

EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

September 17, 2020 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Tristan Bentzinger, Rebekah Dohrman, Hilary Mankofsky, Randy Mendez, Connie Regali, Ellen Todras

Absent: Merav Lafer-Kirtner, Sara Lopez,

Staff: LaVena Nohrenberg, Will O'Hearn

1. Call to Order
2. Additions/corrections to this month's Agenda: none
3. Approval of July 2020 Minutes: approved
4. Public comment: none
5. Overview of Library services: Opened the buildings on August 24th. Things are going smoothly. Our priorities are providing as much access while doing so with safety protocols to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

At the Branches we are offering self-service Holds, charging and wifi access, computer access, Lucky Day items, and the book returns are open. At Downtown we are curbside Hold pickup, charging and wifi access, computer access, Counter Service for same day checkouts, Lucky Day items, Novella coffee shop, and book returns are open.

We continue to offer programs online, including Storytimes, bookgroups, and others. Recently implemented a story walk at Peterson Community Center.

Community partnerships have been a strategic way to provide services during the pandemic. We gave out Summer Reading books at the Food for Lane County free summer lunch spots. Lane County Worksource staff are doing office hours at the downtown library where they meet with participants in addition to assisting library patrons who need job hunting support.

We have kept the library open during the smoky air resulting from the area's wildfires; some things were modified to minimize the amount of time people are waiting outside on the sidewalk.

6. Information Share and/or Announcements. Foundation is looking for new board members, particularly interested in have representation from Bethel. Library Levy is on the November ballot. Topics for the next meeting: Year 4 of the current Levy and annual statistics.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 19th, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., TBD