%				
0001210	RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	88,625.00	0.00	7,801.76	29,269.69	0.00	59,355.31	33%				
0001220	FICA-EMPLOYER	36,541.00	0.00	4,433.66	13,040.05	0.00	23,500.95	36%				
0001230	HEALTH INS-EMPLOYER	74,161.00	0.00	0.00	2,072.32	0.00	72,088.68	3%				
0001240	COMPENSATION INSURANCE	2,887.00	0.00	1,356.80	2,748.80	0.00	138.20	95%				
0001260	DENTAL INS-EMPLOYER	9,886.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,886.00					
0001270	ACCRUED LEAVE CTO PAYOFF	17,320.00	0.00	17,544.04	17,544.04	0.00	-224.04	101%				
1000	Salaries and Employee Ben	696,006.00	0.00	71,548.49	217,588.91	0.00	478,417.09	31%				
2000	Services and Supplies											
0002028	TELEPHONE SERVICES	8,500.00	0.00	19.05	2,353.92	0.00	6,146.08	28%				
0002035	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE	3,000.00	0.00	499.76	765.21	0.00	2,234.79	26%				
0002055	INSURANCE-OTHER	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,419.00	0.00	-419.00	114%				
0002120	MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	0.00	628.71	1,483.28	0.00	3,516.72	30%				
0002140	MAINTENANCE-BLDGS & IMPRO	4,500.00	0.00	142.86	1,076.93	0.00	3,423.07	24%				
0002141	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	206.53	605.80	0.00	-605.80	9999%				
0002170	MEMBERSHIPS	4,000.00	0.00	200.00	4,941.00	0.00	-941.00	124%				
0002176	FEES AND PERMITS	350.00	0.00	1.00	191.79	0.00	158.21	55%				
0002178	CASH/INVENTORY SHORTAGE	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00					
0002200	OFFICE EXPENSE	5,000.00	0.00	105.37	1,219.80	0.00	3,780.20	24%				
0002203	COMPUTER COMPONENTS <\$1,5	1,000.00	0.00	471.33	471.33	0.00	528.67	47%				
0002205	POSTAGE	1,000.00	0.00	87.64	209.77	0.00	790.23	21%				
0002220	MICROFILM/FICHE/PHOTO	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00					
0002235	ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL SE	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00					
0002239	LEGAL SERVICE	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00					
0002245	CONTRACTED SERVICES	143,867.00	0.00	3,565.82	30,533.14	0.00	113,333.86	21%				
0002250	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVIC	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00					
0002261	SOFTWARE LIC/MAINT AGRBEM	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00					
0002281	ADVERTISING/MARKETING	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	25%				
0002285	RENTS & LEASES - EQUIPMEN	3,500.00	0.00	344.13	1,376.52	0.00	2,123.48	39%				

SORT ORDER: SECTION within BUREAU within DIVISION within DEPTMNT within SUBOBJ within CATEGORY within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428 ; BUDG CATEGORY: 1000-9990,EX8500

Fund	Fund Description	Dept.	Department Description
426	DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	9886	DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Object	Description	Budget	Adjustments	Mo. Actual	YTD Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	Pct.
0002320	LIBRARY SOFTWARE	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
0002322	LIBRARY ADULT BOOKS	25,000.00	0.00	2,452.45	6,357.77	0.00	18,642.23	25%
0002323	LIBRARY JUVENILE BOOKS	25,000.00	0.00	5,064.00	6,552.84	0.00	18,447.16	26%
0002324	LIBRARY PERIODICALS/MICRO	8,000.00	0.00	177.16	630.25	0.00	7,369.75	8%
0002325	LIBRARY AUDIO-VISUAL	5,000.00	0.00	611.37	1,103.26	0.00	3,896.74	22%
0002326	LIBRARY BOOK RENTAL	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,724.00	0.00	276.00	95%
0002327	LIBRARY MATERIALS PROCESS	5,627.00	0.00	225.85	361.66	0.00	5,265.34	6%
0002328	LIBRARY MATERIALS	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00	0.00	650.00	68%
0002339	MANAGEMENT BUSINESS EXPEN	0.00	0.00	26.28	26.28	0.00	-26.28	9999%
0002360	UTILITIES	15,500.00	0.00	1,672.56	4,859.68	0.00	10,640.32	31%
0002361	WATER	4,000.00	0.00	139.12	989.39	0.00	3,010.61	25%
2000	Services and Supplies	310,844.00	0.00	16,640.99	79,602.62	0.00	231,241.38	26%
3000	Other Charges							
0003020	REFUND OF PRIOR YEAR CHAR	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	224.78	0.00	3,775.22	6%
0003420	RETURNED CHECKS	49.00	0.00	703.79	0.00	0.00	49.00	
3000	Other Charges	4,049.00	0.00	703.79	224.78	0.00	3,824.22	6%
9000	Taxes							
0009001	CURRENT SECURED	312,555.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	312,555.00	
0009015	LIBRARY SALES TAX - MEASU	557,280.00	0.00	52,315.29	136,492.74	0.00	420,787.26	24%
0009018	UNITARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.34	0.00	-40.34	9999%
9000	Taxes	869,835.00	0.00	52,315.29	136,533.08	0.00	733,301.92	16%
9400	Revenue From Use Of Money/Prop							
0009401	INTEREST INCOME	26,000.00	0.00	1,066.94	3,428.15	0.00	22,571.85	13%
0009405	BUILDING RENTAL	10,000.00	0.00	1,225.00	4,150.00	0.00	5,850.00	42%
9400	Revenue From Use Of Money	36,000.00	0.00	2,291.94	7,578.15	0.00	28,421.85	21%

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Fund	Fund Description	Dept.	Department Description						
Object	Description	Budget	Adjustments	Mo. Actual	YTD Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	Pct.	
426	DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	9886	DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY						
9500	Intergovernmental Revenues								
0009507	HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX R	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00		
0009569	STATE OTHER	51,488.00	0.00	0.00	9,331.45	0.00	42,156.55	18%	
0009592	REDEVELOPMENT PASS-THROUG	31,276.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,276.00		
9500	Intergovernmental Revenue	84,564.00	0.00	0.00	9,331.45	0.00	75,232.55	11%	
9600	Charges For Services								
0009603	PHOTO/MICROFICHE COPIES	3,000.00	0.00	239.95	1,065.55	0.00	1,934.45	36%	
0009605	LIBRARY FINES	13,500.00	0.00	1,219.00	3,951.30	0.00	9,548.70	29%	
9600	Charges For Services	16,500.00	0.00	1,458.95	5,016.85	0.00	11,483.15	30%	
9700	Misc Revenues								
0009704	DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIO	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,725.00	0.00	-225.00	109%	
0009708	MISCELLANEOUS SALES-OTHER	1,500.00	0.00	58.60	333.50	0.00	1,166.50	22%	
9700	Misc Revenues	4,000.00	0.00	58.60	3,058.50	0.00	941.50	76%	
Total Revenue		1,010,899.00	0.00	56,124.78	161,518.03	0.00	849,380.97	16%	
Total Expense		1,010,899.00	0.00	88,893.27	297,416.31	0.00	713,482.69	29%	
				-32,768.49	-135,898.28				

SORT ORDER: SUBOBJ within ACCTTYPE within within within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428

Fund Fund Description
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426 DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Account Code	***** Sub-Account *****		***** Account *****	
	Debits	Credits	Debits	Credits
Assets:				
CASH IN TREASURY	0000010	800,840.15		
Cash in Treasury	010		800,840.15	
IMPREST CASH	0000030	700.00		
Imprest Cash	030		700.00	
FUTURE LOAN REQUIREMENT	0000250	20,112.95		
FUTURE LOAN REDEMPT REQ	250		20,112.95	
LAND	0000310	427,020.70		
LAND	310		427,020.70	
STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	0000320	1,052,534.36		
STRUCTURES & IMPROVEMENTS	320		1,052,534.36	
EQUIPMENT	0000340	251,468.07		
EQUIPMENT	340		251,468.07	
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	0000360	142,539.33		
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	360		142,539.33	
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	0000370		1,049,803.70	
ALLOWANCE FOR DEPRECIATION	370			1,049,803.70
PREPAID EXPENSE	0000420	2,329.28		
PREPAID EXPENSE	420		2,329.28	
Total Assets			2,697,544.84	1,049,803.70

Liabilities and Equities:

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS	0000699		487.57	
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS / EBT	505			487.57

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Fund Fund Description
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 426 DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Account Code	***** Sub-Account *****	***** Account *****
=====	Debits Credits	Debits Credits
=====	=====	=====
DUE TO OTHER AGENCIES	0000540	8,086.07
DUE TO OTHER AGENCIES	540	8,086.07
RHS - HOSPITAL ACCOUNT	0000576	61,567.36
UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS	0000579	61,567.36
DEFERRED REVENUE	575	61,567.36
ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES	0000620	20,112.95
ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES	620	20,112.95
RESERVE - IMPREST CASH	4260731	700.00
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS	4260732	250,000.00
MAJOR ASSET	4260734	50,000.00
BUILDING FUND	4260735	469,987.12
RESERVE - OTHER	730	770,687.12
FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE	0000740	160,506.95
FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE	740	160,506.95
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS,NET	0000770	823,758.76
INVESTMNTS IN GEN FIXED ASSETS	770	823,758.76
REVENUES	810	161,518.03
EXPENDITURES	820	297,416.31
BUDGETED REVENUE	0000910	1,010,899.00
BUDGETED REVENUE	910	1,010,899.00
APPROPRIATIONS	0000930	1,010,899.00
APPROPRIATIONS	930	1,010,899.00
Total Liabilities and Equities		1,369,882.67
		3,017,623.81

SORT ORDER: SUBOBJ within ACCTTYPE within within within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428

Fund Fund Description
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 426 DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Account Code	***** Sub-Account *****	***** Account *****
*****	Debits Credits	Debits Credits
*****	*****	*****
** Fund Totals **		4,067,427.51 4,067,427.51

SORT ORDER: CATEGORY within Object Type within DEPTMNT within FUND

SELECT KEY Status: EXI ; FUND: 426,428 ; BUDG CATEGORY: 1000-9990,EX8500

Fund	Fund Description	Dept.	Department Description
426	DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	9886	DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Object	Description	Budget	Adustments	Mo. Actual	YTD Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	Pct.
9000	Taxes	869,835.00	0.00	52,315.29	136,533.08	0.00	733,301.92	16%
9400	Revenue From Use Of Money	36,000.00	0.00	2,291.94	7,578.15	0.00	28,421.85	21%
9500	Intergovernmental Revenue	84,564.00	0.00	0.00	9,331.45	0.00	75,232.55	11%
9600	Charges For Services	16,500.00	0.00	1,458.95	5,016.85	0.00	11,483.15	30%
9700	Misc Revenues	4,000.00	0.00	58.60	3,058.50	0.00	941.50	76%
Total Revenue		1,010,899.00	0.00	56,124.78	161,518.03	0.00	849,380.97	16%
1000	Salaries and Employee Ben	696,006.00	0.00	71,548.49	217,588.91	0.00	478,417.09	31%
2000	Services and Supplies	310,844.00	0.00	16,640.99	79,602.62	0.00	231,241.38	26%
3000	Other Charges	4,049.00	0.00	703.79	224.78	0.00	3,824.22	6%
Total Expense		1,010,899.00	0.00	88,893.27	297,416.31	0.00	713,482.69	29%
Total Revenue					161,518.03			
Total Expense					297,416.31			
					=====			
					-135,898.28			
Fund Total - Revenue		1,010,899.00	0.00	56,124.78	161,518.03	0.00	849,380.97	16%
Fund Total - Expense		1,010,899.00	0.00	88,893.27	297,416.31	0.00	713,482.69	29%
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					-135,898.28			

BRANCH: Dixon Public Library

FISCAL DAY/PERIOD/YEAR: 30/04/2010

(October 30, 2009)

***** BRANCH SUMMARY TOTALS *****

TRANSACTION TYPES	DAILY	THIS MONTH	FISCAL YTD
*****	*****	*****	*****
CHARGES	151	6,930	29,707
RENEWALS	27	630	2,210
RETURNS	306	11,353	48,597
RECALLS	0	0	0
CLAIMS RETURNED	0	3	24
*****	*****	*****	*****
HOLDS PLACED	6	360	1,490
HOLDS CAPTURED	151	4,240	17,639
HOLDS FILLED	59	1,731	7,571
TRACES PLACED	0	46	233
TRACES CAPTURED	0	39	188
TRACES FILLED	0	0	0
*****	*****	*****	*****
CONVERSIONS	69	1,111	2,574
TEMP CONVERSIONS	0	31	99
DELETE PERM HOLDINGS	6	140	626
DELETE TEMP HOLDINGS	0	20	79
PATRON PLACED HOLDS	19	341	1,270
REMOTE PLACED HOLDS	0	0	0
STAFF PLACED HOLDS	0	0	0

BRANCH: Dixon Public Library

FISCAL DAY/PERIOD/YEAR: 30/04/2009

(October 30, 2008)

***** BRANCH SUMMARY TOTALS *****

TRANSACTION TYPES	DAILY	THIS MONTH	FISCAL YTD
*****	*****	*****	*****
CHARGES	211	7,237	28,858
RENEWALS	7	492	1,910
RETURNS	385	11,610	45,526
RECALLS	0	0	0
CLAIMS RETURNED	0	4	11
*****	*****	*****	*****
HOLDS PLACED	3	326	1,291
HOLDS CAPTURED	184	3,757	15,465
HOLDS FILLED	68	1,607	6,398
TRACES PLACED	0	86	271
TRACES CAPTURED	3	47	180
TRACES FILLED	0	0	0
*****	*****	*****	*****
CONVERSIONS	25	878	3,731
TEMP CONVERSIONS	0	17	85
DELETE PERM HOLDINGS	6	284	977
DELETE TEMP HOLDINGS	1	31	106
PATRON PLACED HOLDS	12	418	2,854
REMOTE PLACED HOLDS	0	0	0
STAFF PLACED HOLDS	0	0	0

Patron Count-Fiscal Year 08/09 compared to Fiscal Year 09/10

Fiscal Year 08/09

Fiscal Year 09/10

	Monthly	Total			
July	4249	4249	July	8450	8450
August	8767	13016	August	8181	16631
September	8557	21573	September	8628	25259
October	10351	31924	October	11092	36351
November	5519	37443	November		
December	8170	45613	December		
January	7682	53295	January		
February	7367	60662	February		
March	8702	69364	March		
April	8443	77807	April		
May	6935	84742	May		
June	9166	93908	June		
Total FY 08/09		93908	Total FY 09/10		25259

**October 09/10
BOOKS ADDED / DISCARDED**

	Added This Month		Same Month Last Year		Discarded This Month		Same Month Last Year	
	Titles	Books	Titles	Books	Titles	Books	Titles	Books
ADULT FICTION	58	58	42	45	0	0	1	1
ADULT FICTION PAPERBACKS	6	6	1	1	0	0	0	0
ADULT NON-FICTION	82	82	42	42	0	0	73	74
ADULT NON-FICTION PAPERBACKS	15	15	19	19	1	1	0	0
YA FICTION	52	52	1	1	0	0	67	67
YA FICTION PAPERBACKS	20	20	41	41	0	0	0	0
YA NON-FICTION	11	11	0	0	1	1	30	30
YA NON-FICTION PAPERBACKS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUV FICTION	43	43	63	63	0	0	4	4
JUV FICTION PAPERBACKS	37	37	23	23	0	0	1	1
JUV NON-FICTION	23	23	23	23	0	0	11	28
JUV NON-FICTION PAPERBACKS	2	2	68	68	0	0	0	0
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SPANISH JUV FIC	0	0	16	16	0	0	0	0
SPANISH JUV NF	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
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JUV NF VIDEO CAS.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUV CD BOOK	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
JUV DVD'S	6	6	20	20	0	0	0	0
JUV CD'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YA DVD'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YA BK CD	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
YA VIDEO CASSETTE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT VIDEOS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT NF VIDEO CAS.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT DVD'S	5	5	6	6	0	0	0	0
ADULT NF DVD'S	2	2	23	23	0	0	0	0
ADULT BOOKS ON CD	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
ADULT CASSETTES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT CD'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CHILDREN'S KITS	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
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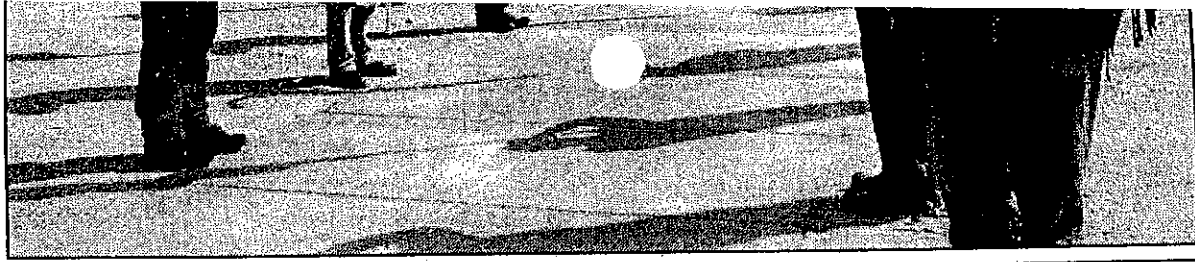
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ADULT MEDIA KITS	0	0
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**MONTHLY REFERENCE (ADULT, YA, JUVENILE, CIRCULATION) STATS
AND
INTERNET/WORD PROCESSING STATS**

2009-2010

MONTH / WEEK	REF QUESTIONS	YEAR (RUNNING TOTAL)	NOTES	INTERNET/ WP	YEAR (RUNNING TOTAL)
OCTOBER					
WEEK 1	177	4657	2-day week; closed 1 day staff library tour	118	4954
WEEK 2	310	4967	EDD 2; Bk Club 6; Bk Club 5	366	5320
WEEK 3	326	5293	5-day week; EDD 2; Dog Safety 24; computer class 6 (5 requests)	266	5586
WEEK 4	417	5710	EDD 2: Make-a-Monster 3	437	6023
WEEK 5	359	6069		409	6432
OCTOBER 2009 totals	1589			1596	
OCTOBER 2008 totals	1747			1820	

man, rang a bell for every name on the list. The veterans honored included men who served in Vietnam, Korea, and World War I. The military flag was presented to Moline, who said it will be flown with the cemetery's Avenue of Flags.



Candidates Tackle Issues in Second Forum

By Brianna Boyd

Editor *Dixon Tribune*
10/18/09 *5pm*

School board hopefuls tackled an array of questions Thursday during a candidate forum hosted by the local chapter of the Solano County Taxpayers Association.

Four of the six eligible candidates in the Nov. 3 election attended the forum, including Herb Cross, Irina Okhremtchouk, Joe DiPaola, and Brian Young. Incumbent Amy Proctor and Gildardo "Gil" Pinon were absent and a seventh candidate, Chris McGuire, moved to Davis and is

no longer eligible to serve.

Audience members were invited to ask questions and the taxpayers association also had questions that were submitted by citizens prior to the forum.

The first question of the evening asked candidates to share what they believe is the most important responsibility for a trustee.

Cross said it is most important for the school board to oversee the education process for students and the school district. In essence, he explained, that means trustees should become knowledgeable about what programs are in place at the schools and oversee those

programs and make suggestions to improve them.

Okhremtchouk believes it is important for trustees to stay in touch with what is occurring at all the school sites.

"I believe that the buck stops with the school board members and they are ultimately responsible for everything that is happening," she said. "They need to serve the public and they also need to remember that the children are at the top of the pyramid, and school board members are at the very bottom. They serve everyone."

Young feels that an important responsibility is to have a philoso-

phy for decision making that understands children need to be ready for a career or college by the time they graduate high school.

The board needs to be accountable and responsive to the public, according to DiPaola. He also believes all budget cuts should be made as far away from children as possible.

"These are the kind of issues that the board has failed in the past," he said. "These are the kind of issues you need to consider when you are looking at people up here to elect. We need to put some

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Host Rate

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) will host a rate workshop on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, to provide information about the company's General Rate Case application filed with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for its Lucerne water system.

The workshop will be held at 6 p.m. at Dixon Senior/Multi-use Center (201 South Fifth Street, Dixon, CA 95620).

Representatives from Cal Water will provide details about how rates are set, planned water system improvements, and other important information about water rates. Audience members also will have an opportunity to have questions answered.

"Although this increase will not become effective until January 2011 or later, we want to help customers understand the filing and

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**Dixon Unified: Do you have
children who attend one of the
local schools? Have you been a
classroom or school volunteer?
Were you once a student in the
district?**

My wife and I have ushered
three children through the Dixon
schools from kindergarten
through high school graduation.
We have both been active partici-
pants in our kid's education. I
have served as a classroom vol-
unteer at Tremont Elementary
School. I also taught a class
called "Junior Achievement" at
C.A. Jacobs. Junior Achievement
is a pull out program that teaches
the fundamentals of economics. I
have been a guest speaker in high
school classrooms, served on the
high school site council, and been
a member of the sober grad night
committee.

**Dixon Unified's trustees also
serve on the governing board
for the Dixon Public Library.
As you know, the library plans
to build a new facility. What are
your thoughts on this issue?**

I will advocate for the library
expansion because I believe it is a
tremendous community resource
that contributes to the good of the
citizens of Dixon. We live in the
age of information. What better
place to gather or research infor-
mation than a public library?
Whether the library is expanded
or not, however, is a matter that
will be decided by a vote of those
in the library district. The fate of
the library is squarely in the hands
of the public.

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new blood in."

Another question focused on
test scores, and how fourth
graders appear to be struggling in
mathematics. The candidates
were asked how they would
address this problem if they were
elected to the board of trustees.

One problem that Dixon
Unified has is that none of its
schools have reached the 800
mark on the Academic
Performance Index, said DiPaola.
There is an ongoing struggle, he
added, on whether to teach the test
or the curriculum. He also
believes there is not enough
money available to develop a
quality curriculum.

The only school in Dixon to
reach the 800-mark this year was
the now-closed Dixon Montessori
Charter, said Young, a member of
the school's board. Three years of
testing showed a deficiency in
math, he explained, and school
officials—without extra resources
—looked at what was being taught
and how it could be modified.

"We were able to align our cur-
riculum with state standards for
what was ultimately a very dra-
matic increase in API scores,
especially in math," he said.

Okhremtchouk stressed the
importance of finding creative
solutions. The district needs to
give the teachers the tools and
professional development that

they need, she said. She also sug-
gested that the district examine
federal grants that are available
that could provide resources, such
as tutoring, to students.

The school board serves as an
oversight for the district, Cross
said. If the board determines there
is a problem, trustees should ques-
tion why.

"I don't think it's the goal of the
board to teach the children," he
said. "It's the goal of the board to
oversee the teaching of children.
If we know there is a problem in a
particular area, then we address
that problem and ask for solutions
from our school sites."

Dixon Montessori Charter
School was brought up again later
that evening, when a resident
asked if the candidates would sup-
port a new Montessori school in
Dixon. The current Montessori is
now closed while school leaders
await a charter renewal meeting
with the state board of education.

The four candidates said they
were in support of school choice
in Dixon, whether it is a
Montessori school or another
method of teaching.

Dixon Unified's board of
trustees also serve as the govern-
ing board for the Dixon Public
Library, and there were several
questions related to the library's
efforts to build a new facility.

The candidates were asked

what type of funding they would
prefer for the new library. All four
said they would support a parcel
tax.

"It would be the community's
decision," Okhremtchouk said.
"That's the bottom line. I would
lean towards a parcel tax, but the
community needs to decide what
they want to do."

Another citizen asked how the
candidates felt about the library
asking taxpayers to fund "the bells
and whistles" for the new library.

Young said that he likes that the
library is asking taxpayers what
they want to see in a new facility.
He does not believe it would be
appropriate to start building with-
out their consent or approval.

Okhremtchouk shared similar
thoughts and added that she
would like to see a community
room in the new library facility.

DiPaola said he supports the
library expansion, but is opposed
to irresponsible spending. He
believes the library could look at
its project and build 90 percent of
what is being proposed for 50 per-
cent of the budget.

Cross said he would also advo-
cate for the library expansion.

"We live in the age of informa-
tion," he said. "We need
resources, our students need
resources. We are limited in many
ways at our schools, and this is
another great resource for us."

10-24-09

BOB ENGLEHART



Bob Englehart of The Hartford Courant/Cagle Cartoons



Danette Mitchell

Ways to right a wrong

That's interesting," I said, referring to an article I saw in The Reporter this week. It was about a former Travis Air Force Base employee, Karen Taylor, who filed harassment and racial discrimination claims against Travis two years ago.

She is now taking her allegations to Washington, D.C., next week, and prepared to camp out on President Barack Obama's front lawn.

I respect the decision of employees who stand up for themselves when they believe an employer has wronged them. However, discrimination and harassment suits are difficult to prove and people who file them must have all of their ducks in a row.

This claimant believes she was fired because of her race and gender, and she alleges that other Travis workers of color have had similar experiences. Meanwhile, Travis Air Force Base denies any wrongdoing and attributes Taylor's problem to a personality conflict and not race or gender.

I thought about another article I read titled, "Right A Wrong." The author first discussed that employees should know what few rights they have when fired.

Employees, according to the writer, "can be fired at any time, for any reason, or for no reason at all." This is the "employment-at-will" principal that we sign when we accept employment. The exception can be union positions.

However, in the case of the former Travis employee, any discriminatory termination qualifies as an unlawful dis-

FROM OUR READERS

Dixon's library continues to grow

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As our community has grown, the library's use has grown, and grown and grown.

Even though every space is utilized to the maximum, there are things we need to add to keep up with the community's needs.

I've attended both public forums discussing a new library.

The folks working on the project are very professional, thorough and dedicated.

Dixon is fortunate for their efforts on our behalf.

In years to come, a new family coming to this community can visit a new Dixon library and be thankful

for the foresight of folks in 1912, 1950 and the present — just as my family was in 1977.

Mike Hagerman
Dixon

Endorsing McCallum

It's a pleasure for me to enthusiastically endorse David McCallum for Vacaville School Board.

David has been a friend and colleague of mine for 23 years, including the 11 years he worked for me as Dave Paris at 95.3 KUIK radio, where he exhibited creativity, enthusiasm, pride in his work and a terrific sense of humor, which, with his can-do spirit, will come in handy during these tough fiscal times.

He has also worked tirelessly on public service campaigns and projects that benefitted those in need in our community, built relationships with local businesses and he has volunteered in our public schools.

David is a loving parent, who has always supported programs that benefit the kids in our community. On Nov. 3, I strongly recommend a vote for David McCallum for Vacaville Board of Education.

Steven Bise
Vacaville

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Shirley and Jim Humphrey
 Dixon

LIBRARY MUST CONTINUE TO GROW

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 Dixon

A VOTE FOR CROSS

Dear Editor,

I am asking Dixon voters to consider electing Herb Cross to the Dixon School Board.

I first met Herb nearly 30 years ago when his daughter, who is now a physician, was a student in my second grade classroom at Silveyville School. We developed a strong friendship, and years later, Herb and I served together on the Dixon City Council and on the numerous subcommittees that go with that job. In those Council years, I can attest that Herb has shown me that he comes to meet-

ings well prepared, he makes self available to community he makes decisions based on what is right for the community rather than the demands of "squeaky wheels", he is a good talker at meetings rather than one who says what the audience wants to hear, and he is of the best moral character. Although there are many strong candidates for School Board this year, none can match Herb's record of community service in a wide range of areas bringing the 4th of July celebration to Dixon, to fundraising for Davis Hospital, to helping Rotary Club do good deeds for the community. Herb will serve the public well as a School Board member.

Loren Ferrero
 Dixon

of raise tional meeting for the Parent's
 when Association. I've been asking about
 report this since spring of this year when
 we were registering our son for
 high school.

I must have missed the hordes of announcements because I got this information when I emailed my friend Lynn deBie, a counselor at Dixon High, who forwarded my message to Norma Holtmeyer, who serves as the Associated Student Body Coordinator. I've learned the email system is set 'high' for DHS contacts and therefore messages may be rejected as spam.

I never did find out if there was a parent representative but I have several concerns about DHS—particularly the paths in which our teens get there—so I'm looking forward

I know there are times a parent may not want to claim their child but we all know we want them to be safe. That is why I'm promoting a trip over to the Ramtown Karate parking lot on Halloween—Saturday, October 31 for the Dixon Chamber of Commerce 'Spooktacular.'

Ray Gaspar, the owner of 'Parcels & Such' in the Dixon Walmart Shopping Plaza, was smart to order these 'Child Protection Kits' with fingerprint strips well in advance so he could offer them free at this Chamber sponsored event.

They are nice little packets that parents can fill out with identifying marks and other details about their child that they can put away in a

invite children in costume to treats, will be this Friday, October 30, (Dixon Unified School District has NO SCHOOL for children that day) from 1 to 4 p.m. On Saturday, Halloween, the Chamber's 'Spooktacular' is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ramtown Gym Karate parking lot on North Lincoln.

Cookie decorating with friends

One of the nicest gifts I've gotten as a grown up was a gift certificate for a cake decorating class at 'Every Baking Moment' from Sunday School teacher-friends Dedra Russell and Korry Lindgren several years ago. A great idea to spend 'girlfriend' time together and learn something new.

That is why Janis Luzzo's class on Christmas Cookies caught my

this next couple months including candy making, truffles, jelly (Yule logs), Petite Fours, and Janis is an innovative and hard-working businesswoman who can find wonderful goodies for almost any kind of celebration at her store, 141 North First Street or call (707) 693-0112.

Local tax group questions

As I readied to leave to attend a recent Dixon Unified School District Board Meeting, my son's husband read the School Board Candidate Forum at Hall. Whose blunder was it? Why would a group host a forum for school board candidates on purpose to exclude a candidate? I am a parent of a child in the school district and I am

often sit on her bed with the camera in front of her and just talk. She tried to bring in her own sense of humor, to show how she and her family coped with her disease.

"For me, I just had to laugh," she said. "I couldn't let cancer get that from me. It was taking so many things from me, and I couldn't let it take my soul, the essence of who I am."

It's been five years and Murray Paige remains cancer free. Every time she hits a milestone, she said it pushes the cancer further away from her and she feels even stronger than before.

She watches her film now and knows how far she has come. It amazes her the number of people who have been touched by The Breast Cancer Diaries. She originally thought only her close friends would watch it. Her viewers now consist of people of all ages, including the aspiring filmmakers in Dixon High's Arts and Design Academy.

"The film itself is a true labor of love," she said. "Documentaries are beautiful because they show you a part of life you may not have otherwise seen."

Wolk Top Honor

lion residents," Wyatt said. "On issues of importance to California counties, Senator Wolk's voice has been strong and unwavering inside the Capitol. She is a very deserving recipient of CSAC's highest award."

The award will be presented during CSAC's Annual Meeting in Monterey on Wednesday, November 18.

the most positive California county last year," according to President Gary Wolk has consistently a friend and strong California counties. understands the many needs and services that contribute to our 38 mil-

Survey Finds Support for New Dixon Library

By Brianna Boyd
Editor Dixon Tribune
11/4/09

A survey has found that there is support in the community for a \$19 million bond measure that would fund updates and improvements to the Dixon Public Library.

The survey, conducted by Godbe Research in September, included 300 randomly selected registered voters in Dixon who participated in a 15-minute phone interview that focused on their library use and the services people believed were most important in the current library and the new facility.

Godbe Research also asked several questions to gauge community support for a bond measure in the November 2010 election.

Results of this survey were shared Monday during the third community forum to discuss the new library.

Bryan Godbe, the president of Godbe Research, said his team found that 57 percent of those surveyed supported a bond in 2010. Of those supporters, 35 percent said they would "definitely" vote yes, while 22 percent said they would "probably" cast a vote in support.

"At this point in the process, that is a good place to be," Godbe

said. "But as you know, in order for the bond to pass, we need a two-thirds vote. This is not a bad place to start, but it shows that there is still work that needs to be done."

Two-thirds of those surveyed believe the current Dixon Public Library building is a historic landmark. It was constructed in 1912 with a Carnegie Library grant, and voters were asked if they believed the original Carnegie building should be preserved.

Overall, eight out of 10 people were in support of the preservation, but those numbers dropped once they learned the potential costs. A little more than half of the potential voters – 55 percent – were in support of saving the

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hants and residents donated thousands Wednesday's pack- cky noted they can ore items (no liq- lease) and encour- e to bring items and he packing on The goal is to pre- k at least 400 shoe g the party. Tax- onations to cover r. box shipping are also being d can be brought to r y. For more c. act Becky at l.

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façade for an additional \$200,000, while 37 percent support a full preservation that would add over \$3 million to the price tag.

Of those surveyed, two out of three reported that they or another member of their household visits the public library at least once a year. Of those numbers, 18 percent visit at least once a week, and 48 percent are in the library once a month or more. Over 80 percent said they are satisfied with the overall quality of the Dixon Public Library.

But while they are satisfied with the library, most people believe the facility needs to grow, Godbe said.

The survey found that 68 percent of potential voters believe the new library should be large enough to accommodate future

growth in the community. Meanwhile, 27 percent say the new facility should only be as large as the community needs at this time.

The current building is only about 8,000 sq. ft, far too small for a community the size of Dixon. The library district's board of trustees approved in 2008 the purchase of four parcels that surround the building. But in order for a new 32,000 sq. ft. library to become a reality, district librarian Gregg Atkins said the community must approve a general obligation bond or a Mello-Roos parcel tax.

A Mello-Roos tax would authorize the formation of a community facilities district that would cover a defined area. It would allow for a flexible tax formula and the money collected may be

used for facilities, furniture or equipment.

A general obligation bond is known as a full faith and credit bond because there is no limitation on the tax rate, and the rate amount is whatever is needed to generate sufficient funds to re-pay the bonds. A general obligation bond can only pay for construction.

"Both require two-thirds votes from the citizens but each offer different options for the district," Atkins said. "We are really talking about two specific vehicles. If there were a third option, it would be a real generous donor. But barring that, we have these two vehicles and we have to pick one."

Atkins said a fourth community meeting will be sometime in January.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will consider adopting an ordinance amending several portions of the City of Dixon Zoning Ordinance, at its regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in the City Council Chambers, 600 East A Street, Dixon, California. Due to the length of the proposed Ordinance, the proposed changes are summarized below in compliance with Government Code Section 36933(c)(1). If adopted, the ordinance would result in a number of amendments to Chapter 12, Article II, of the Dixon City Code (Zoning Ordinance) including the following:

- Adoption of a new Section 12.09 creating a Community Commercial Zoning District;
- Amendments to Sections 12.03 through 12.15, regarding permitted and conditional uses in various zoning districts;
- Amendments to Section 12.19, Design Review Commission regulations to grant additional approval authority to the Community Development Director;
- An amendment of Section 12.23.07, regarding "Schedule of Off-Street Parking Space Requirements".

In response to direction from the Dixon City Council, the primary substantive changes are intended to streamline the planning review process contained in the above referenced Sections of the Zoning Ordinance. Some of the specific changes made to achieve this include: elimination of redundant references to permitted and conditionally permitted uses; removal of some conditionally permitted uses and addition of those uses to the list of permitted uses for various zoning districts; creation of a Community Commercial Zoning District, modification of the off-street parking regulations, and modification of Section 12.06 to permit the construction of single family homes in the RM-2 zoning district.

In addition to these changes, the ordinance would also make a number of non-substantive changes to address various typographical and formatting errors to the above referenced Sections.

A certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance or proposed amendment will be posted in the office of the City Clerk, beginning on November 4, 2009.

Janice Beaman
City Clerk

Dog Show

A commission meeting was filled with students who were made aware of September 26th during a British the staff report and public works/ Matheson, "a shooting occurred participants at the dog show event. in the park, but rather in the park."

From happening again, Matheson regarding rules for rental of city Schultz moved that the item be by and recommendation.

It would be done after one member of n. It was pointed out that a o resulted in a shooting, that one ed that the Mayfair was State late of the parks' master plan he in our parks.

noticed that the new BMX track is not included in the long range talked to those who had con- the plan was still being formu- then asked the audience if any n held up their hand.

sion, a facility use cancellation onditions was approved as was every other month for the com- ment, the commission has seen ed recently. All items were ap- th Marjorie Kelly and Linden

' Club Hosting Craft Fair

g handmade crafts from local Dixon Mothers' Club on Satur- 4 pm in the United Methodist l. Jefferson Street in Dixon.

be jewelry, glass art, silk and ans, baby booties and hats, projects, unique serving ware ffee and baked goods (while

o get a free raffle ticket, if you at which will be given to the help needy families during the

day of the previous month. For that reason, November 11, 1910, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

Veterans Day is always observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls on and helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. (See more Veterans' Day articles on page 3 inside.)

Library District Holds Third Public Forum On New Library

In another sparsely attended meeting, the Dixon Library district presented Brian Godbe of Godbe Research and Jonathon Edwards of Government Consulting Strategies to speak on funding options for the proposed new library in downtown Dixon.

Godbe's focus was on the survey that his firm had been commissioned to conduct. Out of 12,608 adult residents, 300 people were given a 15 minute interview. Statistically speaking, this sample size gave a 5.5% margin of error to their results.

Of the 63% who said they used the library, 7% used it more than once a week, 11% once a week and the majority using it a few times a month or less. Of those, 46% were very satisfied with the service they received.

When asked for support for a bond of \$19 million, 22% said "definitely no" with another 15% saying "probably no". On the other side, 35% said "definitely yes" and 22% "probably yes". A general obligation bond requires a 67% approval to which Godbe claimed "you can see additional work needs to be done." Additionally, when another \$3 million was added to the price tag to preserve the old Carnegie library, the approval ratings go down even further.

Edwards spoke on financing mechanisms, saying there were only two options: a Mello-Roos district and general obligation bonds. He claimed that the Mello-Roos district could be formed by the agency without the approval of voters but that any funding to the district would require voter approval.

The key differences between these two funding sources were touted as Mello-Roos being able to exempt certain properties and not being based on the "value" of the property while General Obligation (GO) bonds can be extended out to 40 years. Although GO bonds are based assessed values, the former Mello-Roos district that funded Tremont and Gretchen Higgins was based on square footage. The Mello-Roos district might be more palatable to those who claim assessed values are lower for old time residents and they wouldn't be paying their fair share otherwise.

Of those in attendance, only school board candidate Joe Di Paola has a young family currently in this district. Three council members, the city manager, and a number of library staff members were part of the audience that was predominantly composed of the elderly.

It was announced that there would be no further public meetings on this subject until after the new year.

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The library of the future has arrived

By Tim Holt

Libraries are "one of the last great civic spaces in our society," as Berkeley librarian Jack Baur aptly puts it — a place where anyone can read the newspaper, check e-mails, do homework or just sit and enjoy a safe and quiet space.

The traditional role of libraries as repositories and purveyors of print materials is shrinking in this digitalizing age. Like newspapers, libraries are trying to figure out how to reinvent themselves beyond the world of hard-copy print. One way they're doing that is to enhance their role as community gathering places. In libraries throughout the state, there's an increased emphasis on providing stimulating programs for people of all ages.

The new library is a kind of community living room, a welcome oasis in an era of social isolation.

The Lafayette Public Library is taking a bold step in that direction on Saturday when it officially opens its sprawling new quarters, a \$46 million facility that's a combination library and learning center. The Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium will feature programs from a dozen Bay Area organizations, including the Oakland Zoo, St. Mary's College and the Lawrence Hall of Science. On opening day, the Chabot Space & Science Center will help kids build rockets they can launch into a simulated version of outer space. On Dec. 1, the Commonwealth Club will bring in political satirist Will Durst.

"Beyond books in a box" is a favorite catchphrase nowadays among librarians who prefer to define themselves as purveyors of information in all its forms, whether printed materials, electronic databases or living, breathing, lecturing authors.

The job of ferreting out information is, if anything, more challenging in this post-print era as librarians help patrons navigate through what Baur describes as "the millions of places information can hide in the digital age." It takes skilled and knowledgeable librarians to guide patrons through the more than 90 databases the San Francisco Public Library subscribes to.

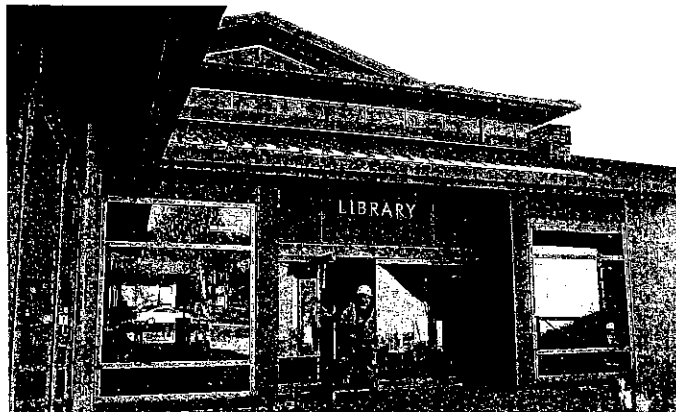
Do you need to dig out an article from the New York Times archives? Dip into the database that includes some of the early recordings of folksinger Leadbelly? Fill out a job applica-

tion or file a small-business tax form online? Librarians are not only expected to find information from myriad sources, but often also have to help technologically challenged patrons use and apply the materials they find.

This time-consuming and labor-intensive reinvention of libraries comes at a time when their budgets are being slashed by cash-strapped local governments. (San Francisco, where voters have boosted library funding through ballot initiatives, is an exception, riding out the recession thus far virtually unscathed.)

Ironically, the same recession that is causing budget cutbacks is also prompting a surge in library patrons, many of them looking for job information and a no-cost alternative to bookstores. Like many other communities, Palm Springs has had to scale back its library's hours from six to five days a week. But when the doors do open, according to Library Director Barbara Roberts, there's a "crush of humanity" waiting to get in.

The Seattle Public Library is facing significant cutbacks in its hours of operation, but it's still managing to come up with creative programming designed to lure in a new generation of library users. The library has hired professional cartoonists to mentor teens creating their first comic books and graphic novels. Earlier this year, the Seattle library drew a mostly teen audience of 300 for a Wizard versus



Mike Kepka / The Chronicle

Workers put finishing touches on the Lafayette Public Library last month. The next-generation archive and learning facility opens Saturday.

Vampire debate, one that pitted fans of J.K. Rowling against devotees of Stephenie Meyer's vampire romance novels.

In the libraries of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, teens build their own prototype robots after watching a video featuring robotic explorations of the ocean depths conducted by the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Under the guidance of an adult writing coach, teens at the San Francisco Public Library make "collage" journals using found objects, old maps, scraps of paper and their own poetry.

The Berkeley Public Library is targeting another generation with time on their hands: newly retired Baby Boomers. In the first of a series of programs designed for that age group, participants created their short documentary films, videostories about their experiences with public school desegregation in the '60s and '70s.

Publicly funded libraries were established in the mid-19th century with the idea that a democracy wouldn't last very long without an enlightened citizenry. Closely related to that idea, libraries have also come to stand for the notion that anyone at any age is capable of self-improvement through self-edu-

cation. One of this country's better-known book lovers addressed that point a number of years ago. Before printing was invented, he wrote, "the great mass of men were utterly unconscious that their conditions or their minds were capable of improvement." To liberate "the mind from this false and underestimate of itself, is the great task which printing came into the world to perform," wrote Abraham Lincoln.

Libraries, as purveyors of information in all its current forms, are still pursuing the exalted goal of an educated and enlightened citizenry. The Lafayette library's ambitious new learning center provides a dramatic example of that, as well as the creative programming of many other libraries. And it'll still be there, at least for some years to come, on the shelves with those ancient, musty-smelling tomes and in the crackle of newspapers in the periodical reading room.

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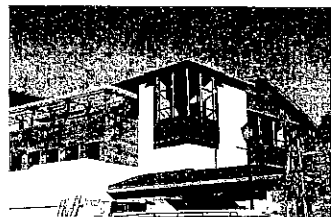
Library success story in Lafayette

By Anne F. Grodin and Don Tatzin

Other communities have pulled together to replace aging libraries, so in a sense, the opening of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center on Saturday isn't unique. However, what deserves a second look is a new concept about what a library can be.

Lafayette citizens reimagined the library as a place for lifelong learning and collaborated with 12 of the region's leading arts, science and educational institutions to showcase their traveling programs. Called the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium, this collection of nonprofit organizations honors the UC Berkeley scientist and chancellor who called Lafayette his home for more than 40 years.

Drawing on regional resources to create partnerships made Lafayette's idea unique — and helped secure a state grant.



What makes a new library?

In Lafayette, partners in the Glenn Seaborg Consortium at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center:

- JC Lawrence Hall of Science
- Oakland Museum of California
- Chabot Space and Science Center
- Commonwealth Club of California
- The Oakland Zoo in Knowland Park
- John Muir Health
- Lindsay Wildlife Museum
- California Shakespeare Theater
- Greenbelt Alliance
- John F. Kennedy University
- St. Mary's College
- JC Institute of Governmental Studies

Anne F. Grodin is a former Lafayette City Council member, and Don Tatzin is the current mayor. Contact us at via our online submissions form at sfgate.com/chronicle/submissions/#1.

Many elements were in place to help make this a successful effort. Our 1960s-era library was built for a town half of Lafayette's current size. Facilities were cramped, worn out and a disgrace. The need was clear.

The ingredients for our success are simple: the vision, hard work and generosity of our residents and staff. Our residents, living close to the University of California, value education. Local schools are among the top in the state, so the expectation to have an outstanding library is widely shared.

Lafayette started planning for a new library 10 years ago. Hundreds of people volunteered to make the project successful, and participation in this project strengthened the bonds among citizens. Witness the Friends of the Library, which socked away nickels and quarters from its used-book sales for 40 years and then made an early donation of \$1 million.

To ramp up fundraising, a group of citizens formed the Lafayette Community Foundation 10 years ago. Since then, almost 25 percent of our residents have donated \$12.7 million toward construction. A spin-off organization, the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, is raising \$4 million more for operations and programs.

If the reactions of those who have seen the building during construction are a guide, extraordinary architecture, art and activities will enthrall people and make them want to return frequently.



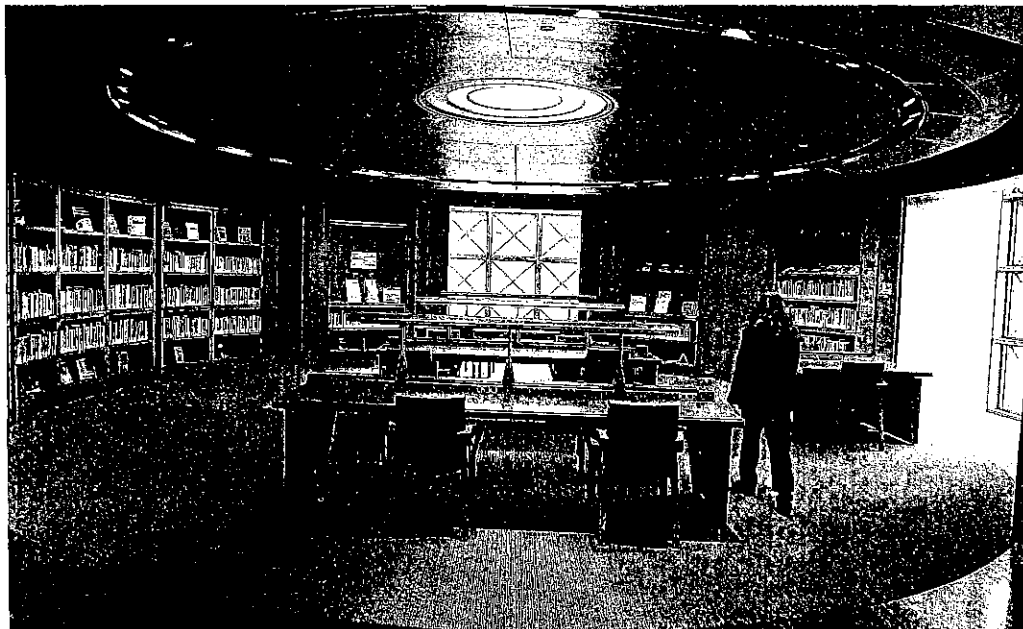
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Lafayette Mayor Don Tatzin walks up the stairs of the library, which is set to open Saturday. The architecture, art and activities should enthrall people.



An art installation decorates the children's patio at the new library in Lafayette. Planning for the building began a decade ago.

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Kurt Rogers / The Chronicle

The fourth floor of the San Francisco Main Library has an entire room dedicated to resources for jobseeking.

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More than ever, great cities like S.F. need libraries

By Luis Herrera

The computer training lab at the San Francisco Main Library is buzzing with activity on a recent Tuesday morning. People are searching job boards, brushing up their resumes and sharing employment tips with one another. In response to high unemployment, the library has created an open-access computer lab dedicated to job seekers.

Public libraries across the nation are experiencing a surge in use, partly because of the tough economy. In 2008, 1.3 billion Americans visited libraries and borrowed more than 2 billion items. Both measures represent more than a 10 percent increase nationwide. Libraries now are the source for job searching through pub-

lic access computers, free entertainment resources such as DVDs, downloadable media, children's programs and, of course, access to books and reading.

Yet, while the need for libraries is ever more critical, libraries across the country are facing significant cutbacks. From Cleveland to Phoenix,

Philadelphia to Seattle, major urban libraries are facing severe reductions in funding, resulting in fewer open hours and reduced services.

San Francisco is bucking the national trend of diminished funding and services thanks to a budget set-aside, which received overwhelming approval by voters in 2007, and sub-

stantial progress on the largest capital improvement program in the history of the city's library.

In 2008, libraries increased open hours by 10.5 percent. Now all of the libraries are open a minimum of six days per week, and more than a third of all libraries are open seven days. The budget for books, media and databases has increased significantly, providing access to 2.5 million items in more than 40 languages.

The payback for San Franciscans' support of libraries is huge. When a renovated branch library opens, the number of new library card holders at that branch increases an average of 149 percent and visits to libraries increase by a whopping 42 percent. This year the library is on track to set a record in the number of visitors and materials borrowed with more than 6 million visitors checking out 8 million items. Access to technology is also impressive: 16 million hits to the San Francisco Public Library Web sites in English, Chinese and Spanish and almost a million public computer sessions in 2008.

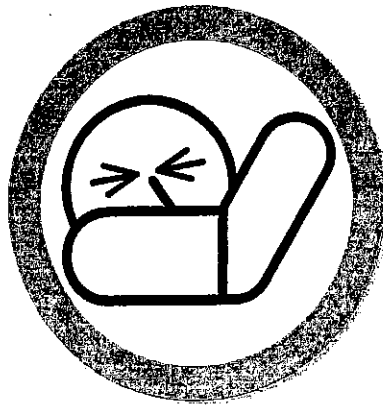
This resurgence is also due to an evolving role of libraries that reflect the needs and demands of users. For example, library users can now watch performances and readings through the library Web site, download audio and e-books to their PDAs or attend new and innovative public programs for children and teens, such as the recent Tricycle Music Fest West or the Teenquake after-hours scavenger hunt.

The opening of the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Library last week marked the halfway point in the Branch Library Improvement Program. Twelve of the 24 neighborhood libraries slated for renovation or new library buildings are now completed and open for business. The result has been a rediscovery and resurgence of the library. Through a strong community partnership that includes the Friends of the Library, the San Francisco Public Library is re-engaging neighborhood residents and retooling to become the model urban public library. The public library resonates with energy and serves as a beacon of hope during these challenging times.

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Get vaccinated

Influenza or "flu" can cause serious illness. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family.



Cover your cough or sneeze

Cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Toss your used tissue in the waste basket and wash your hands.

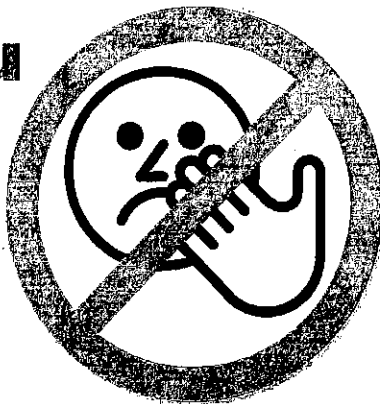
Fight the Flu

It starts
with you



Wash your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

If you touch surfaces with the flu virus, you can get the flu by touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.



Stay home if you are sick

Flu viruses go wherever you go when you are infected. Stay at home and check with your healthcare provider when needed.

DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Starting a new chapter



Rick Roach/RRoach@TheReporter.com

Dixon High School students, from left, Nathaniel Benning, 18, Troy Tobler, 14, and Chris Joaquin, 16, use computers inside the campus' recently reopened library Thursday.

Dixon High library reopens

By Ryan Chalk

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Shuttered since the start of the school year, doors of Dixon High School's library are once again open, but students aren't the only ones checking things out.

On Nov. 5, trustees with the Dixon Unified School District approved an agreement with the Dixon Public Library District to operate a branch of the public library at the school. On Tuesday,

the library opened to students as well as the general public.

According to Superintendent Roger Halberg, the library provides volunteers to staff the library three days a week.

The library is open from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, although it will be closed on days that school is not in session.

Last May, the decision was made to lay off the district librari-

an during a time when the district was looking to trim roughly \$4 million from its budget.

Until now, there was no way to staff the library, keeping students out and the wealth of knowledge locked inside.

Halberg said that there have been mixed feelings at the school over the reopening of the library. Since its closure, teachers and their students have had access to

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CHP cracks down on S-curve speeders

PG&E: Smell of gas nothing to worry about

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the library computer lab, and some teachers have expressed concerns that the public may interfere with their use.

Another group that has expressed its concern over the library's opening is Local 1021 of the Service Employees International Union, which represents classified employees. In a letter to the superintendent last week, union worksite organizer Seth Francois charged that the district is bringing in volunteers to do the jobs of its members without going through the proper protocol of "meet and confer."

Specifically, use of the library creates a need for

cleaning staff to clean the facility — work done by union members. The laid-off librarian was not a member of the union but a certificated employee.

"You continue to push your agenda without giving us proper notice," the letter stated. "You are obligated to meet with us to discuss any matter that will change the terms of our contract and/or change the working conditions. We have members that are still laid off and your actions to bring volunteers to do the jobs of our members will not be tolerated."

Halberg countered that there was no violation of any contracts because the library was already on a cleaning schedule due to its use as a computer lab and there were no classified employees laid off in association with the library closure to begin with.

Nonetheless, the union's letter demands that the decision to allow public library officials to run the site be reversed or "we will have no choice but to take swift and whatever action necessary to mitigate

the district attempts to bargain had to be allowed to disregard the district's commitment to follow the contract and the law.

Under the agreement, the Dixon Public Library District has agreed to lease the high school library from the school district. The school library will operate as a branch of the city library, according to Gregg Atkins, librarian for the Dixon Public Library District.

"We were getting impacted by high school students looking for materials we knew they had sitting in the school's library," Atkins said.

The library will be staffed with two to three volunteers during operating hours. Atkins said he is looking forward to the day when the school district can hire back its librarian, as volunteers can't offer the same level of support to teachers as a skilled librarian.

"We're just a stop-gap measure," Atkins said.



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tainable in the long run.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters Thursday that the president was nearing a final decision, and he referred to one of the central questions Obama and his advisers have wrestled with for weeks.

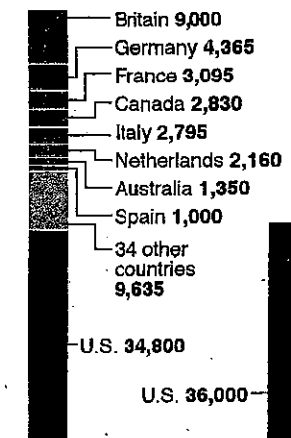
"How do we signal resolve and at the same time signal to the Afghans and the American people that this isn't an open-ended commitment?"

At a White House war council meeting Wednesday, Obama rejected the four Afghan war options put before him and asked for revisions that combine the best elements of the proposals, Gates said. The changes could alter the dynamic of

Allied forces

NATO has more than 71,000 international troops under its command in Afghanistan.

Estimated number of troops in Afghanistan



SOURCES: NATO; Department of Defense

meeting, the direction that our appointed cohort
ay Caylor took was to cry "poor me" by com-
aining the current council was being made
"all guys" for this rate increase proposal. He
seems to me someone has already begun
aigning for re-election by whining that it isn't
ult that rates were too low years ago.

My advantage over every other council member
on the dais is my long history of attending council
meetings dating back to 1996 and a rather strong
memory. The rate decrease, also presided over by
Bob Reed, the current consultant on water rates,
was done because way too much money was being
collected due to an earlier increase. Back when I
arrived in Dixon in 1991, there was a service
charge and water rates were strictly based on usage.

Because of the economic downturn in 1993, few
homes were being built and revenues were ex-
pected to climb as new homes came online. To get
around that, water rates were increased. Develop-
ment returned but it took several years before the
realization came that the agency was collecting
money beyond what was needed to run it.

Even at that time, management and SID in the per-
son of Bob Isaacs and Suzanne "Butterball"
Butterfield were finding ways to siphon money off.
The repayment for infrastructure costs was one of
those. How do you get repaid for something devel-
opers paid to do? That cost the rate payers some
\$800,000 over the first couple of years after the rate
decrease went into effect.

Considering the fact the agency made over a half
a million dollars despite the payment out in the
first year of the new decrease, I would have to say
Ms. Caylor's comment about planning does not
hold water. The fact that the money was transferred
to the rehabilitation fund should have been a wiser
statement. Which brings me to another point still
related to where the depreciation money went.

I, too, view the petty amounts being set aside for
future rehabilitation of the system to be too little.
What should have happened is that at least half of
the depreciation expense should have been trans-
ferred to the rehab account. The other half could
have been building the operation's fund balance.
But the money is somewhere to be found. Wonder
why?

How could you ask for a rate increase with a mil-
lion and a half dollars sitting there? Do you think
citizens might just be asking for another rate de-
crease? Has this all backfired now that some of the
council is asking to justify all expenses, especially
for city administrative costs?

If this was being done right and the system being
run as efficiently and effectively as possible, we
would know exactly what projects are anticipated
in the future to justify rate increases based on the
coming year's projects. How many of these would
be continuous? Zero based budgeting requires justi-
fication for each year's expenditures, not just sim-
ply adding an inflationary increase to the past
year's expenses.

We would have healthy reserves in rehabilitation
and a reserve than needed operating fund balance. We
would be reducing expenses during years when
revenues are decreasing because no development is
occurring. This is one source of income that was
largely ignored last night. We would be looking at
reducing rates instead of increasing them which
would benefit all citizens by putting more money in
their pockets during these tough times.

Hope that eases the obvious pressure on him...

Independent Forum

Randomly Selected?

Were you one of the 300, "randomly selected"
for your views on the proposed new library? I was.
However, mid-sentence the interviewer must have
realized who I was and promptly informed me my
opinions would not be necessary; thank you; good-
by.

Interesting that in the current economic climate
of double-digit unemployment and looming hyper-
inflation, taxpayers are so eager to assume a \$38
million dollar debt. Or, perhaps, the Godbe Re-
search group picked only "random" interviews that
would yield positive results; and perhaps those so
in favor of a new library really aren't taxpayers at
all?

Office of Management and Budget figures show
that the bottom 50% of wage earners pay little to
no federal income tax and many actually get
money back at the end of every year via the Earned
Income Tax Credit. Chances are quite good that
those who pay little to no income tax also own
little to no property. As usual, those of us with
property and means will be saddled with the lion's
share of this \$19 million library bond (ultimately
costing twice that). Any wonder that if Godbe in-
terviewed a "random" 50%er, they might get a
resounding YES to the library proposal?

As I ponder the many uses for a new library, then
examine my use of the current library over the past
decade (precisely 3 visits), I have to wonder if it
wouldn't be cheaper to invest in a Barnes and No-
ble franchise?

Godbe claims 57% expressed support for a new
library. Is it possible they were working from the
"Garamendi for Congress" phone list?

A new library would be quite nice, but so would
a perpetual wine stroll or 24x7 beer garden...
surely we could find 57% who would support those
additions to Dixon. While we're at it, how about a
professional football franchise and free cheese-
steaks?

It would be cheaper to purchase every Dixon
family a new computer, high speed internet and an
Amazon gift card; a much more efficient means of
information delivery as well. At the end of the day,
it comes down to the progressives billing the rest
of us for their 'good deeds.'

Dixon absolutely does not need a new library,
but I have a sneaking suspicion Godbe, et al,
would prefer I keep that opinion to myself.

Richard Geertson, Dixon



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