

Library Commission Meeting

April 7, 2021

Written Communications

Item 5

Superfest Disability Film Festival

**From:** [Emily Smith Beitiks](#)  
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Dear library commission,

I understand that a community member put "Superfest Disability Film Festival" on your agenda for the week. They asked that I attend the meeting, which I unfortunately can't do, but I'm happy to share more about the festival in hopes that it may support your conversation.

Superfest is the longest-running disability film festival in the world, celebrating cutting-edge cinema that portrays disability through a diverse, complex, unabashed and engaging lens. Since it first debuted in a small Los Angeles showcase in 1970, it has become an eagerly anticipated international event—hosted by Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability at San Francisco State University. Beyond the core festival each fall in Berkeley and San Francisco, "Superfest Showcases" reach thousands more, mostly throughout California, although some have been as far as India, Australia, Russia, and Sweden, and many have been virtual since the start of the pandemic. Superfest is one of the few festivals worldwide that prioritizes access, welcoming in disabled film goers of all kinds. All of our films are offered with open captioning and audio description to make it as accessible as possible.

We have worked previously with several libraries to host these programs and bring accessible film to their communities, as well as organizing filmmaker panels to follow the programs. Typically, we request the host site pays for ASL/CART, \$1000 honorarium for Superfest, and an additional \$100/speaker if a filmmaker panel is desired. We can provide publicity, hosting it on our platform or the library's, and graphics, in addition to running the screening.

If you decide to continue this conversation, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!  
Emily

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Dear Library Commission Chair Pan, Vice Chair Vasanth, and Commissioners Panda, Sreekanth, and Zhao:

Please include this letter as written communication for the 4/7/2021 Library Commission meeting, Agenda Item 5 "Superfest Disability Film Festival".

Most likely I will not be able to attend tonight's Library Commission meeting when Agenda Item 5 is discussed.

I encourage the Commission to explore opportunities to partner with the Paul K Longmore Institute on Disability to bring a future program, such as a Superfest disability film showcase, to the community.

For more information about the Superfest Disability Film Festival, see:  
<https://longmoreinstitute.sfsu.edu/superfest>

For FAQs regarding how to host a Superfest Showcase, see:  
<https://www.superfestfilm.com/superfest-showcase-faqs>

For information about the Paul K Longmore Institute on Disability at San Francisco State University, see: <https://longmoreinstitute.sfsu.edu/>

Thank you so much for considering tonight's Agenda Item 5 to bring to the community "cutting-edge cinema that portrays disability through a diverse, complex, unabashed and engaging lens".

Sincerely,

Liana Crabtree  
Cupertino resident

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