

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, February 10th, 2021**

A [full recording of the current meeting](#) is available.
called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

Members present: Francine Boullosa, Gretchen Coppedge, Katherine Daniels, Bill Distad, Sarah Bishop, Callen Sterling, Lois Stark

Members absent: Denise Duren

Guests: Carol Voeller (Friends of Salem Public Library), Piper Martin (Teen Advisory Board), Samantha Hart (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Sarah Strahl, Sonja Somerville, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

None.

Minutes were reviewed for January 13th, 2021. Francine proposed an amendment with a statement added about the art discussion. Gretchen moved and Sarah Bishop seconded that minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members, Piper Martin and Samantha Hart provided an update on recent TAB activities. This month, TAB has been working together to make cheerful greeting cards to be sent to the patrons from Operation Bookshelf. In the summer, they decorated bags for them with art and cheerful messages. TAB wanted to reach out again, since people may be experiencing a lot of isolation and loneliness as the pandemic continues. Several TAB members participated in the first-ever all virtual Oregon Mock Printz, which is organized by Sonja Somerville for the Oregon Young Adult Network. It's basically an epic book discussion for teens and adults who work with teens in libraries around Oregon. The group deep dives into 8 books for four hours. People thought it was a little crazy to do a four-hour Zoom session, but the time went fast. It was a bigger than usual group with more teen participation from around the state, which has led to conversations about keeping the program at least partially virtual in the future as well.

TAB tried something new for our monthly teen program in January – a Study and Group Work Night. Everyone worked on their own assignments and projects, but also were available to help troubleshoot and share ideas when people got stuck. It seemed like good timing since it was just a week until the end of the semester. Everyone who went said it was helpful and productive, but also nice to add a fun, social element to their homework. For the February Teen program on February 25, TAB members voted twice and still couldn't decide whether to do art together or play Among Us – so they decided to use the Zoom Rooms feature to just do both! People can

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

TAB Report

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make art in the main room or play Among Us in breakout rooms or a little of each.

Lois shared that some of LAB's recommended policy language has been included in the draft 'Our Salem' comprehensive plan. Lois was overjoyed with the inclusion of strong policy support for the library in the plan.

Chair's Report

Sarah submitted a written city librarians report that was include in this months meeting agenda packet. Sarah is working on scheduling the interviews for the Deputy City Librarian position. There is a solid pool of applicants that were submitted. The entry was at the Main Library is currently under construction. The roof of the building has been completed. There is now new carpet being installed in the staff area of the building on the Plaza level.

City Librarian's Report

Carol shared a report on Friends of Salem Public Library activities. The store continues to be open. The Friends hosted a book giveaway of the new Salem Reads book.

Friends Report

Gretchen shared that Salem Reads has been going great so far, thanks to all the contributions from Salem Public Library librarian Sonja Somerville.

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sarah shared that youth services librarian will be attending the March LAB meeting to discuss Books 4 Kids literacy outreach. Books 4 Kids is an outreach adaption by youth services during COVID19. They used left over prize bags from previous readying clubs. Staff mailed the kits upon request to various community groups to reach Salem area families.

**BOOKS 4 KIDS
LITERACY
OUTREACH (LOIS)**

Lois reshared with the group the guideline for use of LAB funds adopted by LAB members.

Guidelines for Use of LAB funds

1. The Board will give priority to fund projects that promote and align with the Salem Library Strategic Plan goals.
2. The Board will give priority to projects of our library partner organizations: The Salem Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Salem Library.
3. The Board will seek to use LAB funds for innovative and expansive programs at the Salem Public Library.

Lois shared that in the past the idea of a retreat for LAB members had been introduced. With the recently added LAB members added this would be great way for all LAB members to interact. Lois is aware it would be recorded and available to the public. Lois suggest it would be a one day event for several hours. This would allow LAB members to plan for the upcoming strategic plan. Sarah is going to consult with Chris Harder from Coraggio as a part of the strategic planning process and with the City of Salem assistant attorney, Marc Weinstein.

RETREAT (LOIS)

Lois shared the parking recommendation will be voted on at the February 22nd. Lois would like LAB members to reach out to their local council, the city manager, and the mayor to express their support in the 3 hours of

**RECOMMENDATION
TO CITY COUNCIL
(LOIS)**

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parking.

Katherine Daniels presented another option for use of the LAB funds. Willamette Heritage Center plans to update information on the history of Salem. This information was compiled by volunteers twenty years ago. It was previously available on the library website but is currently archived. An anonymous private donor contributed \$10K through the Oregon Community Foundation contingent upon raising an additional \$10K. The extensive materials are archived with the City and will be turned over to the WHC. The City Historic Preservation Officer is involved. Although there will be a link to the WHC history of Salem on the Library website, no library staff will be involved. Katherine asked the LAB to consider donating the \$10K match to the WHC. Sarah shared that Chris Rumbaugh worked at the Oregon State Library during that time. He is willing to come to our March meeting to provide further background.

**ONLINE SALEM
HISTORY PROJECT
(KATHERINE)**

Francine shared that shortly after the last LAB meeting a meeting was conducted for the Salem Public Library public art selection committee. This meeting was to discuss changes that had been made to the public art piece that is being created. The group was shown the evolution of the art piece

**PUBLIC ART
(FRANCINE)**

ACTION ITEMS

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 5:30 PM, via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 6:42p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant