



Salem Public Library Advisory Board

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Next Meeting: Wed., June 10th, 2020

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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

The meeting will be available on

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CITYOFSALEM>

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

- Wednesday, March 11th, 2020

3. Public Comment

Appearance of persons wishing to address the Board can send an email to spladmin@cityofsalem.net

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

- By law changes update (Sarah)
- Board Development (Lois)

6. Action Items

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7. Miscellaneous Board Items

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8. Adjournment

Staff News

A lifetime of service

Mary Beth Hustoles retired in April after over 35 years serving Salem Public Library patrons. We celebrated her work over the years including coordination of the Discovery Room programs and writing a book column in the West Side Newspaper. Before leaving she contributed some of the great virtual storytimes available on the Library's Facebook page. Salem Public Library offers Mary Beth our congratulations and many thanks for her years of service!

Library Spaces

Construction: the next Seismic chapter

Seismic Work continues at the Main facility! Contractor Howard S. Wright believes in safety as a top priority and has adjusted how they work to ensure social distancing and the health and safety of those working on the Main Library project.

Most current work is focused on abatement measures throughout the facility. However, some of the actual construction began at the end of April. Signage development is underway and nearing final stages. Back of house spaces (aka staff work rooms) are also in the planning phase as we consider how the facility changes will impact the work of staff and best ways to make these spaces efficient, ergonomic and welcoming to all.

Since we couldn't have an in-person Groundbreaking Ceremony keep an eye on our social media channels and website where we'll be debuting our first "Construction Chapter" video series installment featuring a "Virtual Groundbreaking." We hope to share more of the library's transformation with this series as construction milestones are met.

In the interest of public health and safety, the West Salem and Broadway Library buildings were closed to the public and most staff in March. At this time, we are working with City, County, and State authorities on resources and requirements for how and when we can safely offer some form of in-person services. There is no timeframe—yet—for when normal levels in-person services would resume.

Collections

eBook and eAudio buying boost

One of the ways for patrons to find the library at their place is to purchase more materials in e-formats. To help us meet the increased demand and to better serve patrons remotely, some of this year's physical materials budget has been reallocated to CloudLibrary eBooks and eAudiobooks.

Physical materials that were already on order at the time of the Library closure are on hold with vendors and will be shipped after reopening. We've asked patrons to hang on to checked-out items and we'll be extending due dates until we're ready to ask for them back. We've also extended our holds pickup times so items that were on hold at the time of closure will be available when we reopen.

Events

We are living in a virtual world

Planning continues for the 2020 Summer Reading Club, "Imagine Your Story." Patrons can pre-register online starting May 19, 2020. The program officially begins Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Because of the uncertainty with in-person services for the summer we're doing parallel planning for the Summer Reading Program with two versions 1) virtual only and 2) combination of virtual and in-person summer activities and outreach.

Our talented staff are posting virtual storytimes three times each week, two in English and one in Spanish language. Picture book authors and publishers have temporarily approved some of their picture books for libraries doing this service and it is wonderful!

We're also offering a weekly Quaranteen Book Chat series in which teens get together online to discuss a popular book series, do trivia, and share open-ended recommendations about books they have read. This program's success has led to starting a weekly virtual Dungeons and Dragons game and even some craft programs for teens.

The amazing SPL staff have also created a "Best Books of 2019 Online Series," featuring fabulous book talks on titles from the Best Books 2019 list that are available 24/7 as eBooks.

Our librarians also teamed up for weekly live Digital Readers Advisory sessions on Facebook, inviting people to give us 2-3 books they have loved recently and responding with 3-4 recommendations available to download through cloudLibrary and Libby with the promise (which we have kept) that at least 1 title would be available RIGHT NOW to download.

Did you catch our "One Second a Day" video for National Library Week (April 19-25th) showing patrons what was going on behind the scenes while we work at home? This heartwarming video was full of messages of encouragement and reminders that we miss our patrons.

Finally, have you been watching our social media channels like Facebook and Instagram? We've been working to engage patrons in a variety of 1-2 week campaigns, encouraging them to post responses or photos that go along with the campaign, including:

- Pets Caught reading
- Do You Haiku?
- Quarantine Kitchen (creative recipes from empty pantries)

General Updates

We miss our patrons

Right now, staff are working from home to provide all the services we've been able to provide virtually. We're all missing in-person patron interactions but are holding firmly to the idea that Libraries services go beyond buildings. We're answering questions via chat, phone, and email. We're continuing to work on other virtual materials and programs and ways of reaching and serving patrons where they are. We're also diligently planning and preparing the near and long-term future of Salem Public Library so that we're ready for when we can responsibly and safely start offering in-person services again.