

Salem Public Library Advisory Board

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Next Meeting: Wed., Jan. 13th, 2020

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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020

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, October 14th, 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

- Our Salem Vision Report (Eunice Kim)
- Introduction of New Members
- Update on Strategic Plan
- Kiosks

6. Action Items

- Change to LAB Parking Rec.(kiosks)
- Calendar for meeting in 2021
- Foundation donation (account)

7. Miscellaneous Board Items

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8. Adjournment

Staff News

Recruiting a key role

A recruitment team has formed to create the process for the Deputy City Librarian position hiring. Taking time to ensure our process is sound should help the Library attract and hire the best fit from an excellent pool of candidates. The hope is to open the process at the end of November and have the person in the role by March or April.

Library Spaces

Seismic

Move back planning is beginning in earnest. We anticipate that the move-back into the Main Library will be exponentially more difficult than the move out was. Timelines are still tentative but reflecting Summer of 2021 for the move in. As this planning work happens and COVID situations evolve we will get a firmer grasp on what moving back into the Library space will be. In the meantime, please enjoy this progress photo from 11/4/2020 of the west side concrete nooks being turned into cozy and connected window spaces that let in lots of natural light.



Collections

Youth Collections

The children's Readalong collection now includes a new format called Wonderbooks in addition to the existing picture book + CD format. Wonderbooks are picture books with a built-in audio narration component.

The Board Book collection is now available for patron holds until Library buildings are once again open to the public.

Events

Virtual Storytimes - Live!

On the first Saturday of each month, Youth Services staff are providing an interactive storytime in English through the Zoom platform. Staff love connecting with real families and research shows that young children learn best through interaction and exploration. These interactive storytimes are in addition to pre-recorded storytimes available in English and Spanish each week.

Books 4 Kids Literacy Outreach

In an effort to support students, families and educators during school closures, Youth Services has begun offering a new grant-funded outreach entitled "Books 4 Kids", offering book kits to partner organizations serving Salem-area families with kids ranging from 0 - 18. The kits include an SPL backpack containing 2 to 3 age-specific paperback books, an activity booklet with literacy-based activities, literacy tips for parents, and information about online library services and library Curbside Services. The kits are intended for families to keep, so there are no returns, fines or fees. Library staff build and deliver the kits on request to community organizations that already have systems in place for delivering essentials, such as food, educational materials, and other items, to Salem-area families. We currently have 12 community partners including Head Starts, Mano a Mano Family Services, Family Building Blocks, Boys and Girls Clubs, Center for Hope and Safety, food pantries, and more. Staff continue to seek additional funds as demand far outpaces our kit supplies!

Discovery 2 Go Kits

Youth Services provided an early literacy activity-to-go designed to encourage children ages 3-5 and their grown-ups to share a story and explore related activities. The October kit, featuring shapes, contained a picture book, art supplies, instructions, and included an online component featuring Youth Services staff modeling dialogic reading and offering tips for sharing shape activities with preschoolers. Almost 200 kits were given out in October to very positive

feedback: One parent emailed: "I just wanted to say thank you for the book and the wonderful lesson. My three littles loved it so much and had such a good time. You guys are the best! Thanks for making such an effort during this crazy time!

Animal Crossing

On November 10, fans of the library and of Animal Crossing were invited once again to visit the Salem PL Island in Animal Crossing for some virtual fun and conversation with a real SPL librarian. Played on the Switch platform, the Salem PL Island was made possible by a Sprinkles Grant from the Salem Public Library Foundation.

Take & Make Craft Kits

Our monthly All-Ages Take & Make Kit for October was Hojalata/Tin Art with a Day of the Dead theme, handed out on October 21. All 200 kits were gone in a little more than 3 hours. This continues to be a very popular way to connect with our community and keep them busy and engaged!

Teen Events and Activities

Books Please! is a new virtual book club for middle and high school-aged youth that had its first meeting on Wednesday, October 21. A lively group talked about the adventurous fantasy "Revenge of the Witch" by Joseph Delaney.

After preparation and signups in October, the Bucket of Words: Teen Writing Group is active in National Novel Writing Month, a national challenge to write an entire novel in one month that takes place each November. There are 15 teens in the Teen Scene's NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program classroom. Together, they have set a goal of writing 212,000 words in November and they are well on their way.

The Teen Advisory Board has been busy electing new officers, getting to know the new members, helping with the next Construction Chapters videos, and - their big project for the last two months - writing the questions for and hosting a virtual Teen Fandom Trivia Night on November 5. It was a wild night but lots of fun. Teens are already begging for more!

General Library News

Book Match

This reader's advisory service, although a bit time intensive, helps community members to discover and access several available audio, digital or print books tailored to audience needs. This is a real boon to the many community members who used to discover their next great read by physically browsing the collection. A side benefit is that the process helps keep library staff skills sharp! Community members can access this service through the Library website and <>.

Virtual Service Desk Improvements

Managers recently reviewed staffing and patron use data at all CrewSense virtual desks for the first six-months of our current public service desk model. Analysis showed that two adjustments could allow staff to provide better virtual desk service and free up some staff time to focus on other customer services. Managers decided to combine the little used Chat desk with the Email desk to free staff for other duties. Converting the "Librarian Available" desk to the broader "Desk Support" desk facilitates "Person in Charge" training and better communication and support among all remaining service desks.

Cooperative news

CCRLS has hired a new ILS Coordinator to fill Janet Snowhill's position. Maria Power will begin that role with CCRLS on Monday, 11/9. Maria brings experience with both academic & public libraries, multiple systems/platforms, technical services-side workflows, MARC data formats and many other transferable skills. CCRLS has also decided to restart the recruitment process for the Executive Director position in December 2020.

Salem Public Library Library Advisory Board Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2021

Month	Day and Time (2nd Wednesday unless noted)
January	13th 5:30pm
February	10th 5:30pm
March	10th 5:30pm
April	14th 5:30pm
May	12th 5:30pm
June	9th 5:30pm
July	No Meeting
August	11th 5:30pm
September	8th 5:30pm
October	13th 5:30pm
November	10th 5:30pm
December	No Meeting

Chair's Report for Library Advisory Board Meeting

November 18, 2020

The Library Renovation Subcommittee met on October 16. At this meeting the LAB Parking Recommendation was discussed. The question arose whether the board would consider the installation of kiosks for parking. It was not something that we had discussed as a board.

I think our main objective is three hours free parking. If this could be implemented with kiosks then it seems like it meets our purpose.

However, I couldn't speak for the LAB without talking and voting on it.

We will do this at our November 18 meeting. Please take some time to consider the question of kiosks.

Also, on November 4 I took a tour of the renovation in progress at the main library. So far it is mostly on schedule. The smoke from the wildfires delayed the project 10 days which may still be caught up.

The library looks very light and open. There is much more space for the teen program and the children's area. The Discovery Room will be in a better space.

On the main floor there will be study rooms and seating areas that look out over the new windows on the west side of the building.

It has been my pleasure to be on this subcommittee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Stark

Chair, Library Advisory Board