

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, October 13th, 2021**

A [full recording of the current meeting](#) is available.
Katherine called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Gretchen Coppedge, Katherine Daniels (Vice Chairman), Bill Distad, Sarah Bishop, Francine Boulosa, Denise Duren, Stephen Rosen

ATTENDANCE

Members absent: Lois Stark (Chairman), Callen Sterling

Guests: Carol Voeller (Friends of Salem Public Library) Michelle Teed (City of Salem Attorney), Elena Harchanko (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Kim Carroll, Sonja Somerville, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

None.

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for September. Francine moved and Denise seconded that minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) member, Elena Harchanko, provided an update on recent TAB activities. Now that the library is open to the public, TAB introduced the Take What You Need project this week! A hanger with clear pockets has been placed in each restroom on Floor 1 of the library (the main floor) with an invitation to visitors to "Take What You Need." TAB appreciates the support of the Library Advisory Board, the Salem Public Library Foundation and Friends of Salem Public Library for this project. A TAB team continues to work on an entry to the national 90-Second Newbery contest, in which people create a 90-second video that tells the entire story of a Newbery award-winning or honor book.

TAB Report

No written report was submitted to the agenda packet for the current meeting. Katherine shared a verbal report on research she has started on the Salem library's share of CCRLS funding, to determine whether our library receives its fair share of funds.

Chair's Report

Kim provided a written City Librarian's report and it was added to the October agenda packet. Kim answered questions from the group regarding the October City Librarian's Report.

**City Librarian's
Report**

Carol shared a report on Friends of Salem Public Library activities. The Friends have five new boards members. Thanks to Kate Van Ummersen from the Foundation for the help with the recruitment. The Friends have

Friends Report

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moved out of the Broadway location and will be doing the final cleaning of the space. The bookstore is open now at the Main Library.

No written report was submitted to the agenda packet for the current meeting. Kate shared with LAB several photos of the additions that were made to the Main library from donations from the Foundation. (The minutes link above shows the photos Kate shared.)

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Kate shared the new book for the Salem Reads is A Tale for the Time Being By Ruth Ozeki. Sonja Somerville is the program chairman for Salem Reads. The programming for this year's book is amazing. The book giveaway will be December 8th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Main Library. The art exhibit for Salem Reads will at the Main Library art hall. Kate is seeking a sponsorship from LAB for Salem Reads for \$5,000.

**Salem Reads Update
(Kate Van Ummersen)**

Denise provided a written report of her wild ideas research and it was added to the October agenda packet. Denise answered questions from the group regarding the report.

Wild Ideas (Denise)

Francine shared a verbal report of other libraries in the country that are fine free and statistics. Francine answered questions from the group regarding the report.

**Library Fines
(Francine)**

Francine shared with LAB a reusable bag she received from West Slope Community Library. Francine suggested maybe LAB would like to consider funding a future Salem Public Library reusable bag. Francine proposed that perhaps Amanda Wojick would be able to design graphics for the bag. This bag would either be available to patrons at no cost for them to store their books or at a contribution.

**Show & Tell:
displaying bag from
West slope Library
and possible LAB
fund project
(Francine)**

ACTION ITEMS

Stephen moved to donate \$5,000 to Salem Reads 2022. Gretchen seconded. Motion passed with one opposing vote.

**Donation to Salem
Reads**

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 5:30 PM, via ZOOM. The meeting adjourned at 7:04p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant