

Hillside-Berkeley Chamber of Commerce &

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invite you to a

MULTI-COMMUNITY & BUSINESS EXPO!

WHEN: Thursday, September 20, 2012

WHERE: Immanuel Christian Academy at 2329 S Wolf Rd Hillside

TIME: 5:00-7:00 pm

**Come and see what your
community has to offer!**

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Fall 2012

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Fri & Sat 10 am-5 pm
Sunday
September 9-May 19
12:00-4:00 pm

CLOSED

September 3
November 22, 23

CLOSE at 5:00 pm

October 8
November 21

Letter from the Director

"Nothing is so painful to the human mind as a great and sudden change."

— Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*

The world we live is changing rapidly. There are changes occurring that we would have thought impossible three years ago. The rapid rise in eBooks for example, has left both publishers, libraries, and customers trying to figure what the changes mean *and* how do we respond? It is not just eBooks that have changed rapidly for libraries; it is also how people are using the library. As schools include more collaborative projects into the curriculum, space where a number of students can meet and talk while working on the project may not be available at home. The library becomes the place for student projects.

With a tough job market, many adults have chosen to return to school to change careers or advance in their current job. This requires taking classes and then doing homework and studying. With family life at home, the library is the new adult study area. Even people with limited computer experience must now apply for jobs online, access government services, or download and print their bank statement. Many of these people come to the library to not only gain access to the internet and a computer but also for assistance.

Libraries need to change to fill the needs of the community. We must do more with less, just like everyone else. This requires that we evaluate what we have and question whether people still need what we offer. Because these changes have overtaken us so quickly, we have lagged behind what the community wants and needs. To address these changing needs, we are reviewing our methods and what we have to offer. We do have DVDs of movies and television shows, which are very popular. Can people get what they want when they want? With Netflix and Hulu they often can, but it can be an added expense to the family. The 24/7 library is now evolving and becoming a reality.

Because of these changes in usage, materials, and people's changing patterns of usage, libraries realize that the buildings they have do not provide what people need now. To learn what needs to be done to our library and to access the building's infrastructure, we have begun to evaluate what we have, how people use our library, and are there changes we need to make to the building to better serve the public. As our library approaches forty years old, we cannot be content to sit and wait and continue to do what we did when the building opened.

To be more efficient and to better fulfill the community's needs, we will be conducting a thorough analysis of the physical building. Additionally, a master plan is being developed so we know where we are headed and what needs to be done to get there. This has been a challenging and often frightening time of rapid change for everyone, but also one of great potential.

-Douglas Losey

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