

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board  
Wednesday, May 8, 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:** David Levy (Chair), Francine Boullosa, Valerie Harris (Vice Chair), Matthew Jobson, Gretchen Coppedge, Dana Castano

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members absent:** Kelly Raths and Sarah Bishop

**Guests:** Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney), Dee Barron (Teen Advisory Board), Logan Decker (Teen Advisory Board), Helena Miller (Teen Advisory Board)

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

Lois Stark and Jim Schepke provided public comment at the current LAB meeting. Lois Stark and Jim Schepke shared with LAB the initiative they are working on to help support the library with future funding.

**APPEARANCE OF  
INTERESTED  
CITIZENS AND  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for April. Francine moved and Gretchen seconded that minutes be approved as amended. Additionally, Dana made a motion to amend the minutes from March with several changes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Kristy Kemper Hodge, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members, Dee and Logan provided an update on recent TAB activities. Dee shared several titles from readers advisory. Logan shared about the Take What You Need and the summer reading challenge.

**TAB Report**

David shared an oral report on recent LAB Chair activities. David has been meeting with city officials. He would like to brainstorm means for more revenue for the library. He would like all the advocacy groups to work together as a team. David shared that both Francine and Sarah will be terming out of LAB in June. He encouraged people to apply for those vacancies.

**Chair's Report**

Bridget answered questions from the group regarding the City Librarian's Report.

**City Librarian's  
Report**

David shared a report on Salem Public Library Friends activities. The booksale was very successful they raised over \$6000. The Friends also have an online store that is up and running.

**Friends Report**

Dana shared a report on Salem Public Library Foundation activities. Dana met with the Foundation in May. The current director Kate will be retiring in June. The Foundation is working with a nonprofit recruiter to hire a new director. The Foundation will also be having two new board members. The

**Foundation Report**

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books for Salem Reads will be going for public vote in May.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Sonja presented to LAB a proposal for the teen summer interns. In the proposal she shared with LAB that the two summer interns will cost a total of \$7000 and she answered questions from the group. The document is available in the recording of the meeting minutes for the current meeting.

**Teen intern (Sonja)**

Bridget shared with LAB the increases for printing in the library. In the future the library may not be able to offer free printing for the public. She said this would be an opportunity for LAB to provide some funding for this in the future.

**Printing changes  
(Bridget)**

David shared that Kelly was unable to attend the current meeting and she will share her report via email to all LAB members.

**Summary of  
strategic planning  
meeting with Darci  
from State Library  
(Kelly)**

Bridget asked LAB to share the library event calendar with the community.

**Community Support  
Opportunity  
(Bridget)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

David made a motion to rearrange the order of the agenda, added in Lois Stark and Jim Speke to public comment, and added the proposal for the teen interns. Francine seconded and the motion was passed.

**Agenda**

Matt made a motion for LAB to fund the two summer interns and Gretchen seconded. Motion was passed

**Two summer interns  
funding**

**MISC BOARD ITEMS**

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 5:30 PM, hybrid via Zoom and in the Collaboration Studio of the Salem Public Library. The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

**NEXT MEETING &  
ADJOURNMENT**

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