

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

A [full audio recording of the current meeting](#) is available.

Nick called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Bill Distad, Francine Boullosa, Harry Iwatsuki, Jeff Skrysak, Lois Stark, Louise Newswanger, Nick Wood, Sigrid Olsen

Members absent: Callen Sterling (excused)

Library staff members: Christopher Rumbaugh, Emily Byers, Emily Cable, Karen Fischer, Karen Kinzie, Lilly Gamaney, Sarah Strahl, Sonja Somerville

ATTENDANCE

Minutes were reviewed for November 14, 2018. Nick moved and Louise seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nick moved to alter the current meeting's agenda such that sharing of the Collection Development Report may occur before public comment; to open the public comment section to remarks related to any library matter, not just those items on the current meeting's agenda; and to set in place procedural time limits on public comment that mirror those used at Salem City Council meetings. Bill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS and PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick said that the Library Advisory Board is authorized to make recommendations to Salem City Council regarding library matters. Nick clarified that the Library Advisory Board is not a governing board and is therefore not empowered to direct the actions of library or other City staff.

Chair's Report

Sarah provided an overview of collection development practices and history at Salem Public Library.

Collection Development Report

Appearances made by the following members of the public. All public comments were related to the Collection Development Report delivered during the current meeting:

Appearance of interested citizens and public comment

- Jim Scheppke, Ward 2
- Ted Smith, Newport, OR
- Jane Cummins-Fidler, Ward 7
- Kelly Lawrence, 2060 West B St.
- Lee Coyne, Ward 8
- Eleanor Berry, No ward/address provided
- Caren Agata, 2470 Stoneway Ct. NW
- Virginia Sawin, 3685 Hawthorne
- Janet Baker, 1972 Maplewood Ct. S
- Zachery Cardoso, 2070 University
- John Kaufmann, 1379 Ptarmigan Ct. NW
- Katherine Daniels, Ward 2
- Ellen Stevens, No ward/address provided
- Esther Moberg, Seaside, OR
- Carol Mitchell, Ward 2
- Doug Crook, No ward/address provided

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Mary Ann Baclawski, No ward/address provided
Suzanne Watkins, No ward/address provided
Rich Schieber, Ward 7
Susann Kaltwasser, 2797 Islander Ave. NW
Christine Troetschel, 520 Union St. NE #2
Sharon Schieber, 3265 Azalea Dr. S
Joanne Borgea, 1305 Chemeketa St. NE
Kathleen Hill, 2198 Joplin St. S 97302
Cynthia Evans, 780 Boxwood Ln. SE
Marsha Hoff, No ward/address provided
Tom Wrosch, 1070 15th St. NE
Bob Kaltwasser, No ward/address provided

The following LAB Members addressed specific questions to SPL staff regarding collection development practices: Nick, Lois, Harry, Louise, and Francine. The following SPL staff provided answers and comments: Emily Byers, Senior Librarian; Sarah Strahl, City Librarian; Christopher Rumabugh, Adult Division Manager; Sonja Somerville, Teen Services Librarian; and Emily Cable, Technical Services Division Manager.

Sarah answered questions from LAB Members regarding the January City Librarian's Report.

City Librarian's Report

No Friends of Salem Public Library Report was shared at the current meeting.

Friends Report

Lois shared that the Salem Public Library Foundation Board is getting ready to launch programming for Salem Reads 2019 in February. Lois invited all meeting attendees to take part in this free public program.

Foundation Report

No Teen Advisory Board Report was shared at the current meeting.

TAB Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of this topic was addressed during the public comment section of the current meeting.

Collection development

Francine asked if plans were being made to account for the various artworks displayed and housed at the Main Library and West Salem Branch Library related to the seismic retrofit. Sarah said that preservation of art is a specific component of the project.

Art collections

Nick moved to affirm Board support of Library Staff and Administration. Jeff seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Nick moved that the Board continue its discussion of Library collection development practices at the Board's next regular meeting on February 13, 2019. Bill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nick moved to recommend that Library Staff return to regular collection development practices as they had been conducted before the October

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2018 beginning of the current weeding project, with the exception that Library staff may continue condition weeding without additional restrictions recommended by the Board. The group discussed the motion for clarity and appropriateness under the scope of the Board's authority. Bill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Harry moved to adjourn the current meeting. Nick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

None.

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 5:30 PM, location TBD. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**