

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

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

David called the meeting to order at 5:02p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: **Members present:** David Levy (Chair), Francine Boullosa, Sarah Bishop, Valerie Harris (Vice Chair), Matthew Jobson, Kelly Rath, Gretchen Coppedge

ATTENDANCE

Members absent: Valerie Harris (Vice Chair)

Guests: Buzzy Neilson (State Library of Oregon), Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney), Diana Barron (Teen Advisory Board), Oliver Hart (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Bridget Esqueda, Sonja Somerville, Kristy Kemper Hodge

None.

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for March. Dana moved and Kelly seconded That minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried. Dana made a motion to amend the February minutes and Kelly seconded that minutes be approved.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Kristy Kemper Hodge, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members, Diana and Oliver provided an update on recent TAB activities. TAB has completed a lot of service projects. TAB members helped prepare books for a Blind Date with a Book display coming in mid-April. TAB created buttons and gift packs for staff for National Library Worker's Day. TAB is also helping with the game night at the Oregon Library Association Conference on Thursday April 25 at the Salem Conference Center

TAB Report

David shared an oral report on recent LAB Chair activities. He shared that people have testified and written to city council to advocate on behalf of the library with regards to the budget. David shared he is going to meet on April 11th with the Foundation president, the Friends' president, and deputy administrator to discuss the library and its available options. David answered follow up questions from the group.

Chair's Report

Bridget answered questions from the group regarding the City Librarian's Report. Bridget shared there was a typo on the report with regards to the comparison of library statistics from the current and previous year. On the digital items checked out the numbers need to be switched, the 2,500 should have been on the top and the 23,000 should have been on the bottom. Bridget shared that Salem Public Library was declined the state

**City Librarian's
Report**

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grant to fund the teen summer intern position. Francine asked if that left the opportunity for LAB to fund one position. Bridget shared they are working on it and she received direction from leadership to not ask for any positions with LAB funds. Bridget will follow up on this again for reconsideration. Leadership would like to focus on things that enhance the operations and not related to personnel.

No report was shared at the current meeting.

Friends Report

No report was shared at the current meeting.

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Buzzy shared a PowerPoint presentation to LAB regarding the functions of a library board. Buzzy oversees the division of the state library that works with all the other libraries in the state by providing a variety of services. Some of the services they provide include consulting and some statewide services such as Answerland. Buzzy answered questions from the group. The PowerPoint presentation is viewable through the current meeting recording on the Salem Public Library's YouTube channel via the hyperlink listed above.

**LAB Support and advocacy from State Library's Office-
Buzzy Nielsen,
Program Manager
for Library Support
and Tribal Liaison
(Bridget)**

David shared that two LAB members will be leaving the board in June. David asked Bridget for a city contact that coordinates the board member applications. Bridget will be sending David the contact information.

**LAB board
recruitment (David)**

Bridget shared that there is an opportunity for LAB to help share library events to the community. The Library creates a monthly calendar with all of the library activities and services. Bridget encouraged LAB to share this calendar. At the next meeting Bridget offered to bring a stack of calendars for LAB to take and share. She will also be providing a digital pdf version with the group.

**Flyer Distribution
request (Bridget)**

David opened nominations for LAB Foundation Liaison. Francine nominated Mathew and Mathew declined the nomination. David nominated Dana for LAB Foundation Liaison and Gretchen seconded. David asked if there were any other nomination and being that there were none, he asked all those in favor to say I. There were none opposing, and he congratulated Dana as the new LAB Foundation Liaison.

**Nominations and
voting of LAB
liaison to the
Foundation**

David posed the discussion topic to the group regarding whether Salem Public library cultural passes should be available to non-Salem residents. Francine shared that she felt that CCRLS was not contributing to the Salem Public Library funding crisis and LAB is putting \$4500 of LAB money towards cultural passes. LAB is the Salem Public Library Board not the Chemeketa Cooperative Services Advisory Board. She explained that she understood the idea of not having barriers but at a time when city people and tax payers are supporting this library; she would like to reexamine this. Francine would like to know if it has to be all of Chemeketa. Bridget shed some insight on this topic. She shared with LAB that CCRLS provides SPL with funding for SPL providing services for residents outside of Salem.

**Cultural Passes by
non Salem residents
(David)**

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Bridget also shared some of the other benefits SPL receives from CCRLS. Also with regards to the cultural passes SPL would not be able to restrict this for Salem residents only based on the premise of the program.

This topic was discussed during the follow up questions for Buzzy Neilson in his segment of the meeting. David and Kelly will be following up with the State Library to discuss their support on LAB strategic planning.

Topic not discussed at the current meeting.

**LAB strategic
planning discussion
(David)**

**Printing changes
and community
support opportunity
(Bridget)**

ACTION ITEMS

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 5:30 PM, via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant