

To:	Alameda County Library Commission
From:	Library Book Savers of Alameda County

March 31, 2015

**We request that the following items be placed on the ACLAC agenda for the next meeting and subsequent meetings:**

- 1. The Floating Library Collection:** A review of how the floating collection is run by the ACL with a discussion open to the public. The floating collection has caused some libraries to become overstocked with books that has partly been the cause of massive book discards at certain branches (e.g. Albany Branch), instead of books being returned to their home libraries. Due to how the floating collection is currently run, individual branches cannot maintain a unique collection that responds to the interests of each library's patron community. *One* cause of the extreme discarding of books would therefore be eliminated when the books are returned to their home libraries.
- 2. Accountability:** That ACLAC advise the ACL Administration to operate in *a transparent and accountable manner* by immediately using the computer software data base they already own to keep track of the books discards, their publication dates, condition, and the purchase cost of the books. This information should be available to the public and to the Board of Supervisors. We request a comprehensive discussion of this issue by ACLAC at the next meeting.
- 3. Public Process:** That ACLAC advise the ACL to establish a periodic public meeting schedule between the ACL Administration and the public to determine the interests, needs, and wishes of library patrons in regard to each branch in the system.
- 4. Collection Quality and Integrity:** A discussion by ACLAC, the ACL and the public of the *right* of patrons-taxpayers-investors to a library that provides older materials and how the ACL can start to provide these materials in keeping with the *Materials Selection Policy of 1999*. A return to the policy of 1999 would greatly reduce book discards and maintain the breadth and depth of the collections for use by the patrons.