

**EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sheldon Branch Location, 1566 Coburg Road, Eugene

Present: Kerry Delf, Rebecca Falleur, Joe Gonzales, Connie Regali, Beth Walsh

Absent: Don Churnside, Chelsea Clinton, and Kelly Johnson

Staff: Margaret Alexander, Connie Bennett, Renee Grube, LaVena Nohrenberg, Amanda Puetz, Kristen Thorp

1. Tour of the Sheldon Branch.
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda – none.
3. Approval of March Minutes – approved.
4. Public comment: none
5. Update on levy implementation outreach plans, including launch of the van: Use of a van for the efficiency of delivering outreach services will kick-off this summer, initially using a City of Eugene cargo van. The process for determining the custom features and working through the vehicle purchasing requirements has taken longer than anticipated.

Outreach services will have a maker theme; providing access to unique library services, fostering connections with library staff and volunteer, and using equipment that is also available in the Maker Hub. Staff will design maker projects that people can do on their own, or with a little assistance, in a variety of skill levels; the projects will change every few months. This summer there will be nine projects, and many of the locations will be community events plus weekly visits to each Branch location. As the outreach services build, the van will be out every day.

The Storytime-To-Go outreach program has grown. Trained volunteers deliver weekly storytimes at home daycares and other locations where there are children for whom it is difficult to come to a library storytime; increased to currently 12 locations.

Outreach services to teens has expanded with participation in the 15th Night Initiative which is a broad community partnership designed to prevent youth from going out on the street and to intervene quickly if they do. The intent is to leverage and align existing community resources through a network of groups committed to quickly responding and meeting a teen's identified need. If a young person is homeless, research has shown that if you can intervene before the 15th night unhooded there is a much higher chance of getting the teen stabilized.

6. Information share and/or Announcements: The Friends of the Library is holding a social event for members. At the April book sale, the Friends of the Library made \$80,000. The former Jefferson Middle School and River Road/El Camino del Río Elementary School buildings are being demolished; they are being replaced with new buildings funded the school bond measure. Kerry and Connie will be interviewing applicants for the open Advisory Board positions.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 20, 2017, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Singer Room