

Salem Public Library Advisory Board

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Next Meeting: Wed., June 9th, 2021

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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 12th, 2021

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

The meeting will be available on

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuw7eUMqW0fgwHhj8h1ECIQ>

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Wednesday, April 14th, 2021
3. Public Comment
(Appearance of persons wishing to address the Board on any matter other than those which appear on this Agenda.)
4. Information Items
 - Teen Advisory Board (TAB) update
 - Chair's report
 - City Librarian's report
 - Friends of SPL report
 - SPL Foundation report
5. Discussion Items
 - Our Salem suggested policy idea (Katherine)
 - Public Meeting Law Training (Michelle Teed)
 - Update on Public Art Project (Francine Boullosa)
6. Action Items
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7. Miscellaneous Board Items
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8. Adjournment

May City Librarian's Report

Staff News

Oregon Library Association: virtual development for SPL staff

Watching a staffer grow is always one of the biggest rewards for managers. So, it's exciting to announce that Library Assistant Heather Yehnert was promoted to a Senior Library Assistant position in Youth Services. This is great news! It also means that Technical Services, Circulation Services and also now Youth Services are all in the process of filling vacant Library Assistant positions!

Deputy City Librarian Kim Carroll started on April 26th and immediately began learning about Salem Public Library and building relationships across the City and has even attended her first CCRLS meeting.

All Salem Public Library staff had the opportunity to attend the virtual Oregon Library Conference training sessions held in April this year. Presenters at the OLA Conference included Salem Public Library staff members Alma Plasencia and Sonja Somerville.

Library Spaces

Broadway

The brief return to Extreme Risk for Marion County did not have any major effect on the Broadway location. Curbside services continued as they had been. This includes the recent introduction of "no appointment returns" now offered to the public. This service change has resulted in a significant uptick in material returns. Another benefit is there are more hold pick-up appointments available every week for our community users.

Main Library

The Library has subscribed to a new upgraded meeting room reservation / event tracking tool in preparation for our move back to the Main Library. Programming Committee members are populating the software with Salem Public Library information in preparation for staff training.

Collections

Expansion

Ordering for the Collection Expansion Project is completed. These items, along with the replacements for items damaged in storage, will be delivered to the Main Library in mid-July. Internal and external surveys are being created to help determine what items should be added to the Library of Things. The work with Salem Public Library Foundation to secure the grant from DEQ has wrapped up and the work to build the collection begins.

Events

Completed Events

Books4Kids - Youth Services staff successfully wrapped up their Book4Kids Literacy Outreach program, and are pleased to report that since October 2020, the library has delivered 2,582 Books4Kids literacy kits to more than 25 community partner organizations in the Salem area.

Earth Day Live Streaming Event from Talewise - Students and families with children in kindergarten to 5th grade were treated to a special event on Earth Day entitled "Revenge of the Toxic Robot" in which they were invited to explore a mystery and discover some exciting science concepts along the way.

Alzheimer's Education Sessions - The Library partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to present two education sessions for community members via Zoom on April 22 and 29: "The Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's" and "Dementia Conversations."

Let's Talk Books: Virtual Book Club for Adults - The Library started a limited series book club on Zoom featuring titles that are available for unlimited checkouts through December on one of the Library's eBook platforms, Library2Go (the Libby app). On April 21, participants read and discussed *Bitter Orange* by Claire Fuller, who is easily reached through her website and emailed discussion questions to the coordinating librarian!

Teens met for the monthly Bucket of Words Teen Writing Group and the monthly Books Please! book discussion. This month's special event was a Art Creation & Conversation Night where teens worked on their own art projects and/or homework while chatting about whatever topics came up.

Bendy Friends - all-ages Take & Make Craft Kits - were distributed in mid-April, which gave crafters the supplies to create unique go-anywhere adventure buddies. Crafters were then invited to take and submit pictures of their Bendy Friends out and about, which have been gathered into a gallery to share with the public: <http://bit.ly/Bendy-Gallery>

Current/ Upcoming Events

Food for Fines May 1-15 - Salem Public Library's Food for Fines returns for its second year as a virtual program, still benefiting Marion Polk Food Share for our community. For every \$1 donated to Marion Polk Food Share, Salem Public Library will reduce library fines by \$5. We applaud Marion Polk Food Share for their dedication to helping our community. For every \$1 donated, they can supply 3 meals to families in need. Last year the Library's Virtual Food For Fines event contributed over \$5700 to Marion Polk Food Share.

Songwriting Workshop for Tweens and Teens - We have 23 students in 4th-8th grade currently participating in a four-week Songwriting Workshop with popular performer Mo Phillips. The workshop consists of three weeks of recorded lessons, each with activities for students, and concludes with a live, virtual session on May 15 in which Mo answers questions and provides coaching as students share their compositions. This is one of the Arts Workshops funded for 2021 by a grant from the Marion Cultural Development Corporation.

Animal Crossing - Another chance to visit Salem PL Island in Animal Crossing is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 12.

Summer Reading Club 2021 - "Reading Colors Your World" kicks off Tuesday, June 1. Staff are gearing up for this all ages online experience hosted by Beanstack in which participants sign up, track time reading and listening to stories, and earn badges by completing activities and reading prompts. The program also includes a variety of asynchronous activities and events throughout the summer.

General Library News

Customer Service Dashboard August 2020-March 2021

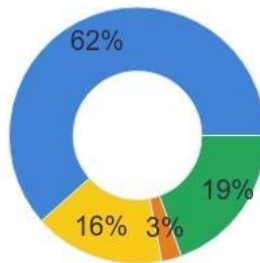
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Customer Service Dashboard



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4
Customer
Service
Points of Contact

18,325
Customer
Interactions



Phone Desk 3,563 Online Chat 459
Library Email 3,021 Curbside 11,278



1,521
New
Cardholders

New Users By Zip Code



97301 20% 97302 19% 97303 7%
97304 18% 97305 12% 97306 17%
97317 8%



196,928
Ebook
Checkouts



202,581
Social Media
Interactions



6,637
Virtual Program
Live Attendees



52,182
Returns



11,278
Curbside Users



44,292
SPL Curbside
Checkouts

Agenda Item Information: Additional “Our Salem” suggested policy idea

City long-range planning staff have proposed an additional library policy for the “Our Salem” Comprehensive Plan. This new policy idea will be tested in the community and reads:

Libraries as gathering spaces--Foster the evolving role of libraries as valued community gathering spaces.

If community support is expressed through the ongoing Our Salem planning process, it is likely the policy will be added to the existing draft library policy in the Our Salem plan that will be adopted by City Council later this year.