

**EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, July 21, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Singer Room, Downtown Library, 100 West 10th

Present: Don Churnside, Chelsea Clinton, Kerry Delf, Rebecca Falleur, Joe Gonzales, Kelly Johnson, Connie Regali, and Beth Walsh.

Staff: Connie Bennett, Renee Grube, Cara Haakanson, Cynthia Olsen, LaVena Nohrenberg, and Kristen Thorp

Public: Michelle Betancourt

1. Called to Order and Introductions.
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda – none.
3. Approval of May Minutes – approved.
4. Public comment: Michelle Betancourt shared about her son's involvement with library services, and the important role the library has in their lives. Maker Hub access currently requires a library card, and that is a barrier for some people. Michelle hopes the library will consider removing that barrier.
5. Reports from the Library Director, Friends, and Foundation were submitted ahead of time.
6. Presentation on Early Literacy Services by Cynthia Olsen, Cara Haakanson, Kristen Thorp: The staff provided information on the 12 storytimes offered each week, as well as the Storytime-To-Go program where volunteers go out in the community to deliver storytimes. In the coming months additional pre-school programs will be added including an evening storytime. Information was provided on the six early literacy skills that have proven to be necessary for reading skill development: phonological awareness, print awareness, print motivation, letter recognition, vocabulary, and narrative skills. Staff also shared the five steps that lead to these skills: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. The Library provides many resources for parents in the Kids section of the website: Eugene-or.gov/library/kids
7. Report on levy implementation: Patrons daily express appreciation for the increased access, especially at the Branches. A report template of Levy performance measures was distributed and discussed. In addition to providing the Library Advisory Board with regular reports, performance measurements will be posted on the Library's website.
8. Election of 2016-17 Board officers: Kerry Delf was elected Chair. Kelly Johnson was elected Vice Chair.
9. Information Share: Renee expressed great appreciation for the funds raised by the Friends of the Library and the Eugene Public Library Foundation; it is a tremendous contribution to our community. The Foundation's annual Booked for the Evening fundraiser is September 30, 2016.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 15, 2016, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Singer Room

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Levy Hiring.

To date, 20 new levy employees have started at EPL, with 7 additional slated to start within the next few weeks. There are 8 positions still in recruitment. We have 2 positions on hold until we can assess the new workflow needs.

New Programs/Services.

We've begun a regular schedule of Maker Hub Open Labs, and this past week was the debut solo hosting by a trained volunteer. In the gradual ramp-up of off-site programs, we were one of the agencies presenting activities at the July 14th "Party-in-the-Park" at Willakenzie Park, offering off-site library card registration for the first time; we're scheduled for five more as part of EUGfun!

Friends of the Eugene Public Library
Library Advisory Board Report, July, 2016
Connie Regali

Our "new year" started with our July monthly meeting where we welcomed new member, Tom Beckstand, serving as Second Hand Bookstore representative.

Several Friends hosted the library booth at the "We are Bethel" celebration on June 4. We recently help host the library booth at the Willakenzie "Party in the Parks" neighborhood fair, and will be helping with several other library events over the summer.

We had a very successful mini sale, "Summer Reading" on July 9, where we sold novels and mysteries. Virtually every penny made was a plus due to so many willing volunteers donating their energy and time.

We will hold another mini sale, the "Back to School Book & Media" one on August 29.

We are in the process of hiring a new online sales employee, as we sadly say farewell to our wonderful grad student Kristy, who earned her PhD and will begin a teaching position at OSU. Two years ago, we decided to expand our sales to include online, and Kristy truly laid the groundwork to make it happen and prove successful.

The June library staff meeting was cancelled, so we present our gift (\$100,000) to the library on July 27.