

**EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

May 20, 2021      6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Tristan Bentzinger, Randy Mendez, Rebekah Dohrman, Connie Regali, Ellen Todras.

**Staff:** Renee Grube, Angela Ocaña, and Will O'Hearn,

**Absent:** Merav Lafer-Kirtner, Hilary Mankofsky, Sara Lopez,

1. Call to Order
2. Additions/corrections to this month's Agenda: None
3. Approval of March 2021 Minutes-Approved
4. Public Comment- None
5. Summer Reading: Programs are being held virtually and in person. Storytime is returning in partnership with our friends at Rec and in local parks, as well as online and at downtown. Teen programming is returning with anime and manga nights, learn to draw comics, and our teen volunteer program. Adults are launching three book clubs: House on the Cerulean Sea, World of Wonders, and our all in Spanish book club, Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter. All books feature authors of diverse backgrounds! Weekly craft kits will be done by local community groups all summer, and we will be handing out books to everyone. Don't forget to fill out your Bingo card!
6. Update on Library Services: Since we last met, we have now started to bring back browsing into the library. We allow up to 25 folks into the library at a time with a 30 min limit at our downtown facility. We have a 20 person limit and about a 15 min limit at both Bethel and Sheldon. It's gone very well, and we've gotten a lot of positive feedback. We've even heard from our community members that it felt like the turning point in the pandemic. Thank you for your feedback from last time; it's helped shape our decision and was helpful to hear from you as our conduits to the community.

We recently heard from OHA and the State library that surface transmission of the COVID-19 virus is even less likely than previously thought. In that light, OHA found that no quarantine of library materials is necessary. This is good news as this will give folks comfort to continue using all sorts of library resources with confidence and help expedite our getting those materials in folk's hands faster without the quarantine time needed. We'll be communicating this soon with folks and will start eliminating quarantine time beginning this Monday, May 17.

7. The Friends and Foundation raised over 75K with their connecting community campaign to help us purchase hotspots for our community to use. They also were awarded a grant for 25K from Oregon Community Foundation. Great news since

we'll be able to provide even more to our community. We have the funding for 500 total, 250 to circulate, and 250 reserved to focus on getting internet access to vulnerable populations. This funding will bring us a year of service and the capital expenditures to purchase all of them. We are planning on having them ready to go in late summer/ early fall. Thank you, Friends and Foundation!

The Library, the Library Foundation, and the Airport will partner together to provide a short story dispenser here at our Airport. Here's a link for more info on what that will entail: <https://short-edition.com/en/p/short-story-dispenser> , we are particularly excited about the ability to create our own collections from local authors of all sorts and change the collections available based on programming and special events in our city.

8. Board Governance: Chair, Vice Chair. It's time for us to select our new chair and vice-chair. Will will send out an email to all to ask for volunteers. We will vote on the positions at the July meeting.
9. Information Share and/or Announcements: Ellen is rotating off the board and is a wonderful human!

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, July 15, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., via Zoom