



# Salem Public Library Advisory Board

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### Salem Public Library Advisory Board

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### Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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
  - Library Strategic (Lois)
  - Literacy to go Donation (Lois)
  - Books 4 Kids (Lois)
6. Action Items
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7. Miscellaneous Board Items
  -
8. Adjournment

# March City Librarians Report

## Staff News

*Preparing for Move Back with staff*

There are some unfilled Library staff positions that had remained unfilled longer than anticipated, primarily due to the pandemic. These positions will be posted for recruitment soon! Having them filled will be a big help when we move back to the Main Library and are ready to open doors to the public again. The Deputy City Librarian recruitment continues and the first round of interviews will be finished after March 9th.

## Library Spaces

*Service Expansion for High Risk Category:*

The Library will begin expanding Curbside Pick-up on Tuesday, March 9. This will double Curbside delivery service hours and numbers of appointments available from what was offered while in Extreme Risk Category. Curbside Expanded Appointment Hours/Days: 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Currently expanded hours on the days we were already providing Curbside is informed by the data we gathered pre-Freeze on patron usage.

Operation Bookshelf - With the move back to High Risk in Marion and Polk counties, we resumed Operation Bookshelf deliveries on March 2nd with the help of the Assistance League of Salem-Keizer. Currently the program is run in a contact-free manner, with books left on front porches and in front lobbies for homebound citizens in the area. In addition, we will resume the Pop-Up Library deliveries, which deliver curated batches of books to senior communities. Currently there are three active Pop-Up sites. Program enrollment is down due to pressures and upheaval from the pandemic, however the program was covered in both local newspapers, leading to renewed interest and a flurry of new enrollees who will join this spring!

## Collections

*CCRLS Hotspots will begin circulation at SPL on March 8*

CCRLS purchased Hotspots with a grant to help bridge the digital divide for CCRLS community users. A Hotspot allows residents and library card holders to access high speed internet anywhere a 4G cell phone signal can be received. This means that a Library Hotspot will allow community users to connect their devices (up to 10 at a time including desktops, laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc.) to the internet. Each CCRLS Library has received between 5 or 10 Hotspots and Salem Public Library has received 10.

Technical Services has resumed onsite operations at West Salem Branch Library and is working on processing a backlog of orders and new materials.

## Events

*Virtual fun!*

Salem Reads: One Book, One Community has wrapped up for 2021. The month included 11 live programs on Zoom, an online At Home and On the Go Challenge, and a Pet Photo Contest. Attendance and participation was excellent for all aspects of the program. A few highlights were:

- Eric O'Grey's author appearance, which drew a Zoom audience of 78
- Some excellent work adapting a planned in-person bicycling event into a successful and fun virtual event

- Adapting to the ice storm by rescheduling Dog Trivia Night, offering a make-up for the Zentangle Workshop, and recording the Walking Clinic to send to people who were signed up, but without power during that event.
- Huge community engagement in the Pet Photo Contest. There were 280 photos submitted and 660 votes cast by the public for the Top Ten in each category to find our winners!

Teens - Bucket of Words continues to meet and encourage teen writers. This month, we even had one writer attend who was still without power after the ice storm, but used the last of his phone data and battery to be there!

Through the power of Zoom rooms, we held a "Choose-Your-Fun" hangout night for teens that offered the choice of making art together in the Main Room or playing Among Us together in breakout rooms hosted by TAB members. Some people did a little of each! The time flew by and everyone was sad to see the evening end.

On March 4, we started a three-session Web Design with HTML Workshop, planned and taught by members of the Teen Advisory Board. The team has worked very hard to come up with a well-planned, engaging curriculum. It will be a full six hours for the students and a full class for the facilitators.

Exploring Together Series - The Library held its second of three conversation sessions on Zoom focused on supporting LGBTQIA+ people. The format allows attendees to ask questions and seek answers together in a safe space. The third session is scheduled for March 23rd and will explore effective allyship.

Books4Kids Literacy Outreach - With the shift from Extreme to High Risk, Youth Services staff will begin fulfilling the backlog of requests from partner organizations serving at-risk populations of the Salem community. The outreach enables participating organizations such as head starts, Boys and Girls Clubs, food pantries, shelters serving families with children, and housing alternatives to deliver kits containing books, literacy and library information to families in need in a manner that does not disrupt their services, and allows distribution when they are able. This program is now being supported in part by the Assistance League of Salem-Keizer in conjunction with several of their outreach endeavors, including Operation School Bell and the "Feeding Mind and Body" health literacy initiative. In addition to funding assistance, the Assistance League has also provided volunteers to assist with packing and delivery of kits.

Non-fiction Reading Challenge for PreK to Grade 12 - From March 1 to 31, Salem Public Library is also participating in "5 Kinds of Nonfiction Reading Challenge," a Reading Challenge sponsored by Lerner Publishers and powered by Beanstack. Kids and teens are encouraged to read or listen to a variety of nonfiction titles during the month of March, and complete activities that encourage the use of nonfiction to learn, play, and grow. Participants who log reading and completed activities earn virtual badges and prize tickets for chances to win gift certificates from local bookstores, sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Public Library.

## General Library News

### *Tours and Strategy*

Membership of the Library Advisory Board, Friends of Salem Library, Salem Public Library Foundation, City Council, and Salem Public Arts Commission have been invited to tour the Seismic Construction site and see the progress on the building. Four tour date/times have been set up and set out to accommodate as many folks joining the tours as possible in March.

Work with the Coraggio group on the Strategic Plan has begun in earnest. Staff are working on gathering data and records for the Coraggio team, and planning for a Steering committee and outreach opportunities is underway.