

SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY

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Honorable D. Scott Daniels
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533
July 26, 2011

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report of June 6, 2011 – Solano County Library System

Dear Honorable Presiding Judge Daniels:

Finding 1

The current website design does not have prominent links assisting patrons to purchase media online. The County Library System could raise additional revenue through increased online electronic media sales.

Response to Finding 1

The Library Department agrees with this finding.

Recommendation 1

County Library system staff should revise their website to make purchase of electronic media simpler and inform the public that purchasing media helps fund the Library. Indication of this (with corresponding links) on the main website would facilitate such purchases by patrons. In addition, printed pamphlets or flyers available at library branches might also increase interest in usage and purchase of electronic media.

Response to Recommendation 1

Solano County Library - This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The Library's web development team is exploring higher profile locations for the placement of the link on the library's website. The Library's marketing team also plans to promote this program through its social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter. Additionally, the partner libraries are being encouraged to feature this link prominently on their websites.

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Finding 2

If Measure B funds cease in 2014, the County Library System will lose a significant portion of its revenue.

Response to Finding 2

The Library Department agrees with this finding.

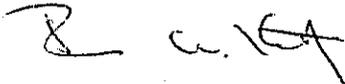
Recommendation 2

The Grand Jury recommends the County Library System work through its community partners to identify sources to maintain current funding levels.

Response to Recommendation 2

Solano County Library - This recommendation has been implemented. A group of library supporters is currently exploring ways to continue the current 1/8 of a penny sales tax that benefits all public libraries in Solano County which include Benicia, Dixon, Solano County Library and Vacaville Library District. In addition, the Library continues to work with its community partners to help fund vital programs to the community such as literacy services. The Library will continue work with community partners such as the Solano County Library Foundation and Friends of the Library groups to help raise additional funds for Library services.

Respectfully submitted,



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Cc: Grand Jury
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