

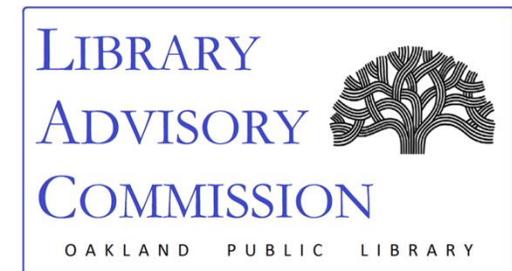
Annual Report to the Life Enrichment Committee

April 26, 2016



LAC Annual Report

The following photos illustrate unfunded capital improvements that challenge OPL patrons wishing to access library services.





Elevators
are out of
service
for months

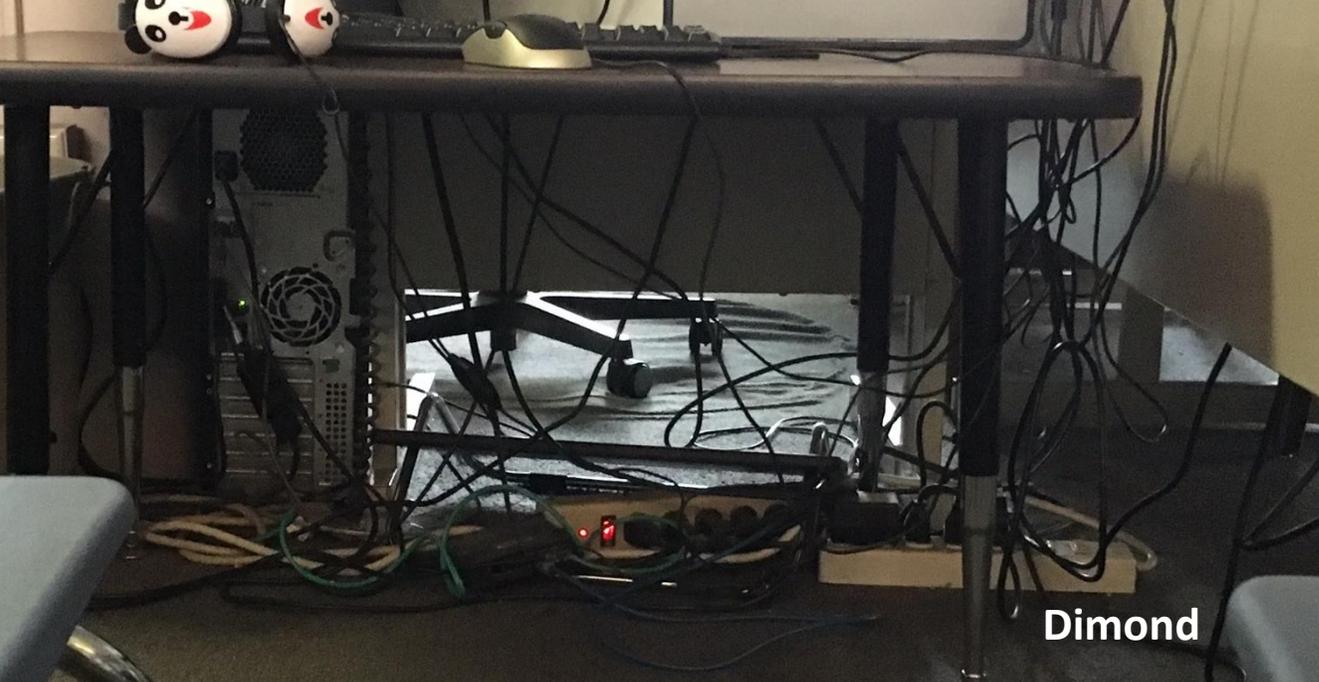
Golden Gate



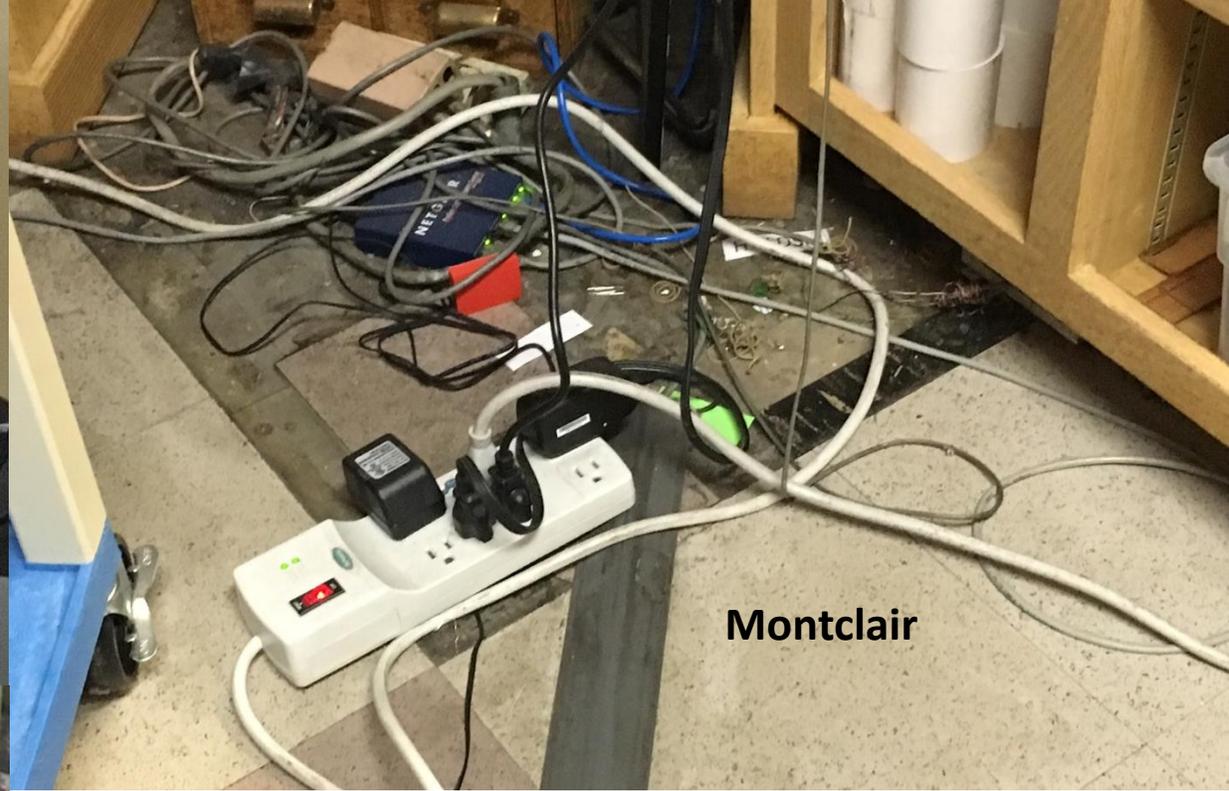
Galvanized drain pipes clogged with corrosion scale

Repaired pipes must be bypassed on exterior of wall





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Montclair

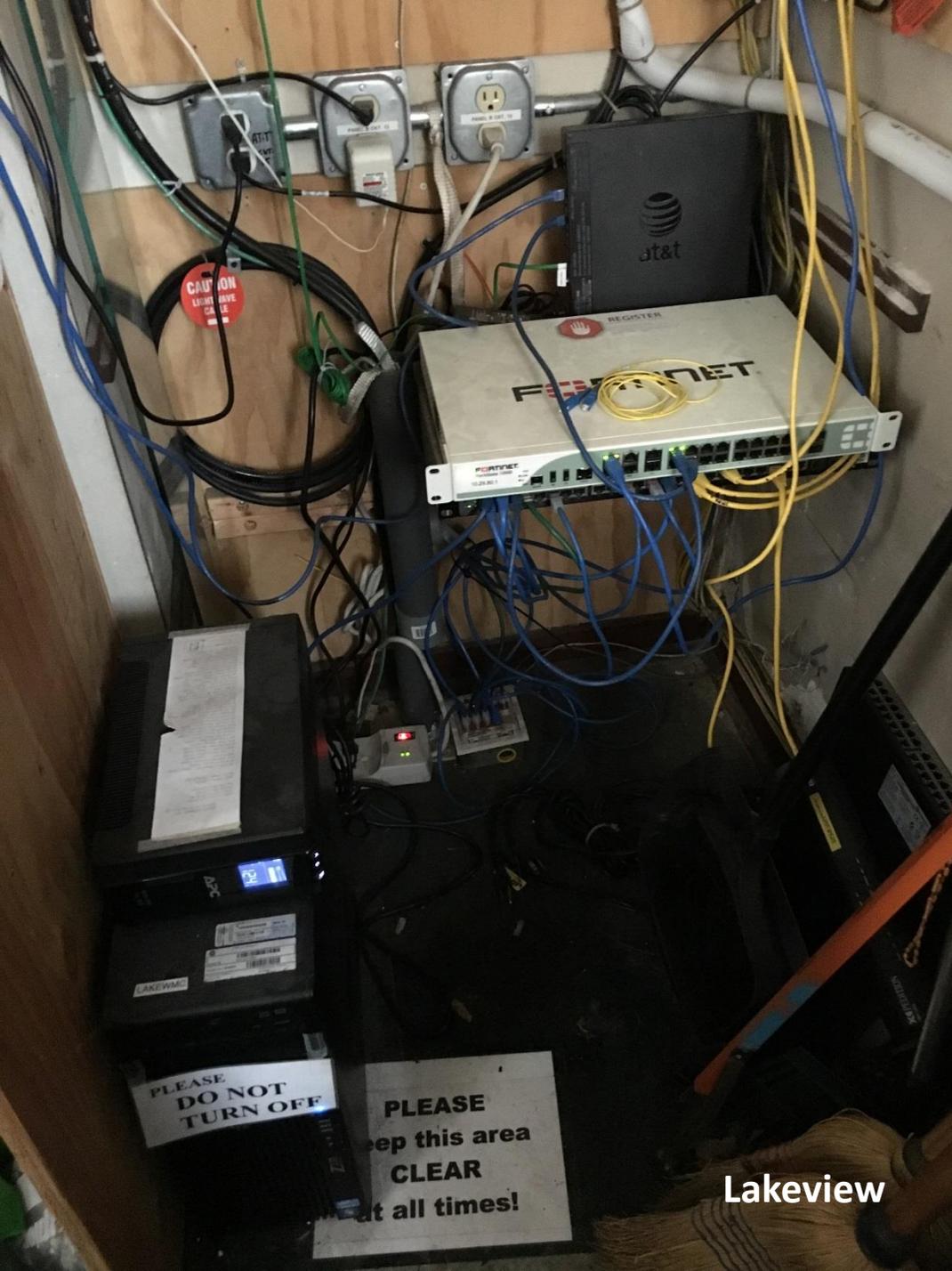


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Lakeview

Electrical hazards

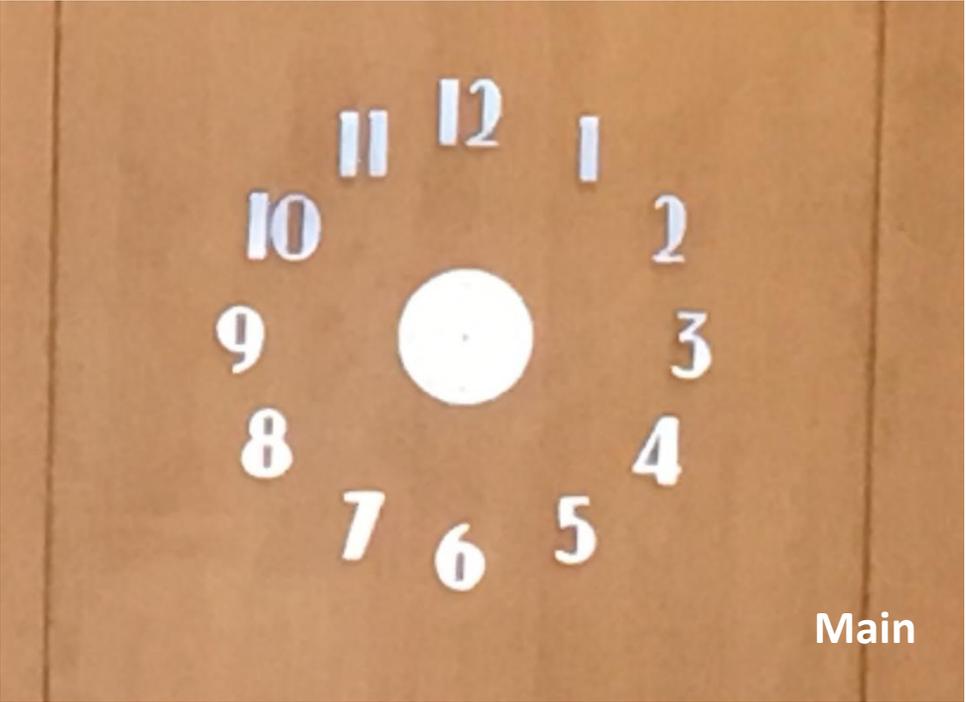


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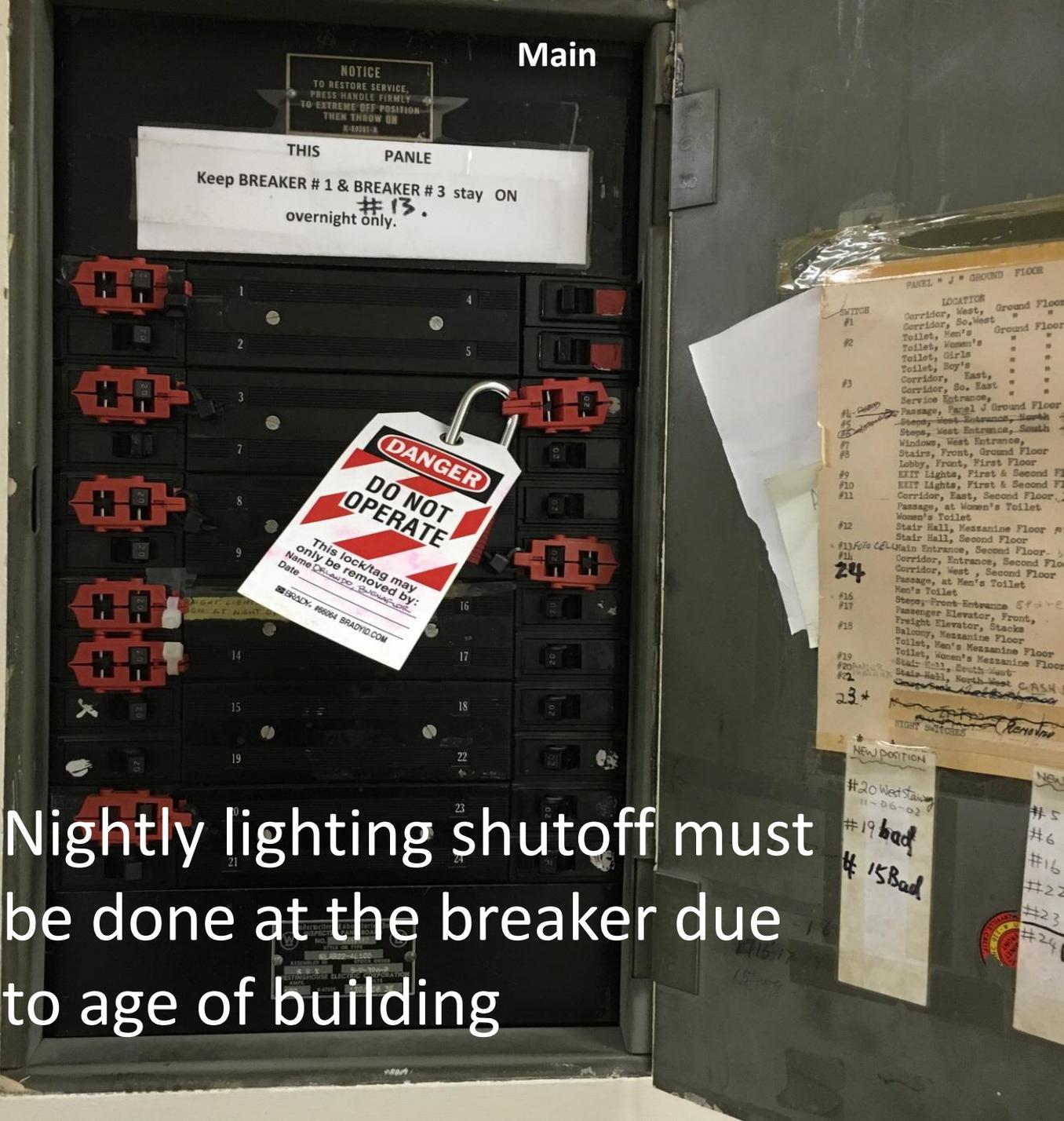


MLK Jr.

Hardwired clocks are unable to be repaired due to broken system



Nightly lighting shutoff must be done at the breaker due to age of building



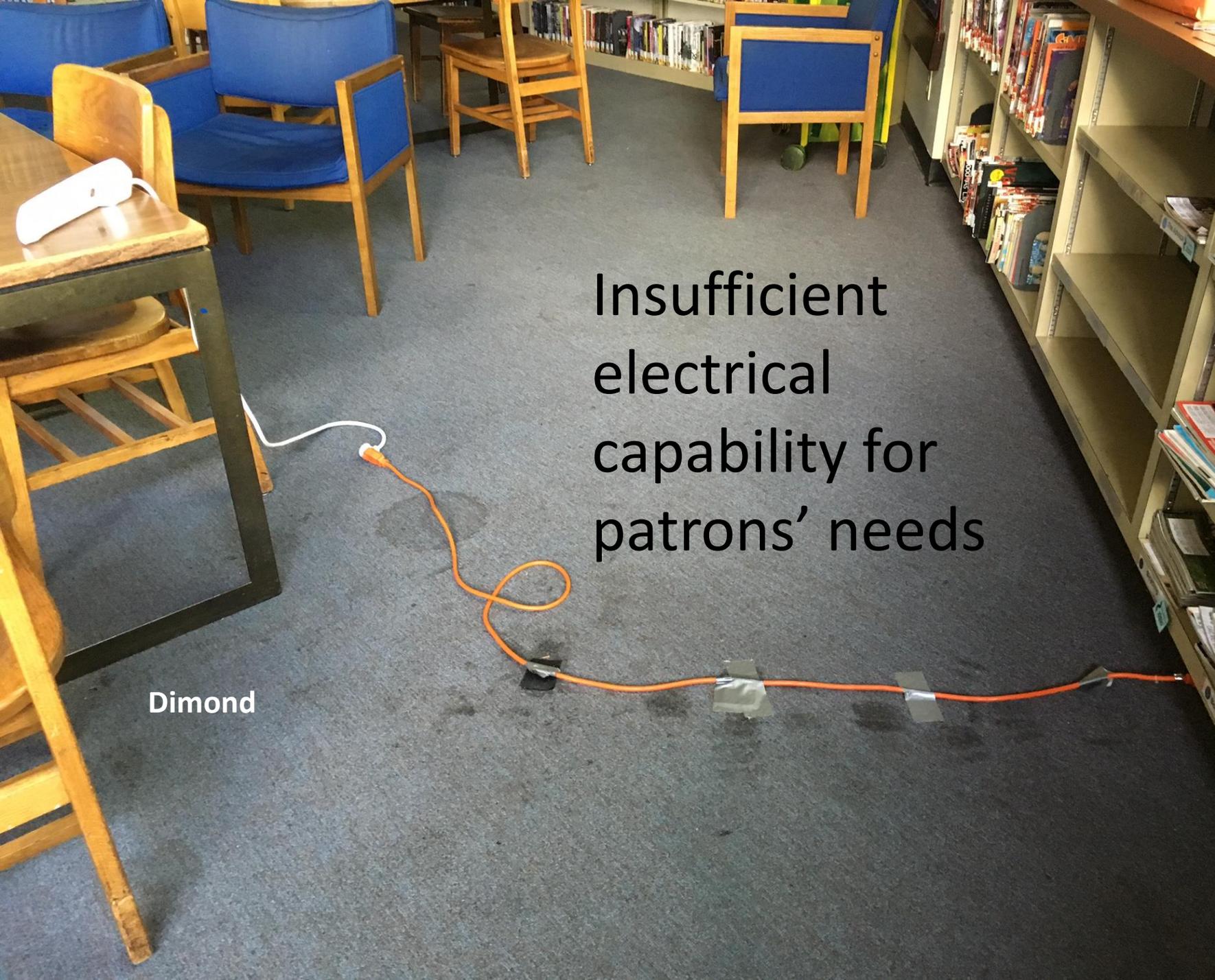
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Screen to keep mice out unrepaired and walls being used to defecate on



Interior Window
Dead Fly and Web

MLK Jr.



Insufficient
electrical
capability for
patrons' needs

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81st Ave

Broken windows are not repaired for months

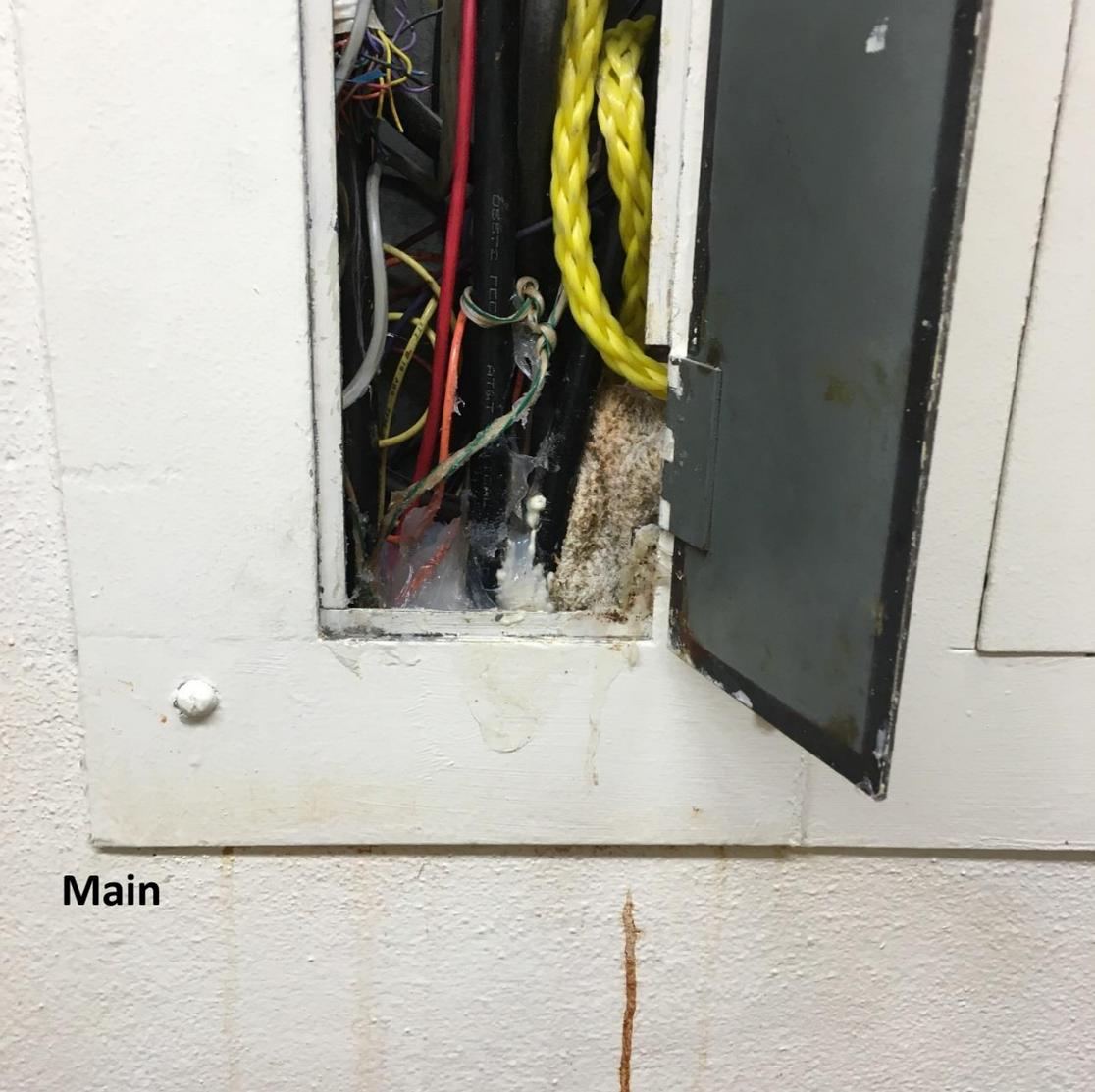
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Broken windows are boarded up, and screw holes are left unrepaired



Main

Leaks can be difficult to identify & repair in old buildings

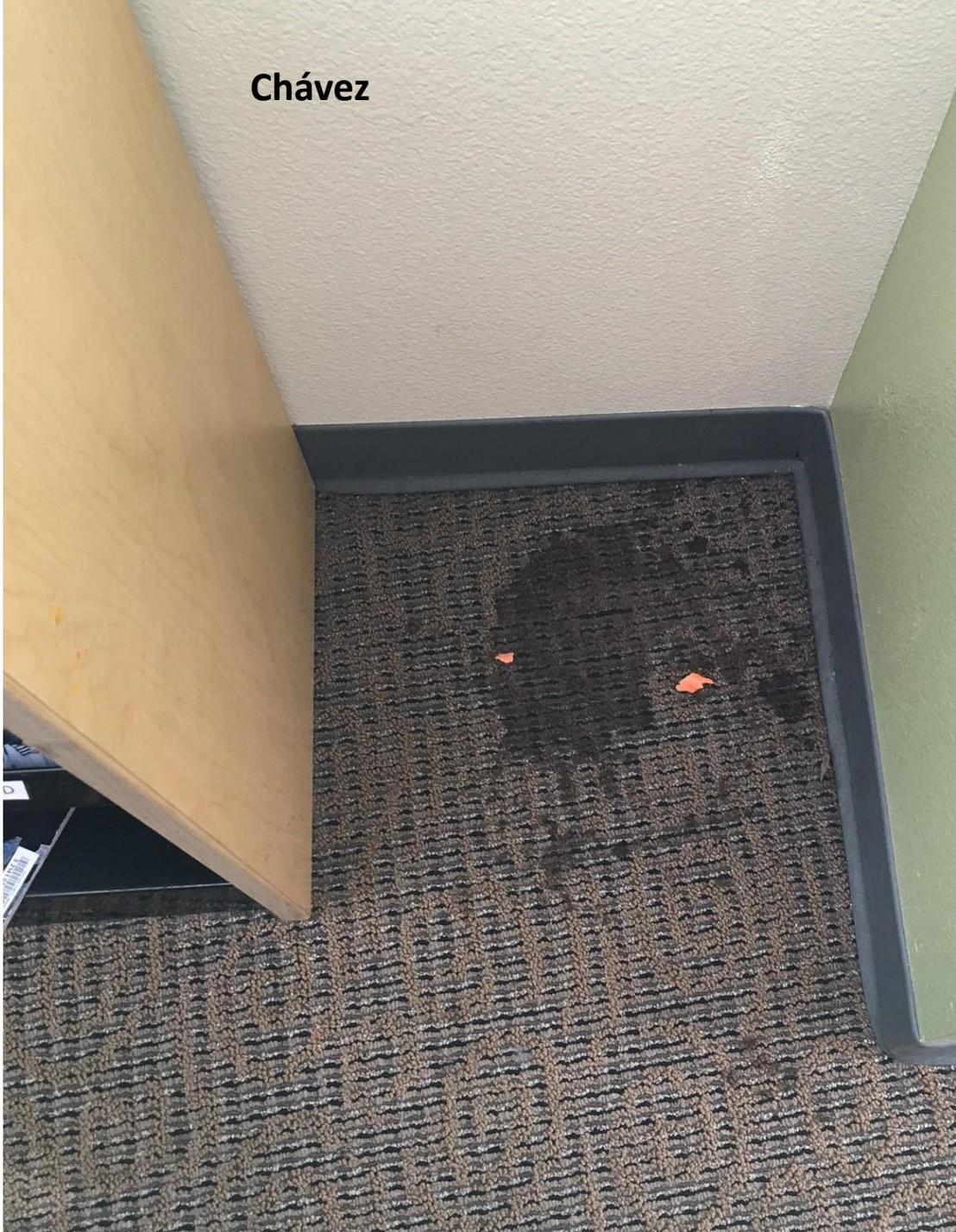


Brookfield



All Branches

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West Oakland



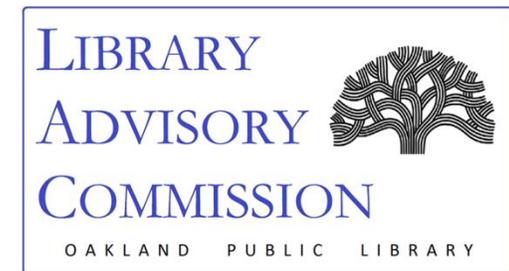
West Oakland



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LAC Accomplishments

January 2015-April 2016



Public Hearing/Youth Panel, June 4, 2015

“Oakland Libraries Open Doors for Oakland’s Youths”



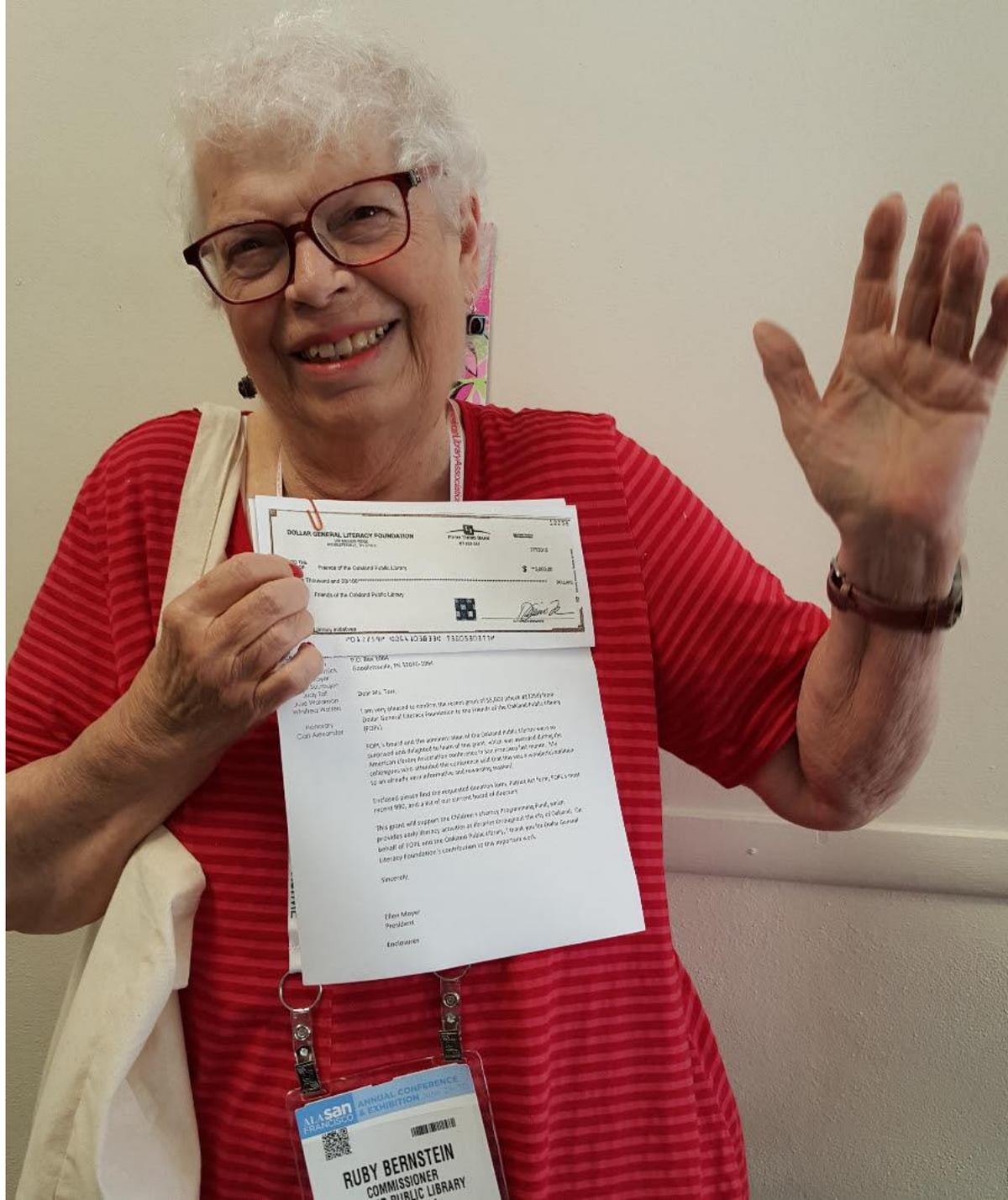


Nominated Council Member Dan Kalb for the California Public Library Advocates' annual Award for Outstanding Elected Local Official, November 2015

OPL Advocate T-shirt

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Library





Commissioner Bernstein attended the American Library Association's Annual Conference in San Francisco in 2015 and won a \$5,000 grant for OPL from Dollar General

How is the Oakland Public Library funded?

Through two main sources:

- Appropriations from Measure Q parcel tax
- Contributions from the City General Fund

What is Measure Q?

A parcel tax that collects a flat tax from each parcel in Oakland. Money collected is earmarked for library services, and can only be used if the City Council meets a minimum funding requirement from the General Fund.

What is the General Fund?

Discretionary funds for the Mayor and City Council to allocate to programs and services. The funds come from taxes, fees and other sources. Since the recession, the General Fund contribution has been reduced to a bare minimum.

What does this mean for the future of the Oakland Public Library?

With an ever-increasing need for Library services, the Library budget is being squeezed by the funding reductions that began with the recession. The Library has already seen significant cuts to services, including a loss of a sixth day of service at branch locations. Unless the funding picture changes, further cuts — including branch closures — could occur.



How can I help?

Go to saveoaklandlibrary.org for more information.

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Celia Jackson, Dawn Tran-Kiem, Valentina Aiyon, library staff and volunteers.



Created an OPL Bookmark, presenting patron photos and basic information about how the library is currently funded



Library Advisory Commission, 2016