

# Salem Public Library Advisory Board

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Next Meeting: Wed., Jun. 12, 2019

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# **Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Main Library Board Room 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, OR, 97301

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes
  - Wednesday, April 10, 2019
- 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
  - Seismic project update (Aaron Kimsey)
  - Teen Advisory Board (TAB) update
  - Chair's report
  - City Librarian's report
  - Friends of SPL report
  - SPL Foundation report

## 5. Discussion Items

- Parking (Lois, Francine)
- Update on financial assets (Lois)
- 4/22 City Council meeting (Lois, Louise)
- 6. Action Items
  - None
- 7. Miscellaneous Board Items
- 8. Adjournment

## Staff News

### Learning....

Salem Public Library was well represented at the joint Oregon/Washington Library Association meeting April 17-20. Emily B, Ashley F, Sonja S, and Sarah S. each presented during the conference. Most Library staff were able to attend at least one day, returning with inspiration and great ideas to share.

### ...and growing

In early May the Library will work with City of Salem HR to post some new recruitments for full-time career staff. An internship posting has already been in the works as well. We look forward to growing the Library staff with these postings.

#### Celebrate!

Robin S. celebrated 25 years with the Library at the end of April!

# Library Spaces

## "Camping" during construction

Sarah, Danny and the Leadership Team continue to meet and plan for the upcoming Seismic Upgrade. Architects, designers and engineers will provide an update to the public at 6 p.m. on April 30. The City is working on narrowing down options about the alternate Library location during construction. Preparation for the Library to be "camping" next year, staff have begun going through files, supplies and Discovery Room exhibit pieces to make decisions on what to keep, store or recycle into our community.

# Collections

## The Conversation has gone to City Council

During National Library week, Salem Public Library selectors invited the public to a couple of "Collection Conversations," where staff answered questions, concerns and shared their passion for bringing wonderful books to our community. At the April 22 City Council meeting, the City Council heard from citizens, former staff members and a statewide library representative. The City Council shared their support of the good work that staff continues to do on Library collections. The May tracking report staff is preparing for the Library Advisory Board will be shared with LAB in June and with Council in early July.

#### Libros

The Salem Public Library Foundation announced that in addition to \$2,000 in Library materials funds, Jessica Marie will have \$3,000 in Foundation and Rotary funds to spend on Spanish language materials for adult and youth collections this summer at the Guadalajara Book Fair.

## **Events**

So much fun to be had

The April Adult Talent Show was ... a major hit, with a comedian joining for the first time... AND he was talented!

Summer will arrive before we know it! The Youth Services team has been working on content for the new awesome online reading club.

Dia - or Day of the Child, Day of the Book

Salem Public Library celebrated with a bilingual performance by comedian Angel Ocasio on Wednesday, April 24. The Library was also represented at the Salem-Keizer Dia celebration at McKay High School the evening of April 25.

2019 Food For Fines Victory Lap

10,621 pounds of food collected

7.806 accounts cleared of fines

Special thanks to all the library staff (especially Tom Peters) who helped at the FFF table, counting items, boxing them and hauling the thousands of pounds of food to the first floor.

# General Library News

#### Sprinkles on the Library cake

Jessica Marie was also awarded a "Sprinkles" grant to purchase Salem Public Library lanyards for all children getting a new library card. Children love the lanyards and they help children keep track of their library cards. Thanks for thinking of this Jessica!

#### Automagic renewals!

Last month automatic renewals began for most CCRLS Libraries, Salem included. This means that eligible items will be renewed automatically a few days before they are due. Patrons signed up for email notification will get an email telling them what did renew and what didn't. Anyone NOT notified by email will need to check their account to learn about what items renewed and if any items were unable to renew automatically. As a reminder, items with holds or items that have reached their max number of renewals will NOT renew. We've already seen a positive impact with circulation, and hopefully it is also having a positive impact on our library users as well!