

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

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

David called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Matthew Jobson, Valerie Harris, David Levy, Kelly Rath, Gretchen Coppedge

ATTENDANCE

Members absent: Camryn Pickworth (excused)

Guests: Nancy Leighton (Friends of Salem Public Library), Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney), Charlie (Salem Public Library High School Intern), Jaslyn (Salem Public Library High School Intern), Maya (Salem Public Library High School Intern), Lu (Salem Public Library High School Intern), Madely (Teen Advisory Board), Oliver (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Bridget Esqueda, Sonja Somerville, Heather Deede-Jones, and Kristy Kemper-Hodge

None.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes were reviewed for June. Gretchen moved and Matthew seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INFORMATION ITEMS

Teen Services Librarian, Kristy Kemper-Hodge, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members, Madeleine and Oliver provided an update on recent TAB activities. TAB hosted a Murder mystery party; it had 65 teens attend. TAB recruited over the summer for 4 vacancies they had on the board. They ended up receiving 28 applications.

TAB Report

David shared a report on recent chair activities and answered questions from the group. He shared that the Foundation, Friends, and LAB chair will have the chance to meet with city council to discuss how they can partner with the library. Another topic of discussion will be the 2026 budget. David will continue to do outreach in the community to advocated for funding for the library.

Chair's Report

Bridget answered questions from the group regarding the City Librarian's Report. Bridget highlighted that she would like to focus on doing more outreach in the community specially in the areas where they are being underserved.

City Librarian's Report

Nancy shared a report on the Friends of Salem Public Library activities. The Friends have transitioned their website on to google. The Friends are working on reorganizing their work room. The Friends will be having a one-day sale on fiction August 17th.

Friends Report

Dana shared a report on Salem Public Library Foundation activities. Kate

Foundation Report

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was honored for all that she did for both the Foundation and the library. *Why didn't you tell me* by Carmen Rita Wong will be the 2025 Salem Reads book.

The new LAB member was absent excused at the current meeting

Kelly shared several documents for LAB to review. They were attached to the August agenda packet. She elaborated on each document and answered questions from the group.

David asked if anyone from LAB is available to attend the next Friends meeting.

Motion made for library staff to evaluate extending the high school internship program during the school year with LAB funding and bring at the next meeting. First by Dana Castano, seconded by Valerie Harris. Motion passed with majority yes, Kelly Rath voted no.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024 5:00 PM, via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 6:05p.m.

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**New LAB members
(David)**

**Strategic Plan
Report (Kelly)**

**Looking for LAB
representation to
attend Friends of
Library monthly
meeting 2nd
Thursday at 5:30pm
(David)**

ACTION ITEMS

MISC BOARD ITEMS

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**