

EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

July 16, 2020 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Virtual meeting

Present: Tristan Bentzinger, Rebekah Dohrman, Merav Lafer-Kirtner, Sara Lopez, Hilary Mankofsky, Randy Mendez, Connie Regali, Ellen Todras

Absent: none

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

1. Call to Order, Board roster update, welcome new members and introductions
2. Additions/corrections to this month's Agenda - none
3. Approval of May 2020 Minutes - Approved
4. Public Comment - none
5. Board Governance: Sara Lopez is Chair. Hilary Mankofsky is Vice Chair.
6. Overview of Library Services since last meeting: Patrons are getting the items they had on hold through pick-up appointments at all three locations. Materials are being returned downtown, and everything is quarantined for 72 hours before being shelved. Staff are working with partner agencies, such as Recreation and Food for Lane County, to deliver Summer Reading books to kids who are participating in those agencies' 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. Our priority is to provide as many people access as possible, with modifications to help keep everyone safe from the virus.

When the public is allowed into library buildings, it will be all three locations in limited numbers of people and only for certain purposes:

- Internet access through computers and wifi
- device charging
- physical items (books, movies, music)

Internet access and device charging will be one hour per day, advance reservations will be available. Fewer computers than previously to allow for physical distancing. For users safety, sanitizing between sessions. The Hold system will be the primary access to materials at all three locations. Downtown, staff will provide same-day access to times through counter service, with the staff collecting the items; no patron browsing of the shelves.

Those are the only services we're offering. Since we must limit the number of people in the building, the goal is for folks to enter, access those identified services and leave so that someone else can access. A re-opening date has not been set. We are putting our safety measures in place and redesigning our services so we can make them as accessible and soon as possible. Like everyone, we'll have to see when it becomes possible to re-open given the conditions with COVID. Our hope is to re-open this summer.

6. Information Share and/or Announcements. The City Council discussed two options for another Library Levy; Council will decide on July 27th if there will be a Levy on the November ballot.

The project to provide library card access for students who attend 4J or Bethel schools, but don't live in the City limits continues. We continue to work with both school districts and the Foundation to figure out the funding (1/3 Foundation, 1/3 school districts, 1/3 City waving), as well as the official agreements and logistics.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., TBD