



## SPECIAL VACANCY NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

The Santa Rosa City Council is seeking applications from interested citizens to volunteer for appointment to the Sonoma County Library Commission. The Sonoma County Library is a Joint Powers Agency created through an agreement between the County of Sonoma and the Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Windsor. The appointee will fill a vacant position as the Santa Rosa representative for three years of a four-year term that expires on February 28, 2015.

The Library Commission has full responsibility for the library's governance and operation. The County Board of Supervisors only provides oversight of the budget. This means that the Library Commission's role in overseeing the effective management of the library is very important—the Library has a budget of over \$15 million, operates 11 library facilities and two rural stations, and has a staff of approximately 175 people.

Because of the level of responsibility, the Library Commission should have a strong mix of backgrounds and expertise among its members. The Commission would also benefit from having members with a strong background in areas such as finance, marketing, and business. Members should, of course, have a demonstrated interest in and knowledge of the Library, preferably having served as an active member of the Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Santa Rosa Libraries, or the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation.

The Commission holds regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are usually held at the Rincon Valley Regional Library, 6959 Montecito Boulevard, Santa Rosa, but may also be held at the other ten branches on a rotating basis. In addition, the Commission holds two daytime budget workshops during the first quarter of the calendar year and may hold special meetings as needed.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Santa Rosa and must be registered to vote. Applications are due in the City Manager's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012. For an application call (707) 543-3010, or visit the City's website at <http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/government/boards>.