

New Library and Learning Center Board Seeks Members

By Lee Borrowman

The Lafayette Community Foundation (LCF), having completed their highly successful capital campaign, raising \$12.5 million to help the building of the new library in Lafayette, has announced the formation of a new entity – the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation. The Library Foundation will take the reins as the primary fundraiser, partnering with the city, county, schools, Friends of the Lafayette Library and other community partners to support expanded hours, programming, the collection and building operations at the new Library and Learning Center.

“What makes a unique library is its unique programming,” says Lois Laine of the Lafayette Community Foundation and Friends of the Lafayette Library, “Sweet Thursdays and our Children’s Program have been very successful, drawing people from all over the East Bay. We are looking to create a panorama of programs, with regional appeal and for people of all ages, from children to seniors.” The job of the new Board of Trustees will be to raise funds to make the new facility a place where this can happen.

Laine explains, “Trustees will be offering a critical public service to the community, and will have an exciting opportunity to actually create something brand new.” The Board will also coordinate activities of the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium, a “first-ever” collaboration among 12 high-profile arts, education, and cultural organizations that will turn the soon-to-be-built local li-

brary into a regional resource and which will bring a wide variety of events, activities and expertise to the new library.

If you have the time to attend meetings of the Board and subcommittees and an interest in raising funds to ensure the ongoing success of the Library and Learning Center, go to www.lafayettelib.com, www.lafayettecommunityfoundation.org or www.ci.lafayette.ca.us. Applications will be accepted and interviews conduct over the course of the summer; the final application deadline is Sept. 14, 2007.

Seaborg Consortium Partners:

- California Shakespeare Theater
- Chabot Space & Science Center
- Commonwealth Club of California
- Greenbelt Alliance
- John F. Kennedy University
- John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System
- Lindsay Wildlife Museum
- Oakland Museum of California
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