



Salem Public Library Advisory Board

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Next Meeting: Wed., Mar. 10, 2021

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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 10th, 2021

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, February 10th, 2021
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
 - Teen Advisory Board (TAB) update
 - Chair's report
 - City Librarian's report
 - Friends of SPL report
 - SPL Foundation report
5. Discussion Items
 - Books 4 Kids Literacy Outreach (Lois)
 - Parking Recommendation to City Council (Lois)
 - Retreat (Lois)
 - Online Salem History Project (Katherine)
 - Public Art (Francine)
6. Action Items
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7. Miscellaneous Board Items
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8. Adjournment

Staff News

Hiring and committees

Projects and services galore for staff in February! Staff will be involved in the Deputy City Librarian hiring process. Also staff committees for the DEQ Library of Things grant have been formed and our Service Philosophy group is getting underway again. The staff committee that will be helping with research and statistics for the Strategic Planning process has also been formed. We're also starting to get into moveback planning. Limited Contactless Curbside services resumed on January 19th with staff and patron safety first and foremost--read more in Library Spaces.

Library Spaces

Limited Contactless Curbside and Children's Corner

SPL is currently offering limited Contactless Curbside while Marion and Polk counties remain in the Extreme Risk Category. This is for both staff and patron safety and the plan and workflows were created with the Emergency Operation Center and State Library of Oregon guidance. This limited plan reduces total service hours and numbers of appointments available to 25% of the previous levels of Curbside Pick-up. Curbside also reduces the number of staff in the building. Besides prepping and delivery Curbside, staff have a significant backlog of returns and CCRLS Courier to process. With limited staff allowed in the building for limited time, it will take several weeks to catch-up on the backlog. Appointments open up exactly 1 week in advance and right now the appointments fill quickly as they become available. On Friday February 5th staff sent out emails and Facebook messages reassuring patrons that they won't be charged any fines for the items we've asked folks to hang on to while we work through the backlog and within these constraints.

Children's Corner/ Rincón de Niños - The Children's area of the Main Library has a forever name, thanks to thoughtful input from staff and community members.

Doll House Renovation - The Library's Victorian dollhouse was moved in January to 311 Commercial Street, where it is now visible to passers-by. Artisans will soon be seen at that location working individually to renovate this beloved feature before it's return to the Main Library's Children's Corner/ Rincón de Niños

Front Entry Demolition- Thanks to collaborative contributions from the Salem Public Library Foundation the front entry of the library is going to be upgraded in the seismic project. Demolition has begun on this part of the project. Inside the building we're starting to see finishes being added on the plaza level. Staff have been sit-testing potential furniture and testing out fabrics for durability!

Collections

Best Books and Book Replacements

The [Best Books 2020](#) list compiled by Library staff is now available online. This diverse booklist is made up of patron and staff picks, as well as critic's choices for fiction and nonfiction books published in 2020. The 2020 list is our biggest ever with 112 titles! The list highlights indie picks alongside bestsellers and critically acclaimed works. In addition to the annual [Adult and YA list](#), there is also a [Youth list](#) that features titles for readers and listeners from preschool through grade 6.

The Library's primary book vendor is able to supply 656 of the 846 items that were damaged while in storage in September 2020. These items will be delivered shelf-ready to the renovated Main building. The Library is exploring other vendors for availability of the remaining titles.

Events

Continuing with virtual events

Alton Chung: Storyteller online event in January went very well with 2 programs, for grades K - 3 and 4 - 8, which attracted participants from more than 200 homes and virtual classrooms. In his signature animated style, Alton mesmerized Salem-area families and students with a series of folktales from around the world.

Oregon Mock Printz - January 16 - Teen Librarian Sonja Somerville was the coordinator and host for the Oregon Young Adult Network's annual Mock Printz, recreated as a virtual event. This is a sort of "mega book discussion" for teen librarians and teen readers across Oregon. As a virtual event, attendance grew to 44 and, for the first time, teen participants outnumbered adult librarians. We're thinking about what that might suggest about the future.

Teen Study/Work Night - January 21 - The special teen program this month was an open invitation for teens to chat and support each other online while working on homework, aiming to get projects and assignments turned in for the end of the semester. Attendees said it was fun, helpful, and productive.

Exploring Together: Supporting the LGBTQIA+ Community - January 26 - We have launched our third Exploring Together community discussion series. This will be a three-part discussion from January-March of books, articles, and video resources available through the library and online. The January conversation, Today & Yesterday, looked at the social and political changes that have come about for the LGBTQIA+ community over the last 50-100 years. Other topics in the series are Understanding LGBTQIA+ and Effective Allyship.

Animal Crossing: Salem PL Island - January 19 - We had another busy night on Salem PL Island on the game Animal Crossing. Players can visit the island, ask questions in real time of our character, Liv the Librarian, and explore a virtual version of our library.

Bucket of Words: Teen Writing Group - January 15 - This monthly writing group has made a strong transition to the virtual environment and continues to attract new members.

World Read Aloud Day - February 3 - Salem Public Library is encouraging families to share stories aloud with a special zany shared Read-aloud Storytime online put together by SPL staff members, which will be available on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) social media accounts on February 3.

SPL/Assistance League Outreach Partnership - Salem Public Library is partnering with Assistance League of Salem-Keizer to provide Books4Kids kits to families as part of their "Feeding Mind and Body" and "Operation School Bell" initiatives. This partnership will enable the library to get new paperback books, library information, and literacy activities to approximately 330 underserved families.

New Early Literacy blog - SPL Youth Services staff launched this blog in January that expands the library's reach by providing a channel for library staff to connect with families, caregivers, and community partners online in a direct, flexible, and dynamic way. Staff will share songs and fingerplays, early literacy resources, and tips to encourage caregivers to talk, sing, read, write, and play with early learners.

Library Fantasy, a staff-developed online role-playing game, was launched in January. Players explore a digital version of the Salem Public Library, collecting real information about the library and its services while fulfilling a quest to collect digital books. The public response has been very enthusiastic, with lots of game plays and lots of positive comments.