

Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 10th, 2021

A [full recording of the current meeting](#) is available.
called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

Members present: Francine Boullosa, Gretchen Coppedge, Katherine Daniels (Vice Chairman), Bill Distad, Sarah Bishop, Callen Sterling, Lois Stark (Chairman), Denise Duren

Members absent: None.

Guests: Evie (Teen Advisory Board), Erin (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Sarah Strahl, Sonja Somerville, Christopher Rumbaugh, Jessica Marie, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

None.

Minutes were reviewed for February 10, 2021. Gretchen moved and Denise seconded that minutes be approved with the revision discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members Evie Beitzel and Erin Montgomery, provided an update on recent TAB activities. Many TAB members have been working this month to make cheerful greeting cards for homebound patrons who are served by Operation Bookshelf. The first set of cards have been turned over to the Operation Bookshelf coordinator and they will be going out with the bags of books over the next month. Some TAB members have used their art skills to decorate the fronts of the cards; some have contributed cheery and hopeful notes inside. TAB members brainstormed ideas for how to feel more connected while continuing to meet and work together virtually. TAB will be adding a "Show & Tell" time to their monthly meetings and asking each other silly (but very important) questions in a speed interviewing game. At the February teen program TAB couldn't decide whether to have an Art Night or play Among Us – so they decided to do both, using the magic of Zoom breakout rooms. In the main room, artists created and chatted, and another big group broke off to create a server and chat while playing Among Us. A few people went back and forth and did a little of each. The two hours rushed by. Wednesday, March 11th is day two of a three-day Web Design Workshop for Teens, planned and taught by TAB member Cady McManus with help from Brinsley Hammond-Brouwer and Samantha Hart as assistants. They are teaching three two-hour sessions that focus on the basics of HTML, with each student creating a simple web page by the end of the workshop.

Lois shared the 3-hour parking initiative for the library was passed through City Council.

TAB Report

Chair's Report

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Sarah answered questions from the group regarding the March City Librarian's Report.

City Librarian's Report

No Friends' report was shared at the current meeting.

Friends Report

Gretchen shared the Salem Reads project has been successful.

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Christopher Rumbaugh, Salem Public Library Adult Services Manager, shared the history of the historical preservation website. When the website was created, Christopher was working for the State Library of Oregon. Several of Christopher project's included LSTA grants, library statistics, and technology grants. The project was originally funded by a technology grant with the purpose of providing information about agriculture and early settlers of the Salem area. This was back in the early days of the internet and it was one of the first online encyclopedias of the region. This project was funded by a two-year grant. This project was on a city server and the City of Salem hardware eventually failed due to its age. The photos were transferred through a grant that was obtained. The history website was hand-coded and created over 20 years ago. The current status of the website is that it is offline and archived. The information on the site is outdated and includes outdated racial language that would need to be removed. In order to update the photos, they would have to be taken from another source and some of the citations would need to be changed. The Historic Preservation office came up with an idea and began to discuss the website with the Willamette Heritage Center. The Library Advisory Board invited Christopher to discuss the offline historical preservation website. Katherine had brought this topic to LAB members to look at the possibility of LAB funding the revamping of this website. After listening to Christopher's presentation, Lois decided that this item would not be voted on during this meeting.

Salem History Project (Lois)

Jessica Marie shared information from the Salem Public Library Youth Services Division about the Books 4 Kids outreach program. The program was implemented during the COVID closure to provide books for children in the community in a non-traditional way. The book kits, in English and Spanish, were given to organizations that already had systems for providing food and educational materials for families in the Salem area. The program was initially funded by leftover books from the Summer Reading program. This program was placed on pause while Marion county was in the extreme risk category. Since the county moved to high risk, the program has resumed. Funding for additional books needed has come from the Ready to Read grant and a Sprinkles Grant from the Salem Public Library Foundation. Jessica shared that for the Books 4 Kids program the library has fulfilled its capacity and will be wrapping up soon as preparations are made to move back to the Main Library. Lois shared that if these types of programs ever need funding to reach out to LAB.

**Books 4 Kids/
Literacy to go
Donations (Lois)**

Sarah shared information from the first Library Strategic Plan

Library Strategic

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meeting with Corragio.

Plan (Lois)

ACTION ITEMS

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14th, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant