EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 21, 2020 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Virtual meeting

Present: Lance Keith, Meray Lafer-Kirtner, Ellen Todras, Tristan Bentziner, Miriam Clark,

Sara Lopez

Absent: Allan Benevides, Connie Regali

Staff: Renee Grube, LaVena Nohrenberg, Will O'Hearn

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Additions/corrections to this month's agenda: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Approved

4. Public comment: None

5. Information about current library services: Though the buildings are currently closed, our service continues. We are helping people connect to online services, reference assistance, library card account support, and signing people up for new cards. Extending the due dates for all materials to September 14. All blocks on library cards have been removed so people can have access. Library programs are being offered online, this includes storytimes and book clubs. Additionally, we are exploring ways to deliver more offsite programs.

We want to expand services as much as possible and as quickly as possible, while following guidelines and maintaining safety for everyone. We have been working closely with city, county, and state officials as we prepare for reopening. The first stage will be accepting materials and offering curbside hold pickups by appointment.

When we get to the point of opening the buildings for people to come in, we will make adjustments to incorporate physical distancing and other safety protocols.

We are working with 4J and Bethel School districts to establish a program that would give all students access to the library, and thanks to Eugene Public Library Foundation for providing support for the program.

6. Information Share and/or Announcements. In June, the City Council will discuss another Library Levy.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July, 16, 2020, 6:00-7:30 p.m.