SVLS Administrative Council Meeting Agenda

Rinconada Library (formerly Main Library) 1213 Newell Road Palo Alto, CA 94303

(Map Enclosed)

Friday, January 29, 2016 10:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order and Introductions Keith II. Adoption of Agenda (Action Item) Keith III. Approval of the September 18, 2015 minutes (Action Item) Keith Attachment 1 IV. Old Business A. PLP Strategic Workshops/Findings Hildreth Attachment 2 B. SVLS Fund Balance Update and Discussion Hildreth ٧. Reports A. Silicon Valley Reads Macek B. PLP Executive Committee: Updates Hildreth/Macek/Murphy/Ziesenhenne C. Report of System Administration Hildreth/Jackson VI. Agenda Building and Selection of Next Meeting Date VII. Public Comment (Individuals are allowed three minutes, groups in attendance five minutes. It is a

system policy to refer matters raised in this forum to staff for further investigation or action if

not agendized pursuant to state law.)

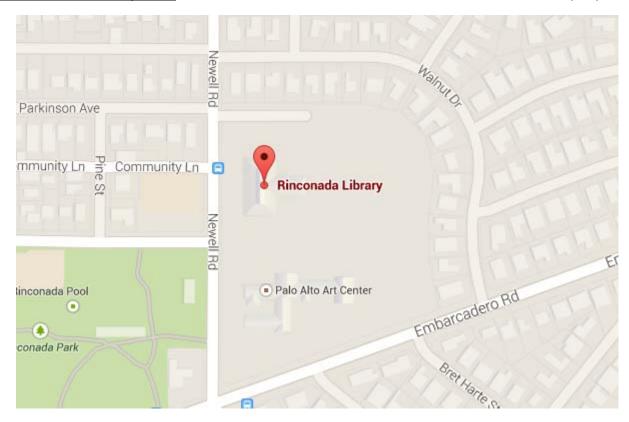
Announcements and Reports from Libraries

VIII.

IV.

Adjournment

appropriate. The Brown Act prohibits the Administrative Council from discussing or acting on any matter



Parking- The parking lot entrance is just past the library. Additional parking is available between the library and the Cultural Center.

Travel Instructions-

<u>HIGHWAY 101 (North & South)</u>: Take the Embarcadero Road West exit (northbound travelers turn left; southbound travelers turn right). Drive through three lights, and turn right on Newell at the fourth light. The library is the second building on the right, just past the Cultural Center.

HIGHWAY 280 (North & South): Take the Page Mill Road East exit (northbound travelers turn right; southbound travelers turn left). Page Mill becomes Oregon Expy after El Camino Real. Stay on Oregon, then turn left on Middlefield Road. Turn right on Embarcadero, and then left on Newell at the next light. The library is the second building on the right, just past the Cultural Center.

<u>CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY (North)</u>: After San Antonio Road, Central becomes Alma. Turn right on Oregon Expressway, and then left on Middlefield Road. Turn right on Embarcadero, and then left on Newell at the next light. The library is the second building on the right, just past the Cultural Center.

<u>ALMA (South)</u>: Turn left at the Embarcadero and proceed to Newell Road and turn left. The library is the second building on the right, past the Cultural Center.

Public Transit-

<u>Bus Routes:</u> Route 35 runs on Middlefield and stops at Embarcadero. Route 86 stops several blocks from the library at Embarcadero & Louis.

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Action Minutes

Friday, September 18, 2015

Santa Clara County Library District Library Services & Support Center Farrier Conference Room

Council:

Hilary Keith, Chair, Santa Clara City Rosanne Macek, Mountain View Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Library District Monique leConge Ziesenhenne, Palo Alto Heidi Murphy, Los Gatos Patrick Sweeney, Sunnyvale

Staff:

Susan Hildreth, PLP/SVLS Terry Jackson, PLP/SVLS

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Hilary Keith.
- II. Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed. (M/S Ziesenhenne/Murphy)
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the March 20, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed. (M/S Ziesenhenne/Murphy)
- IV. New Business:
 - A. **Report on SVLS Fund Balance:** The SVLS fund balance is \$181,881. The Directors discussed possible uses for the funds, including the purchase of an analytics tool or a p.r. campaign. They agreed to see what the results were from the upcoming PLP strategic planning process and to discuss it again at future meetings.
 - B. **Silicon Valley Reads:** Rosanne Macek reported that this year's selections would be announced this coming Sunday in the San Jose Mercury News. SVLS continues to fund this project with \$5,000 each year, taken from the fund balance, per an earlier Council action authorizing this yearly expenditure.
 - C. **Selection of new SVLS Vice-Chair:** Monique Ziesenhenne agreed to serve as the SVLS vice-chair.

V. Reports

- A. **PLP Executive Committee Report:** The PLP Executive Committee met yesterday and Rosanne, Monique and Heidi Murphy were all in attendance. They shared that there would be a new Library Leadership Council and one also for mid or division managers, both beginning in 2016. There was interest in the "Simply E" product that will be out next year from the Executive Committee, and the SVLS Directors also expressed interest.
- B. Report of System Administration: Terry Jackson announced that The Re(a)d Zone grants had been awarded and that the PLP Innovation and Technology Opportunity Grant application process will be announced on Monday, September 21, 2015. This year, there will be a new category entitled PLP Replication Grants which will offer libraries an opportunity to replicate previously successful grants from the past four years. Susan Hildreth discussed the upcoming PLP strategic planning and goal setting workshops that should inform our work for the near future. She also mentioned the PLP "Let's Get Acquainted" Orientation scheduled for Boards, Commissions, Friends, and Foundations to be held at the PLS/PLP offcies on November 12, 2015.
- C. **Agenda Building:** The next meeting was set for Friday, January 29, 2016, and Monique offered to host it at the new Riconada Library (formerly the Main Library) in Palo Alto.
- D. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
- E. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. (M/S Keith/Murphy)





Pacific Library Partnership

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Workshop Attendees Roster

October 5, 2015 | Los Gatos Public Library

Cynthia Bojorquez City of Salinas

Chris Brown Santa Clara County Library District

Jean Chapin Harrison Memorial Library

Carol Frost Santa Clara County Library District

Jean Herriges San Jose Public Library
Susan Hildreth Pacific Library Partnership

Nancy Howe Santa Clara County Library District

Terry Jackson Pacific Library Partnership

Aleah Kropholler Cabrillo College

Gail Mason Santa Clara County Library District

Margaret Mayfield Hartnell College Heidi Murphy Town of Los Gatos

Janis O'DriscollSanta Cruz Public LibrariesGeorg RomeroCabrillo College Library (MOBAC)Laura Shea-ClarkMountain View Public LibraryDeb SicaAlameda County Library

Paul Sims Santa Clara City

Donna Truong Pacific Library Partnership

October 6, 2015 | Millbrae Library

Adam Elsholz South San Francisco Public Library

Tom FortinSan Mateo County LibraryBen GombergAlameda County LibraryTerry JacksonPacific Library PartnershipMichael LambertSan Francisco Public Library

Paula MacKinnon Califa

Bradley McCulley Burlingame Public Library
Thomas McMahon Burlingame Public Library
Ben Ocon San Mateo Public Library

Valerie Sommer South San Francisco Public Library

Tim Wallace San Bruno Public Library

October 7, 2015 | Oakland Public Library

Alameda Free Library Iane Chisaki Heidi Dolamore San Jose Public Library Gerry Garzon Oakland Public Library Daniel Hersh Oakland Public Library Susan Hildreth Pacific Library Partnership Nina Lindsay Oakland Public Library Renee Romanoff Livermore Public Library Monica Schultz Peninsula Library System Pleasanton Public Library Sandy Silva Monique Ziesenhenne Palo Alto City Library

Workshop Facilitators

Cheryl Gould, Fully Engaged Libraries and Sam McBane Mulford, Ideation Collaborative

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To: Susan Hildreth, Chief Executive Officer, PLP

Terry Jackson, PLP

From: Sam McBane Mulford, strategist, Ideation Collaborative Cheryl Gould, Learning Facilitator, Fully Engaged Libraries

Re: Findings from PLP Strategic Workshops held October 5 - 7, 2015

PLP invited leadership (or their designees) from each member library to participate in one of three workshops hosted by PLP in Los Gatos on October 5th, Millbrae on October 6th, and Oakland on October 7th, 2015. These workshops explored current needs and critical issues of members, as well as aspirations and opportunities for PLP to deliver higher value services as a CLSA System. Every workshop was facilitated in the same manner with the same agenda:

- Introduction
- Input and Conversations about the value of PLP membership
- Patterns and Themes around needs and aspirations
- Criteria around PLP decision making on investments and actions
- Identification, Conceptualization, and Valuation of Potential Initiatives
- Conclusion

All work done in the workshops is in the section: PLP Strategic Workshops | Memorandum.

Findings: Patterns and Themes

The following themes emerged as potentially valuable arenas in which PLP could provide or facilitate higher value to member libraries:

- collaborating at a higher level to leverage members' expertise, experiences and achievements capitalizes on the value of innovation, both in nimble small libraries and large libraries' experience with scale
- developing communities through learning and education in diverse life literacies and 21st century skills to be successful in a rapidly changing environment
- innovation is both esteemed and expected in the region, and Libraries can be leading edge in their communities
- staff and professional development, training, and succession planning are issues at every member library; needs across libraries are extremely similar
- leveraging cooperative purchasing and negotiating power to extend member resources and build greater capacity for services and access to content
- demonstrating the value of PLP helps members communicate to elected officials and stakeholders the power of leveraging public funds to make a difference locally and regionally
- marketing public libraries on behalf of all libraries in the cooperative allows communities to understand and utilize the breadth of resources available to them

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 developing evidence based strategies and quantitative and qualitative outcome and impact performance measurements are challenges across libraries

The high level findings revealed possible service ideas for PLP:

- coordinating development of staff functional competencies and baseline customer service expectations
- identifying desired staff, management and leadership skills and exploring how best to provide opportunities for professional development
- facilitating leverage of member expertise and strengths to system wide benefit through development of a sharing economy tool for communication and resource sharing
- developing criteria for PLP grant applications that will contribute to realizing initiatives of high priority to member libraries
- providing direct professional service to member libraries as well as access to consultant services through PLP service agreements
- facilitating development and implementation of initiatives generated through this process, and continually seeking new initiatives of value to members in the future

Potential Initiatives

Please note that this represents a qualitative assessment of priorities – not all initiatives were addressed in each workshop and survey respondents didn't have the benefit of in person conversations. The top 12 Initiatives from the Workshops and Survey include:

Workshops Top 12	Survey Responses Top 12		
Staff Training and Professional	Staff Training and Professional		
Development	Development		
Knowledgebase and Document Repository	Shared eResource Platform		
Regional to Local Needs Assessments	Partnering Beyond the Library		
	Community		
One Card	Regional and Local Needs Assessment		
Data Analytics Platform	Future Library Organizational Model		
Library Campaign and Branding Strategy	App Dev for Digital Environment		
Shared eResource Platform	Data Analytics Platform		
Models for Community Engagement	Models for Community Engagement		
PLP Start-up of Complex / Expensive	Access to Professional Services		
Activities and Services			
Access to Professional Expertise /	Resource Sharing (Reciprocal Borrowing,		
Consultants	Unique Equipment)		
Future Library Organizational Model	Individual, Family and Life Success		
	Services		
Shared Catalog / ILL	Knowledgebase and Document Repository		

Refer to the PLP Strategic Workshops | Memorandum after this section for more information and actual prioritization of initiatives.

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Strategy

Potential strategies moving forward include:

- *Identify simpler initiatives that promise high impact across the system and organize their short term implementation* to demonstrate effectiveness of the system and value to member libraries
- Assess feasibility of existing services and technology solutions that support initiatives to minimize design and development costs and streamline implementation
- Facilitate leadership teams from member libraries to develop the scope and breadth of more complex, highly prioritized initiatives to establish project goals, budgets and schedules which can then be implemented once funding mechanisms are determined
- Explore collaboration with other CLSA Systems to develop systems, tools and resources in areas in which all have expressed high interest
 - o Staff Training and Professional Development
 - o Knowledgebase and Document Repository
 - Access to Consulting Services
 - Access to eResources
 - Shared Resources Reciprocal Borrowing
- Be integral to the redefinition of purpose and roles for CSLA Systems and other library services providers statewide

Prioritizing quick wins with visible impact relevant to most if not all libraries in the system will accomplish at least two things: provide solutions to real challenges for libraries and rapidly establish the value of the system and its membership. For example, collection development and acquisition of international language materials is a challenge for every library. PLP could facilitate this effort to take advantage of talent in individual libraries to keep each library from having to navigate the challenge alone.

Libraries often believe that customized solutions are necessary for their unique needs. Looking at platforms that deliver what's needed might result in faster outcomes for library customers. Knowledgebase and document repositories that also facilitate member communication and collaboration might be a simple selection of an existing platform that is customizable.

Creating leadership teams to further define the goals and scope of the initiatives that were conceptualized in the workshops will create clarity in the membership and help determine the cost effectiveness of pursuing an initiative. This effort will establish the funding required, the benefits realized, and ideally offer creative strategies for implementation that could include discovering opportunities to collaborate.

Strategic workshops have also been conducted by our facilitators with four other CLSA Systems: SCLC, Serra, 49-99 and NorthNet. SCLC in particular is a system with many of the same characteristics as PLP. A collaborative funding model for development of initiatives across five of the nine CLSA systems (the other CLSA systems may be interested as well) would be a strategic and sustainable approach to leveraging public funds to greater public good statewide. By sharing the reports from all five of the systems with the California State Library, CSL may decide to support public libraries across the state by investing in both service and operational initiatives



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that build greater capacity in libraries and their communities through the systems beyond current funding.

In our view, the current interest by the State Library to rediscover purpose, service models and funding in organizations that support libraries in California (Infopeople, Califa, CLA, etc.) is an opportunity to collaborate statewide to establish a strong network of highly effective service providers that collectively support libraries.



This memorandum contains the notes and work done by the groups at each workshop. Workshop agenda items included:

- Introduction
- Input and Conversations about the value of PLP membership
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What's Exciting or Unique at Your Library?

Each workshop began with an exercise in quickly sharing what exciting and unique things were happening at each Library represented in the room.

- 1. ACL Book Bike Words on Wheels is a huge success AND bike repair station at Main Library has Parks and Recreation talking about putting one at each community center; Published 2nd book by Literacy Learners
- 2. ACL Kiosks loaning out laptops and iPads; called "Tech it Out" (in library for now an exploring loaning laptops)
- 3. Alameda County Library Laptops and take it home (MIFI portable wifi)
- 4. BPL Eureka Project around creating community interview podcasts, sharing stories of the entire Burlingame community and challenge the 'only affluent' perception. Ties to past project around Living History video interviews.
- 5. BPL Scan project; Kodak Photo Scan, VHS > DVD, Cassette > CD
- 6. Cabrillo Community College Mannequin (Flo) dressing for book display; Student Assistants
- 7. Califa 2 grants: National Science Foundation (Dartmouth involved) for Rural STEM and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) re: Climate Change
- 8. Califa Proposal: IMLS w/ DPA, etc. Texas has e-platform and wants to build a national network; we'd like to use ENKI and NYPL's work to create a solution for all libraries.
- 9. Carmel Now have ACT department
- 10. Hartnell Community College Open computer lab in the Library; Special Collections
- 11. Los Gatos Library on the Lawn program, loaning blankets and Frisbees
- 12. LPL STEM: Lending Robots
- 13. Mountain View Public Library Leadership Mountain View; GIS Based approach to underserved
- 14. OPL Grant for Toy lending library community and media love it! Connect: read and play.
- 15. OPL Grants: Drupal "Play @ Your Library" activities, rewards, badges around summer reading program

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- 16. PACL New libraries, new ways to use space; market segmentation
- 17. Pleasanton Korean American Parents Association and Consulate General granted a collection of Korean materials AND sponsored a Korean Festival; Maybe a new Civic Center and Library
- 18. PLP Booth at California League of Cities major interest in Summer Lunch programs as Greg Lucas's keynote highlighted the program.
- 19. PLP The work we're doing today through Wednesday
- 20. PLP and Califa Grant from NOAA: Stem in Rural Libraries
- 21. PLS -CENIC Pilot upgrading and testing; Live streaming Jazz Performance
- 22. Salinas Public Library Launching mobile ice cream cart Library
- 23. San Jose Public Library Open Bridge Library at Educare Pre-school
- 24. Santa Clara City Library Paul Sims at the Library 1 month
- 25. Santa Clara County Library District TechTool Bars, Baby Bib with 1st Card, 8 all staff trainings on 'Just Culture', Developed branded board book
- 26. Santa Cruz Public Library Jail program (3 jails) giving cards and checking out library materials (not just donated books)
- 27. SBL Early stages: ESL Conversation Club. Once per week, fully off the ground in January
- 28. SFPL ROI Study on Branch Library Improvement Program. Completed in 2014 and identified \$330 million in XX from 5 to 9\$ of ROI from each 1\$ invested. Study is available from SFPL.
- 29. SJPL Mobile makerspace; Business/Employment + New Patent Center; Workforce Development; Strong partnerships with Schools with shared eBook collection
- 30. SMCL Family literacy project with LENA Foundation in Colorado and other partners around the importance of children hearing 30,000 words per day. We use wearable tech (vests) to count the words at two branches (East Palo Alto and Half Moon Bay)
- 31. SMPL Plasma screen in lobby shows green features and energy savings "Solar Panel Kiosk"
- 32. SSFPL Community Learning Center, focused on adult literacy and provides programs for children of learners (grant funded with laptops for each child)
- 33. SSFPL STEAM! Robots, drones, makerspaces, etc. Doing a Strategic Plan and developing significant insights into our community and how we can serve the better.

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What Value Should PLP Provide?

I have always wished PLP could... Participants were able to contribute their thoughts anonymously to ensure candor. All responses were read aloud in the workshop.

- 1. Increase its membership diversity, with more academic and special library members
- 2. Have meetings in various locations in the PLP districts. Most are too far for me. Thank you for doing that this time!
- 3. I have wished PLP could share best practices among members more effectively and consistently
- 4. Have regional meet-ups for technology, reference, tech services, etc.
- 5. Better way to share best practices, and more than just reference
- 6. Help create a more diverse, skilled work force
- 7. More attendance is always a good ideation collaborative
- 8. Provide grant writing assistance
- 9. Come to each member location so more staff are involved
- 10. Have enough funding for all our programs
- 11. Develop shared competencies and provide staff training programs around those (particularly for temp/hourlies shared by many libraries)
- 12. Develop one library card for all systems because the public doesn't know the difference
- 13. Be more inclusive with strategic and leadership development at the regional level
- 14. Develop a series of leadership/management development that balanced creativity / new ideas with practical aspects of project management and communication
- 15. Provide networking opportunities for middle managers
- 16. Member library tours
- 17. Public educational tools for collection development (help with weeding controversies)
- 18. One library card, one shared delivery, one super marketing campaign
- 19. Invest state funding in greater resource sharing among PLP members
- 20. Coordinate world language materials acquisition and cataloging for member libraries w/out the expertise
- 21. use CLSA funds collaboratively to negotiate access to resources at a reduced rate (get more as a group than an individual)
- 22. build apps
- 23. resource sharing
- 24. tech, equipment
- 25. STAFF database
- 26. programming and assessment
- 27. marketing / advertising radio, TV and graphic design
- 28. organize a state-wide project with big impact. An obvious in your face "libraries are great" to the public in general. Unfortunately, the small, local projects don't always shout as loud.
- 29. provide support to libraries / library systems under fire for weeding collections (e.g. Alameda County Library, Berkeley Public Library). This could be in the form of public education on the necessity of keeping collections relevant and current for their communities. Might be a P.R.
- 30. have a clearly defined role



- 31. foster continuing education and development
- 32. take control of marketing libraries out of our hands so we can focus on more important things
- 33. better explain what it does and how it assists all libraries in the cooperative
- 34. provide more consulting services to its members
- 35. continue to see innovation through grants and continue to support staff development
- 36. hold a regional conference
- 37. hold informal staff exchanges
- 38. do more of everything they are currently doing
- 39. assist in the acquisition and cataloging of international language materials
- 40. continue to offer staff development opportunities and grant opportunities even if we don't take advantage ourselves
- 41. help my library replicate projects done by others in PLP
- 42. explain to all levels of staff PLP vs PLS vs Califa
- 43. consult with subject matter experts before spending \$ on group purchases
- 44. help establish a universal library card for all PLP libraries (or all CA libraries)
- 45. have a more useful website
- 46. generate more connections and professional development / leadership opportunities within youth services
- 47. fund processes we all do (e.g. foreign language cataloging)
- 48. fund higher cost tech pilot projects
- 49. share patrons (one library card)
- 50. communicate best practices among members more effectively
- 51. help with marketing the value of all our libraries (yes, we tried need to try again)
- 52. make delivery more ubiquitous and cheaper

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The following questions were asked of all participants, and each was able to use as many sticky notes as needed to represent all of their ideas. The notes were then posted by participants to one of three flip charts titled 'Services', 'Tools and Technologies', and 'Skills and Behaviors'. The notes were eventually grouped together to show confluence in thinking within each topic. All notes from all sessions are represented (including duplicates) and have been organized here under topic categories.

Are there services you'd like to provide your current, future or untapped customers?

Access (Mobile, Lending Beyond Books, Extending Services, Experiences and Collections)

- 1. "Taco Truck" mobile service
- 2. Mobile programming
- 3. Mobile technology vans
- 4. Mobile library services
- 5. Mobile literacy services in parks
- 6. 24/7 service
- 7. Offer library services 7 days a week and full days on weekends
- 8. Longer library hours
- 9. Offsite services
- 10. Amnesty program
- 11. No fines, no fees, No punitive rules
- 12. No wrong door County services
- 13. No residence requirements
- 14. Automatic library card holder-ship tied to school enrollment and taxes (since taxes pay our special funds)
- 15. Bike Share (operated by library card)
- 16. More bike mobiles
- 17. CalFresh Covered CA (station > year round)
- 18. Day care for parenting classes
- 19. Fine-free children's cards
- 20. Offer expanded school resources and services website, visits in library/to classes, collections, library in a box, etc.
- 21. Literacy services for daycare workers
- 22. Home delivery (delivery drones!)
- 23. Home delivery / mail of material equivalent to Amazon
- 24. Homebound delivery
- 25. Universal community WiFi
- 26. More lending of non-traditional items
- 27. Art lending (City's public art collection)
- 28. Hot spot lending
- 29. Hot spot lending
- 30. Wifi hotspots
- 31. Lend hotspots and laptops and iPads
- 32. Device checkouts like laptops to take home
- 33. Tablet / laptop checkout
- 34. Checkout of tablets and/or mobile devices
- 35. Library of things and people

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- 36. Circulate the internet
- 37. Cooking tools and equipment to checkout
- 38. Lending Library of Mobile Maker Spaces
- 39. Help with a grant to fund a mobile maker lab for PLP libraries
- 40. Technology lending service
- 41. Tool lending
- 42. Toy Lending
- 43. Toy lending
- 44. Seed library
- 45. Sheet music database
- 46. Recruitment of culturally diverse staff
- 47. Provide library service to our campuses in King City and Alisal (librarian visits)
- 48. Add additional world languages to the collection
- 49. More foreign language online resources (direct from countries)
- 50. More / better international language materials
- 51. New Formats (lending)
- 52. Outreach services
- 53. Services that evolve from community input from all areas
- 54. After Hours 20-30 Something
- 55. Bike around to visit libraries race or self-guided
- 56. Coding hacks and classes
- 57. Concert series
- 58. Demo kitchen
- 59. Effective, evidence based summer reading program
- 60. Finals Week: de-stress evenings
- 61. Finals Week: popular class study sessions
- 62. Establish a cultural night i.e. First Fridays, Nerd Night, and library participants
- 63. Facilitating community discussions on controversial topics
- 64. Healthy eating talks for youth
- 65. High Quality Adult Programming
- 66. Local Faculty/Author Discussion Nights
- 67. Live stream with NASA
- 68. Tween-specific space and programs
- 69. Programs
- 70. More interactive learning initiatives
- 71. Science activities for kids
- 72. Storytime for older children

Equity

- 73. Address structural racism in libraries
- 74. Equitable access to eBooks and pBooks
- 75. More funding for material budget
- 76. More city support for some libraries
- 77. More focus on underserved / unserved
- 78. Useful, inclusive services to people without homes
- 79. Services for the Homeless

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Resources and Expertise

- 80. Career assessment / testing for middle and high school age so they start thinking earlier more access to a limited, costly service
- 81. Cell phone chargers
- 82. New American Immigration Services
- 83. Citizenship Classes
- 84. Citizenship classes and immigration information
- 85. ESL classes at elementary schools for parents
- 86. ESL Conversation classes
- 87. More ESL classes
- 88. Voter registration
- 89. Voter registration
- 90. Be a better community resource for disaster response
- 91. Do more to help people become employable
- 92. Localized job training in high demand areas
- 93. Small Business start-up support
- 94. Co-working spaces
- 95. Specific services to small and one-person businesses
- 96. Guidance on self-publishing
- 97. Have more eBooks
- 98. Help community understand and use 'open data'
- 99. Prepper Classes
- 100. Homework Help and Tutoring
- 101. Video instruction on core information research topics
- 102. Offer checkout of digital textbooks
- 103. Training for child providers
- 104. Training for early educators
- 105. Flu shots and immunization
- 106. Marketing: Libraries Transform
- 107. Mental health support
- 108. Mental health training sessions
- 109. Tech/maker instruction

Digitization Initiatives

- 110. A renewed historical digitization project
- 111. Centralized archival scanning for historical collections
- 112. Digitize historical bound newspapers
- 113. Historical photo application free
- 114. Ways to manage family or local history collection (digitization)
- 115. Record community stories (w/audience) and (also on website)

Library Technology and Facilities

- 116. Access to amazing technology with handholding
- 117. App for patron self check
- 118. Digital Lab
- 119. Digital media lab

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- 120. Collectively we power to develop software to meet our libraries' needs
- 121. Computer lab space (dedicated)
- 122. eBook download kiosks
- 123. Single eBook app
- 124. One eBook platform with one-click content
- 125. Streamlined eBook access
- 126. Maker Space
- 127. Maker Spaces
- 128. Maker space
- 129. Adult makerspaces
- 130. Projectors in study rooms
- 131. Targeted library vending machines
- 132. Professional level tech
- 133. Online streaming video
- 134. A new Main Library for SSF!
- 135. Community spaces
- 136. New facilities
- 137. More public meeting space
- 138. Meeting room
- 139. Meeting space
- 140. Meeting spaces
- 141. Provide more types of study spaces to students (more group study rooms, more quiet study space)
- 142. Space planning for next generation tech
- 143. Staff-up support (space, resources)

Capacity Building: Partnerships, Alliances, and Volunteerism

- 144. Formalize partnership with SFUSD deepen ties with schools
- 145. More networking with community organizations
- 146. Identify a good model for partnering with Parks and Recreation
- 147. Staff training to support Rec/Library programming
- 148. Work externally with community orgs to support info needs
- 149. Improved volunteer use and experience
- 150. Innovative service model
- 151. Library cards specifically for teachers
- 152. Sister City / Literacy activities cultural exchange
- 153. Partnerships
- 154. Position library as resource to other city/county departments
- 155. Tap into community professionals
- 156. Provide resources to community groups to help them succeed
- 157. Not for profit support (grant writing resources)
- 158. Translation services for community members, flyers, etc.
- 159. More library outreach with students as ambassadors?
- 160. Networking and outreach
- 161. Services in conjunction with colleges that support careers



Potential System-wide Benefits

- 162. All invest in Community Analytics and share information
- 163. Community engagement understanding customers, surveys, focus groups, market segments
- 164. Coordinate language purchases and cataloging
- 165. Vetted list of reliable foreign language vendors and/or list of recommended titles from that country
- 166. Shared language selection and collection development
- 167. Multilanguage selection and cataloging
- 168. Multiple language cataloging
- 169. Research foreign language cataloging vendors to potentially begin FY 2016-17
- 170. Start exploring collaboration on purchasing and cataloging of non-English materials
- 171. Dedicated library tax statewide
- 172. Expand SMCL model for Summer Learning
- 173. Greater understanding of library services (targeted marketing)
- 174. Maximize statewide potential power we have for libraries
- 175. Menu of services for unincorporated areas. To know what these should look like.
- 176. More marketing to non-library users
- 177. Offer database or eBook collections at no cost to member libraries
- 178. Purchase sample collection of special items to allow libraries to practice lending things, i.e. robots, iPads, and toys
- 179. Send someone to our Library Board and/or Friends
- 180. Susan Hildreth traveling/speaking tour bring work from Aspen Institute to local community stakeholders

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What Quick / Immediate Things Could PLP Do?

- 1. Staff Development opportunities
- 2. Design thinking training
- 3. Continuing education workshops: early career, mid career, supervisory
- 4. Shared hourly pool
- 5. Customer Service Training
- 6. Identify non-library continuing education opportunities
- 7. Highlight relevant trends in other industries
- 8. Start conversations and trainings on cultural diversity and unpacking white privilege in our profession
- 9. Consider developing temporary employee pool
- 10. Offer joint staff workshops
- 11. Customer Service workshop
- 12. Train the trainer for PLP representative staff
- 13. More shared resources
- 14. Start-up \$
- 15. Grant templates
- 16. Scale duplicate Innovation Grants
- 17. Blank checks
- 18. Duplicate projects across the board (PLP grants)
- 19. Give us \$ w/ moot grant process
- 20. Spread tech \$ equitably in the region
- 21. Participate in Library Simplified
- 22. Beta site for eBook NYPL
- 23. 1 app for all eBook platforms
- 24. Leverage ENKI success to move us towards universal platforms
- 25. Reinstitute 'Easy Grants'
- 26. Monthly newsletter of new things each Library member is trying a sample to keep us stretching
- 27. Established video participation centers (places with technology for remote attendance)
- 28. Create way to share best practices
- 29. Consultant recommendations site
- 30. Fully developed programming database
- 31. Furniture / equipment recommendations and ideas
- 32. Annual gatherings for staff (and local officials) w/ poster sessions show and tell
- 33. Regional Conference
- 34. Have a presence at other professional conferences (i.e. League of California Cities)
- 35. Communication tools to share experiences
- 36. Create a wiki or place of all of us to upload our training materials (could be customer service, technical, etc.)
- 37. Email listserves for specific topics / groups (e.g. branch managers, storytimes)
- 38. Networking for specific groups (e.g. Tech Services, Managers)
- 39. Local networking Meet-ups
- 40. Have PLP tracks for Clerks, Librarians, and Managers to look at a cross section of organizational challenges

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- 41. Create one vision to work on as a group (e.g. every kindergartner has a library card) creates regional leverage
- 42. General marketing support
- 43. Share PR among members
- 44. Regional PSA for libraries
- 45. Supply 'branding' materials around universal library themes e.g. National Library Week, etc., Children's BookWeek, etc.
- 46. Use Libraries Transform (ALA Campaign) for system PR
- 47. Presentation on PLP what can it currently offer?
- 48. Come out to each Library and explain PLP services
- 49. Get info out to whole library community about what PLP and Califa do and where they're heading
- 50. Shared analytics tool
- 51. Pool CLSA money for discounted service e.g. Analytics on Demand
- 52. Universal Library Card
- 53. AV assessment to help Libraries upgrade public meeting spaces for streaming programs
- 54. Going beyond market segmentation and developing a plan/projects to utilize this information for all member PLP libraries
- 55. Regional branding campaign
- 56. Marketing International Language materials
- 57. Foreign language collection \$\$
- 58. International Collection 'Listsery'
- 59. Review need for committees by interest, geography, etc.
- 60. Continue improving the PLP website
- 61. New PLP website function
- 62. More robust website (member input for ideas?)
- 63. Enhance PLP website
- 64. Establish PAC to work on living wage for our lowest paid workers region wide or a community to support an existing PAC
- 65. Programs sharing site
- 66. Tech committee
- 67. Arrange for a "staff exchange" staff spend a day at another library to learn how they do things
- 68. Share best practices from PLP-like organizations in other states
- 69. Inform / teach us about national projects like Library Simplified
- 70. More meetings in Los Gatos

What do you want now to help staff serve customers?

- 1. Leadership
- 2. More staff specialties, more leadership tracks not tied to MLIS... new expertise
- 3. Behavior (Behave!)
- 4. Customer service
- 5. Customer service refreshers
- 6. Lean library management / process
- 7. Design thinking
- 8. Staff who speak languages other than English

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- 9. Skills and Education
- 10. Staff taking ownership
- 11. Embrace core values
- 12. Getting staff to buy in to continuing education
- 13. Elevator pitch training
- 14. More job flexibility to do innovative things
- 15. Less concern about 'out of classification' work
- 16. Project management training
- 17. Professional development / training
- 18. Ability to let go of ineffective processes / programs
- 19. Teaching managers what it means to be a manager
- 20. Accountability at a regional or statewide level i.e. competencies and CEUs
- 21. Clear direction from executive management
- 22. Autonomy to get the job done be brave and let them work
- 23. Customer Service training
- 24. Mentors
- 25. Opportunity to network with other library staff members
- 26. Bigger training budget
- 27. Customer service training
- 28. Mental health training
- 29. Workforce and development and technology curriculum
- 30. Train for a proactive delivery model
- 31. Additional staffing tied to positive outcomes
- 32. Imbue culture of innovation in staff
- 33. Reward risk taking
- 34. Less cumbersome hiring and purchasing processes
- 35. Better ways to recognize and reward outstanding work
- 36. Staff exchange program between libraries
- 37. Local IT people with technical expertise
- 38. Understanding that service goes beyond checking out materials
- 39. Reimagining customer service
- 40. More training resources
- 41. Train intentionally current staff in cultural diversity
- 42. True cultural awareness training (not corporate out of box)
- 43. Online training platform specific to us
- 44. More \$
- 45. Core competencies (basics everyone knows!)
- 46. Options for engagement
- 47. Mentoring
- 48. Improved internal communication channels
- 49. World languages
- 50. Updated job descriptions
- 51. More staff (bodies)
- 52. Living wage for lower paid employees and benefits
- 53. Attend conferences not related to libraries
- 54. Leadership circle

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- 55. Design thinking training and practice
- 56. Staff peer mentoring and 1:1 time
- 57. Facilities assistance (program set up)
- 58. More \$ for grants to develop staff / self
- 59. Time to plan, time to create
- 60. Fulltime* over part time
- 61. Foreign language and cataloging
- 62. Give staff the freedom to stop doing ineffective work
- 63. Customer service training, from retail and hospitality sector
- 64. Supervisory / team leadership training
- 65. Time for non-professional classified staff to attend professional development training
- 66. More staff
- 67. Technology
- 68. More time to practice with eReaders
- 69. iPads for staff
- 70. eBook training
- 71. Tech/Computer 101 training
- 72. Public service technology
- 73. Outside library technology
- 74. Technology
- 75. Technology training
- 76. Better training for technology challenged
- 77. Makerspace equipment training
- 78. Mobile technology (iPads, laptops)
- 79. Innovative app for Sierra
- 80. Computer skills training
- 81. Support and training for being technologically nimble
- 82. Training for eBook downloading make it a core competency
- 83. IT / Tech training for effective troubleshooting
- 84. Regional marketing big push
- 85. Marketing
- 86. Marketing
- 87. T-shirts for outreach brand ourselves in the community
- 88. Unlock vendor silos... universal delivery for eBooks and electronic resources
- 89. Better vendor pricing for databases
- 90. Centralizing automation to give staff more creative time
- 91. More collaboration with other libraries
- 92. Fines
- 93. Spaces
- 94. Funding
- 95. Operational support
- 96. Dealing with difficult patrons training
- 97. Language intro classes for library use
- 98. PLP mental health resources and consultant
- 99. Training re: systems and reward learning
- 100. Mini foreign language classes key phrases

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What's a pie in the sky thing you'd like to have for your Library or in your staff?

- 1. Social media mastery (dedicated job)
- 2. Customer profiles with tech. personalization algorithm
- 3. Regional market segmentation (across jurisdictions)
- 4. True consortium partnership
- 5. Resident artists and scientists
- 6. More efficient materials delivery
- 7. More time for outreach
- 8. Address inequities between local library services; reciprocal borrowing
- 9. Focus on 1 priority 3rd grade reading
- 10. 1 Bay Area library card
- 11. Uniform library card Bay Area
- 12. Bay Area Library card
- 13. One Card
- 14. One target theme e.g. grade level reading
- 15. Every line staff knows what PLP does PLP Community Building
- 16. eBook Vendor/Publisher Advocacy
- 17. One catalog
- 18. Unified PLP-wide ILL
- 19. Pool of roving presenters (lectures, poetry, readers)
- 20. Marketing regional that puts "Library" top of mind even for a week
- 21. Marketing templates
- 22. Monthly library-themed shared marketing
- 23. Centralized temp pool
- 24. PLP staff resource on capital projects
- 25. Centralized training
- 26. Shared programming resources
- 27. Seamless resource sharing
- 28. Shared Mental Health resources
- 29. Universal e-books
- 30. PLP resource list (aka Craig's List)
- 31. What are better measures to demonstrate library success and value?
- 32. More efficient delivery, including mail
- 33. One card
- 34. Shared catalog
- 35. Shared auditor to help us collectively look at staffing models at each system
- 36. Did you know campaign... modern library defined
- 37. Accessibility to PLP (for all staff)
- 38. Hire consultant to examine feasibility of universal library card (it' a first step :-)
- 39. Networking event need a group to figure out details
- 40. Universal leadership training
- 41. Shared language, graphics and measurement standards for annual reports that argue for our value
- 42. Shared temp staff with high level customer service values
- 43. Multiple languages spoken
- 44. All staff speak a second language

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- 45. Greater involvement of staff in labor exercising leadership
- 46. Risk taking: management on down
- 47. Skills database
- 48. Staff can work around system rather than at 1 location
- 49. Professional level skill sets outside of library work
- 50. Nimble up level work
- 51. Always creative and open to expanded services
- 52. Yes, And attitude; openness to change
- 53. Unlimited enthusiasm and passion
- 54. Well rounded staff expertise in various areas, less specialization
- 55. Know exactly what motivates every employee
- 56. 24/7 staff availability
- 57. Time and permission to make things happen in the community with partnerships
- 58. Restorative Justice Circles
- 59. Social Worker
- 60. Social Worker
- 61. Daily ice cream breaks
- 62. Less silos in organization
- 63. Have library pages become benefitted employees
- 64. Staffing structure w/less barriers to well paid work in libraries
- 65. More staff
- 66. FT, IT Librarian for all public computers and lab
- 67. Staff comfort level with being technologically nimble
- 68. Tech skill building comfort
- 69. Benefits for all
- 70. App developer
- 71. One manager per location
- 72. Eliminate cap on services as needed annual hours
- 73. Regular tech/library staff meet ups discussions
- 74. Staff deployment department
- 75. Staff Development Officer
- 76. Dedicated staff for Library IT not dependent upon City IT
- 77. For staff to believe in the people we're serving more than than the things we serve them with
- 78. Staff feel they have a meaningful contribution no matter their position
- 79. Software developer
- 80. Computer programmers
- 81. High end programmer
- 82. Research and evaluation data guru
- 83. Grant writer
- 84. More project manager positions
- 85. Founder of Disney LL
- 86. More language skills
- 87. Multilingual
- 88. Customer service trainer
- 89. Dedicated training staff

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- 90. Ability / training to work effectively in teams
- 91. Un-siloed teamwork approach; no tech vs. public or youth vs. adult
- 92. Staff understand / articulate library mission
- 93. Tech trainer experience
- 94. Culturally diverse workforce
- 95. eServices coordinator
- 96. GIS specialist

Shared Meaning

How do we define 'Resource Sharing' 10.05 and 10.06.15 in Los Gatos and Millbrae

- Local efforts are available regionally
- Seamless services
- 2/3 > sharing one
- Knowledge and expertise sharing
- System wide 'catalog' of language expertise
- Pages / Clerks work at multiple libraries
- Values, customer service, etc. (Region doesn't recognize library jurisdictional boundaries)
- Share concepts, challenges, values, like roles
- Purchasing power (order/distribute)
- Best practices knowledgebase and broadcasting
- Shared card, catalog, Staff on call
- Create a universal set of member needs
- Mental health resources / services
- Reduce cost and/or greater collective funding
- Ability to maintain currency of ideas, investment
- Content: Bay Area Events (Rights) Could PLP negotiate?
- II.I.
- Can we... Link + for all PLP (like TBR)
- Regional delivery
- Reinvent (previous CLSA \$) Services for region and support risk for new initiatives
- Stockphoto database, etc., to simplify marketing
- Sharing materials throughout systems
- Staff
- TBR
- Marketplace: bartered services and even entrepreneurial services
- Cooperative purchasing (databases)
- Formalizing expertise sharing
- Statewide ILS
- Statewide library card
- Statewide Link Plus
- Developing tools / infrastructure for resource sharing

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- ENKI for video, music, magazines
- Traveling exhibitions: program in a box
- Self driving PLP bus
- Library YouTube channel
- User generated content
- Minimum threshold for public library services PLP (state?) wide

How do we define Communication (and Delivery)?

10.05 and 10.06.15 in Los Gatos and Millbrae

- Where is CLA as voice for state (and libraries, cooperatives, etc.)? (coming from Texas with a strong LA)
- Effective listserves to receive pertinent information and seek out... (SKOPIC as example social media)
- Internet Pipelines (Individual libraries)
- PLP "Identity" supporting libraries (nuts/bolts of functionality unique voice because of CLSA)
- State level communication about libraries
- Training (Best Practices: Lib Services)
- Advertising (PR, Mktg, TV, Radio, Online, Building awareness, branding)
- Convening / bringing people together through conferences (i.e. The CSL Director Conference)
- Delivery of resources across multi-type libraries
- Market segmentation (demography, lifestyle and lifestage) as foundation for channels and messages used in marketing services
- Network costs, upgrading communication infrastructure
- PLP literal communication with members (equipment, etc. to support streaming online meetings, recording and archiving for viewing, etc.)
- Digitization

10.07.15 Oakland - In Oakland, definitions for 'communication and delivery' and 'resource sharing' were consolidated by the group

- 2 aspects: cooperative gets info out to libraries AND members both get and share information
- No deliberate education around library organizations and processes
 - Educate new professionals to support intelligent work and harness collective knowledgebase
 - As funding changes, priorities change
- Even more basic institutional knowledge
- Susan Hildreth: has 1 page history of CLSA to share
 - o only element of CLSA currently funded
 - o Geography affects delivery, especially in rural areas
 - o How to support e-delivery
 - Outsource delivery (physical?)

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- Way to leverage CENIC libraries to offer training on infrastructure
- Other consortia in local, regional, national ecosystem
- AND educational systems Universities and Community Colleges
- CSUs moving to unified ILS If we had unified, state-wide ILS... (interpretation of regulations re: if 3 or more libraries share a subscription to an eResource, CLSA funds can be used...and any training must be related)
- CLSA Funding...PLP want to leverage all our resources AND have the capacity to go beyond
- 20th Century 'Stuff' and 21st Century 'eResources"; space expertise knowledge + stuff (customer expectations)
- Identify and manage expertise (catalog)
- Acquisition / Cataloging Languages
- Communicating externally with municipalities i.e., Edge Initiative and Broadband stuff of CSL.
- If resource sharing equals people, maybe we figure out a time banking system or a bartering system. (Palo Alto MF has "Linkages" = Time bank)
- When speaking, it would be useful to have talking points.

Patterns and Themes

After individual input and group conversations, the facilitators asked participants to review the flip charts and post it notes to identify any emerging patterns or themes. This list represents all comments made in the three workshops.

- Simple things seem hard (one card)
- Tapping collective knowledge and skills
- Power of taking 1 thing (one super initiative super theme)
- Libraries struggle with the same problems (like one card, kbase) collaborative solutions / access to professionals (bitcoin)
- Core competencies
- Lack of theme: \$
- Different staff development / training looking for experiences to share
- Metrics and value proposition (analytics)
- Connecting work of libraries to do real world work (Library role and coordination = intentional)
- Looking at service development
- Shared communication via PLP
- Leverage information, ideas, best practices to create bigger impacts
- PLP reducing costs to free resources
- Convening face : face sharing
 - o prioritization by each library (notes)
 - o PLP to re-engage (different interest areas)
 - o PLP time at Conference
- PLP: Needs Assessment
- Messaging PLP owns

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- Capture learning, not doing relearning
- Organizational capacity
- Shared marketing
- PLP identity is... unclear (and confusing since same people are involved in Califa, PLS, etc., understanding value)
- Staff training / development (core competencies and new skills)
- Replicate success of Discover and Go (build upon grant funded successes and sustain their impact)
- Evidence based strategies and actions (lessons learned)
- Convening: Future of Libraries, etc. with archive
- Facilitating the Sharing Economy between member libraries
- PLP as Catalyst of Innovation; fostered in structured manner through an innovation academy
- Statewide access to resources
- Library Campaign that simple and BIG (advertising is different, we are the opposite of CoCa Cola, brand experience)
- Strategy (R/D, Innovation, Trends, Local discourse and local interpretation)
- PLP role is to support what libraries want to do, not to dictate (lending, international languages, etc.)
- Strong desire for innovation. Libraries should be the leading edge. There are obstacles ... i.e., physical.
- Value and need for expertise: IT/ Social Work/Staff development/ Grants There's a need for more expertise. Maybe there are resource sharing ways to do this.
- We're trying to be a lot of things to a lot of people. Maybe if we could narrow our focus on fewer issues, we might be able to go farther. Probably disparate opinions on what to focus on.
- Working on International Languages support –probably a regional approach would be good.
- Objectives: tech skills, diversity, professional development (mobile)
- Professional Development look at this through resource sharing lens. Staff will move among systems so it's an investment into the PLP region. Staff we'll hire 3 years from now.
- Having access to computer programming or system programming resources. Having that kind of service or expertise could help at the individual and the system level.
- Topical makerspaces and how can we use capacity of PLP to support the whole system.
- Program and service templates in a repository.
- Knowledgebase and document repository. Best practices, job descriptions, RFP's, programs,
- Systems/org structures need to be looked at to support for innovation. Maybe support for expertise to design structure and develop/hire staff (and leadership development.)
- Aging of profession, succession planning. What skills/staff do we need? Open doors more widely.

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Member Criteria for PLP Decision Making on Investments and Actions

At each workshop participants generated a list of potential criteria that PLP leadership should consider in deciding which initiatives to pursue. Each participant was invited to identify their priorities by voting with 'stars'.

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- (15★) Good for collective (holistic, could not on our own like CENIC)
- (13★) Tangible and measurable (outcomes, impacts and ROI)
- (12★) Leveraging one-time effort to great benefit long term
- (9★) Strategic (political, etc.)
- (7★) Menus to offer options
- (7★) Consistent with PLP Mission and Role
- (5★) Systems approach (issue specific / multiple strategies across spectrum)
- (5★) Growth areas vs Shrinking, Legacy, Fills a Need, Stale
- (4★) Sustainability of initiative(s)
- (2★) Ease of Implementation
- (2★) Creative commons / licensing within PLP
- (1★) Useful to multiple libraries / types (can be exclusive)
- (1★) Regional relevance
- (0★) Timeline/Schedule
- (0★) Participatory member staff opportunities
- (0★) For Consideration: innovation quotient and scale beyond / within PLP
- (0★) Cost \$

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- (6★) Measureable outcomes
- (4★) Bang for buck
- (3★) Value of effort (funders, stakeholders i.e. officials, cities)
- (3★) Member accessibility (tangible)
- (3★) Costs
- (2★) Menu options / a la carte
- (2★) Established process? Should be one.
- (2 ★) One-time vs. Ongoing Need
- (1★) Transparent decision-making
- (1★) Implementation
- (0★) Reasonable amount of time
- (0★) Quick, easy win on low hanging fruit
- (0★) Opt-in / out Pay to play

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- (6★) Is it Feasible?
- (6*) Can we fund it?
- (5★) Visibility (funders, political, staff, community)
- (4★) Equity; targeting greatest need and inclusive of rural libraries

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- (3★) Does it move the profession forward
- (2★) Is it sustainable?
- (2★) Benefits more versus less
- (1★) Measureable success
- (1★) Match PLP's strengths
- (1★) Is it fun? Is ice cream involved?
- (1★) Is it Clear?

Potential Initiatives Explored in Workshops

From the work done thus far, a number of potential initiatives were identified within each workshop. Any initiatives struck out were not addressed in depth in the workshop for one of the following reasons:

- grouped with another another initiative
- determined to be of minor interest to the group
- in later workshops, the initiative was addressed in previous workshops which made room for exploration of new ideas

For each initiative identified for further exploration, small groups within each workshop were assigned one or more initiatives to discuss and capture pros, cons, and questions. Each small group then reported out their discussions, which included any assumptions about the scope of the initiative. The larger group then was able to add additional pros, cons, and questions to the flipchart. Once all initiatives were discussed, each participant received adhesive dots which they could 'spend' by placing them on the flipcharts to show their support of the initiative. Initiatives explored in each workshop are presented in chronological order, below.

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- 1. (20 ★) Training and Staff / Professional Development
- 2. (18 ★) Knowledgebase and Document Repository (expertise, best practices, sample documents just in time and historical
- 3. (18 ★) Regional to Local Needs Assessments (Community analytics, similarities, differences with metrics and value propositions)
- 4. (14 ★) One Card
- 5. (7 ★) Shared eResource Platform
- 6. (7 ★) Shared Catalog / ILL
- 7. (3 ★) Individual/Family Life Success Services (child, student, parent, adult, workforce)
- 8. (2 ★) Resource Sharing (reciprocal borrowing, equipment)
- 9. (1 ★) Collaborative Services Development
- 10. Immigration, ESL, and Citizenship Services
- 11. Metrics and Value Propositions (and universal reporting: CSL)
- 12. Collaborative Collection Development (N CA Digital Library)

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- 1. (11 ★) Staff training / development (value: grants, conferences, training)
- 2. (10 ★) Library campaign (advertise) / Branding, strategy (invitation / value statement)



- 3. (6 ★) Knowledgebase (KM) to facilitate sharing economy (and become infrastructure to other initiatives)
- 4. (6 ★) Access to Professional Expertise / Consultants
- 5. (2 ★) PLP Seamless Services w/ Baseline (core services and patron experience) + community specific defined services and experiences
- 6. (1 ★) Partnering Beyond Library community (externally i.e. Cenic project) Transformative infrastructure
- 7.—Facilitating Cooperation / Collaboration
- 8. Grant Writing (larger grants that might include more libraries within PLP i.e. Big Lift in SMC and SSF)

10.17.15 Oakland

- 1. (11 ★) Platform for data collection and reporting for programs and services (like Collection HQ analysis)
- 2. (7 ★) PLP Start-up of Complex / Expensive Activities and Services (Prototypes / packages, Economy of scale model, Program templates)
- 3. (7 ★) Models for Community Engagement (skills, expertise, asset mapping)
- 4. (6 ★) Future Library Organizational Model
- 5. (3 ★) Application Development in support of All Things Digital activities
- 6. (2 ★) Building Collaborative Capacity (skills, structure)
- 7. One Card for PLP (and children's card)
- 8. Foreign Language (Collection development and management)
- 9. Knowledgebase and Document Repository
- 10. Temporary / on Call Staff Pool
- 11. eBooks platform shared discovery platform
- 12. PR / Marketing / Publicity (with Market Research)

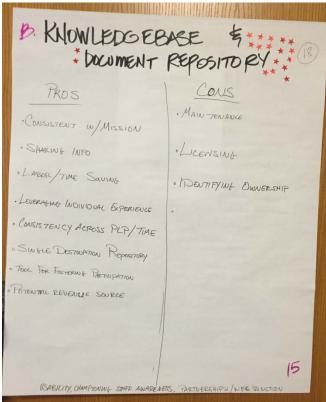
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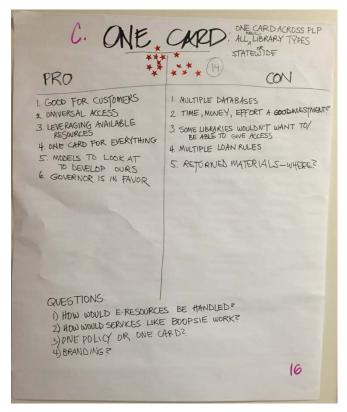
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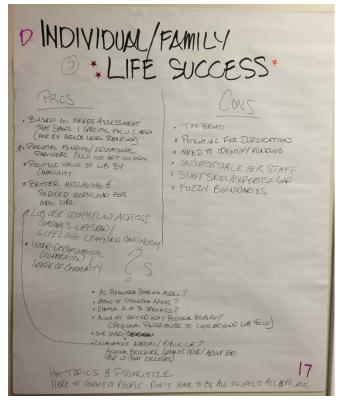


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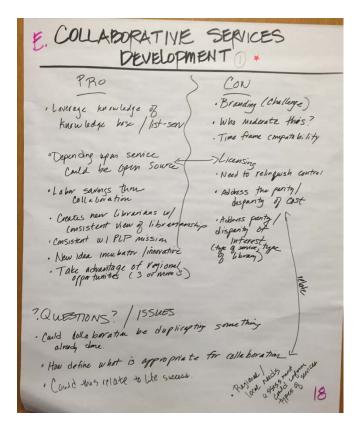


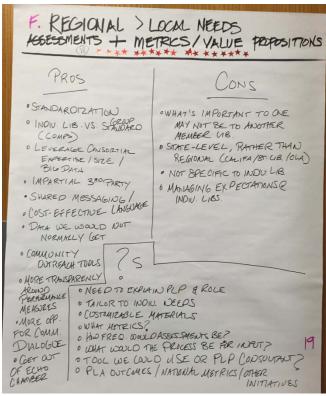


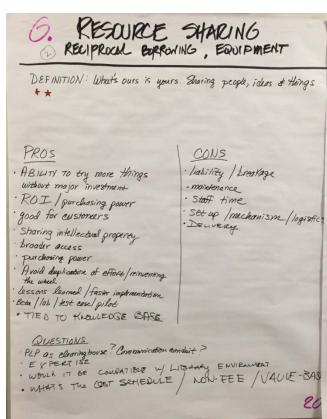


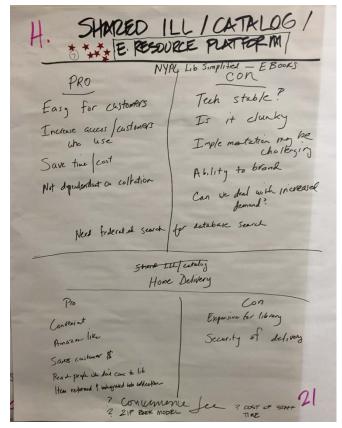








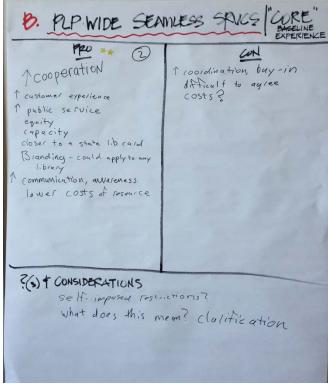


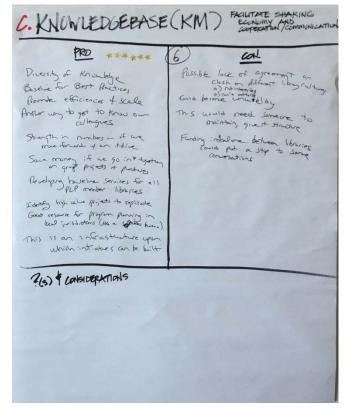


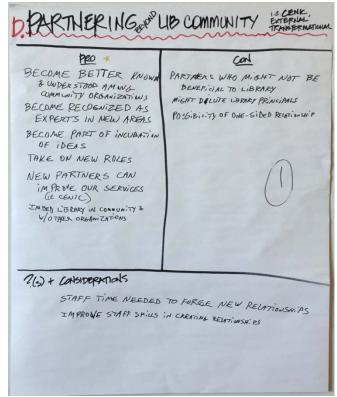


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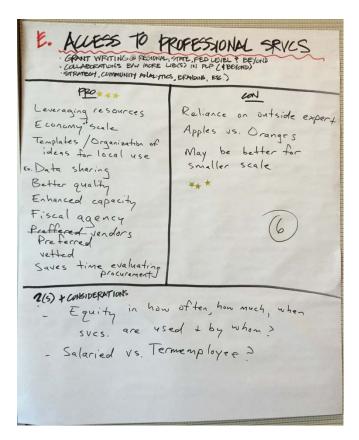


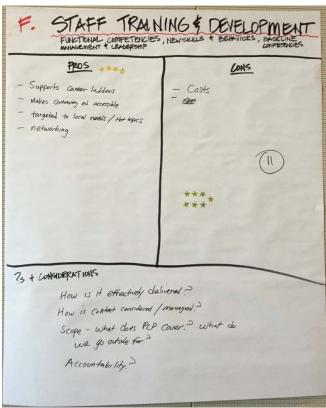




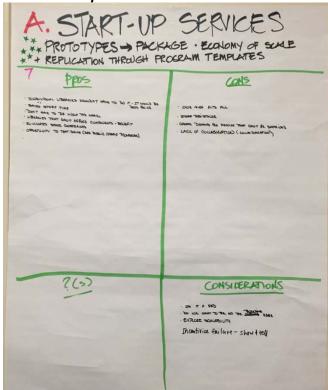


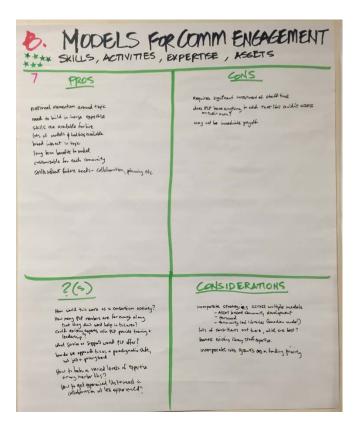




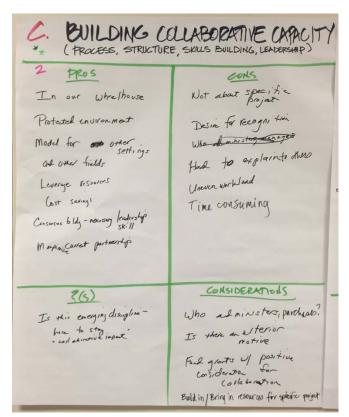


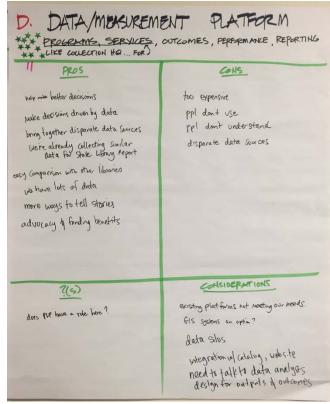
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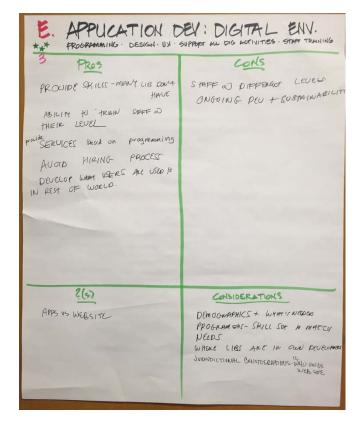


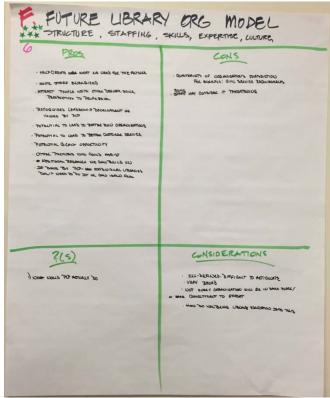














A survey was conducted after the workshops, as Directors and their designated participants hoped to gather input from other staff at their libraries. 139 survey responses were submitted; 86% of those did not attend a workshop. In San Jose, the link to the survey was widely distributed to staff and generated 91 submittals – almost 66% of the total responses. The following table identifies the valuation of proposed initiatives by survey respondents, comparing all responses, San Jose only responses, and San Jose excluded responses.

		Survey Responses Weighted Average; Scale 1 to 6		
	Initiatives (Italics denote signifcant influence from San Jose responses on total rating)	All	San Jose Excluded	San Jose Only
Q20	Staff Training and Professional Development	4.88	4.89	4.88
Q22	Shared eResource Platform (Catalog and ILL)	4.08	3.83	4.63
Q31	Partnering Beyond the Library Community	4.00	4.28	3.38
Q15	Regional and Local Needs Assessment	3.92	4.06	3.63
Q18	Future Library Organizational Model	3.92	3.83	4.14
Q19	App Dev for Digital Environment	3.85	3.89	3.75
Q16	Data Analytics Platform	3.77	4.28	2.63
Q17	Models for Community Engagement	3.73	3.44	4.38
Q29	Access to Professional Services	3.73	3.78	3.63
Q21	Resource Sharing (Reciprocal Borrowing, Unique Equipment)	3.69	3.67	3.75
Q26	Individual, Family and Life Success	3.54	3.44	3.75
Q27	Knowledgebase and Document Repository	3.48	3.65	3.13
Q14	One Card	3.46	3.00	4.50
Q30	PLP Seamless Services	3.35	3.28	3.50
Q23	Start-up Services for Member Libraries	3.31	3.39	3.13
Q24	Build Collaborative Capacity	3.31	3.17	3.63
Q28	Branding Strategy (Cooperative wide)	3.19	3.28	3.00
Q25	Collaborative Services Development	2.73	2.83	2.50
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	# Responses % Total	139 100%	48 35%	91 65%

PLP should also assess the factors below when making decisions about which initiatives to pursue as valued by member libraries in workshops and in survey results:

- Only 25-26 of the 139 respondents assessed each of the proposed initiatives on a six-point scale of lowest to highest priority; 7 8 of those responses were from San Jose staff
- Reasons might range from respondents not feeling they had enough information to not being engaged by any of the initiatives, which speaks to the value of interactive, in person co-creation of ideas

For further information, download the entire survey report, including comments.

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What Each Library Can Share

At each workshop, participants identified what resources, expertise, etc., they could share with other libraries.

Mountain View Public Library

- Database Maintenance
- Systems migrations / upgrades
- Workflow evaluation / efficiencies
- Mentoring
- Change / Project Management

Alameda County Library

- Special needs storytime (ASL and ADA Resources)
- Planning and policy support for eDevice lending

Santa Clara County Library District

- Amazing meeting room!
- Marketing Plan process
- Board Book template
- Policy and customer experience survey language

Los Gatos Public Library

- Strategic Planning Light template
- Awesome staff with creative ideas
- Improv training enabled staff
- Customer Service Values Dev. Ex.
- Team building / Communication Tools

Cabrillo College

• Innovative Hacks

Salinas Public Library

• Bilingual Librarians

PLP

- Connection with national partnership / partners
- Capacity to support system-wide projects and initiatives
- Ability to create / enhance infrastructure to support PLP

Library not identified

- Visio software skills (for building flow charts, floor plans, etc.) and Koha advice
- Library Instruction classroom
- Innovative Programs
- Program expertise (various topics)

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- Have shared in the past Book leasing advice
- Experience with Content DM and digitization of content
- Collection development strategies in various specialized areas (sciences, Allied Health, etc.)
- Capacity to support system wide projects and initiatives

San Bruno (Tim Wallace)

- Mandarin Sign Language
- Graphic Design
- PC Mgmt
- Relationship with Schools; Homework Center

Burlingame Public Library

- Training e.g. Dealing with Difficult Patrons
- Program/Project Duplication with Staff Instructor
- Equipment: Library Bike
- Instagram Expert

San Mateo County Library (Tom Fortin)

- Circulating wifi hotspots and laptops
- Findit! Classification

San Mateo Public Library

*How to start a passport acceptance service for:

- Expanding service
- Revenue generating
- Bringing new library customers

*Foreign language cataloging

- Spanish
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Farsi

*Insight on Cultural Programming

- Asian
- Latino
- Iranian
- Tongan
- Filipino
- African-American

^{*}Sustainability Programs

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San Francisco Public Library

- Staff subject matter expertise for speaking engagements; for example
 - Safety and Security
 - o Youth / Teen Services
 - Accessibility
 - o Partnerships
- Meeting space / facilities (for example Koret Auditorium Main Library)

Califa (Paula MacKinnon)

- eBook Platform and publisher expertise
- working cooperatively, partnering experience

Burlingame Library (Thomas McMahon)

- Non-traditional marketing / web outreach
- Electronic music / recording equipment
- Library in general
 - Scanning / analog to digital conversion services (VHS to DVD, Cassette to DVD)
 - o Instagram expertise
 - o Book lists (lots of them) and Film lists
 - Enthusiastic Teen Librarian who loves to collaborate

South San Francisco Public Library (Valerie Sommer)

- Expert social media Librarian
- (2) 3D Printers
- Sewing machines, Serger, Embroidery machines
- Team Building training expertise
- Lots of maker equipment / maker training
- Adult programming expertise
- Tech training for patrons
- Can share experience of proving an ASES-funded after school program
- United Way / VITA Tax Assistance programs that are very successful
- iPads and laptops for in library loan (thinking of checking them out)
- Great adult and family literacy programs, including a 'preschool' outreach van
- Strong partnerships with County Health and Human Services Departments
- Tagalog-speaking Children's Librarian
- Strong Spanish collection at Branch Library
- Have planned and implemented STEM and Coding programs for Kids

Pacific Library Partnership (PLP - Terry Jackson)

- Mentoring
- Coaching
- Job/Resume

Alameda County Library (Ben)

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- Advice on dealing with Weeding Scandal (Discover Books, policy revision, etc.)
- Civic Technologies Data (market segmentation)
- Access to Alameda County Partners for Planning Ashland Youth Center as a model
- Scanning pilot with Pinnacle
- P.U.L.S.E. Kiosks
- Host Performer's Showcase

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Palo Alto City Library (Monique)

- Staff who can catalog in Chinese, Korean, Japanese
- Bi-lingual storytime presenters (volunteers, but may be able to travel a little): Russian, Hindi, Mandarin, Cantonese
- Training in value of design-thinking / IDEO
- STEAM Programs
- Tween TV library-focused programs
- Shared bed bug resources

Livermore - Renee

- Kit of 8 Finch Robots for teachers / Homeschoolers (maybe)
- Information about Easy Access Dual Model (Staffed / Unstaffed) Library
- Teen Initiative Help (after we evaluate it)

Alameda Free Library

- Graphic Novel "Expert" children's and teen
 - o Can speak on comics in your collection
 - o selecting age appropriate graphic novels
 - o has moderated panel discussions and has been panelist at ALA and CLA

Pleasanton Library

- Lots of stuffed animals / puppets / storytime props
- Information about setting up a seed library
- Grade Level genre lists
- Resources & expertise in creating / producing locally developed summer reading
- Early Reader leveling expertise

San Jose Public Library

- Drupal
- Early literacy / Early education
- Customer service model
- Grant writing
- Public/Private partnerships
- Makerspaces
- App Development
- Volunteer engagement



Oakland Public Library

- Play @ Your Library software (in development)
- Custom built bike library
- Library branches on public school campuses
- Toy and tool lending
- Asian language focused branch
- Decentralized selection (we're one of the last holdouts)

Oakland

- Extra tools and tool expertise
- Commissioner advocacy expertise

PLS (Monica Schultz)

- Sierra ILS automation scripts
- SMS (texting customers) scripts



Feedback on the Sessions

Plus (What Worked)	Delta (What Could be Improved)				
10.05.15 Los Gatos					
 M&Ms Arm wrestling Funneling ideas Speed Movement Change groups Lunch Location Fun to Clap Mix of different libraries Multiple presenters changing things ups Susan and PLP staff 	 Sorting initial ideas might clarify key areas Gap: post-its and initiatives Definitions on sheets (initiatives) Too much consolidation? M&Ms when promised Room is awkward 				
10.06.15 Millbrae					
 Facilitators Effective recruitment and participation Level of thought and ideas Run a great meeting – activities and exercises paced well and we didn't get bogged down Location! Food! Great idea; collaboration and opportunity to participate 	 Needed 1 more star for voting Good group; less geographic diversity (more of a mix would be better) Different levels of staff would increase diversity Need more girls at the meeting 				
10.07.15 Oakland					
 Mixing people up Process of narrowing Voting Enough time evaluate (doing this plus / delta) Respectful environment Games Participation Seeing everyone! 	 Could have been shorter Better meeting room 				