

Library: Isn't much, but keep it

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Capitola library is dismal, in a bad location and parking is impossible — and it should remain open, according to library director Charles Atkins.

Atkins met with library board directors Monday morning at their regular meeting, telling them, "My opinion is, if we are serious about building a library in Live Oak, we should keep Capitola open."

It is important to have a book collection to transfer to a new library, he said. And closing a small library

for financial reasons "doesn't add up" when there are plans for an expensive new building.

"How can we say there is no money to run Capitola and build a new library?" he asked.

Capitola Library is one of the small libraries in the county that fell under the Prop. 13 axe more than a year ago. For the past 18 months, the City of Capitola has financed the operation, but City Council members recently voted to fund the library for only

four more months, and decide after that whether they will continue to pay for the library.

"The county said a long time ago (18 months), if Capitola wants a library, they'll have to pay for it," reminded Atkins.

Board chairman Sara Bunnnett said, "Capitola Library belongs in the system, not out of the system. We have a responsibility to return Capitola Library to the (city-county library) system."

Director Jim Lee

requested that Atkins draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors, urging them to fund the library once again. Directors are scheduled to approve the letter at their Aug. 3 meeting.

In other business, directors:

—Voted to change the monthly meeting time to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

—Listened to a report on the summer children's reading program by children's librarian Susan Elgin.

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