

**EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, May 21, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Singer Room, Downtown Library, 100 West 10th

Present: Chelsea Clinton, Kerry Delf, Joe Gonzales, Natalie Reeves, Connie Regali, and Morgan Vauk

Guests: Bethany Robinson

Staff: Connie Bennett, LaVena Nohrenberg,

Absent: Sharon Posner and Beth Walsh

1. Called to Order and Introductions.
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda – The next meeting will be July 16, 2015.
3. Approval of April Minutes – approved.
4. Public comment – none.
5. Reports:
 - i. Library Services Director: The City's budget process has begun. The Library's budget will stay the same size, and the one-year funding for Sheldon is now ongoing. Summer Reading is provided to all ages, though there is extra emphasis on engaging kids. A child's ability to read on grade level by 3rd grade correlates to school success, and if kids don't keep reading throughout the summer they will reading skills will diminish. Kids and teens receive a free book, and Board members made a request to include Oregon Battle of the Book titles in those free books.

Discussion about a potential Library Levy, which would fund enhanced services, is scheduled for the June 17th City Council meeting. In April, a survey of community members was conducted. The key findings of that survey: 76% of the people are happy with Library services, more than 50% said they would vote yes for a dollar figure around \$3.00, and investments should focus on adding hours and services to current locations rather than building new branches. The priority Library services identified in the survey match those we heard during the community visioning process last fall: early literacy, school and career/business success, off site programs, and equity of access. If there is a Library Levy, the Library Advisory Board would receive regular reports about Levy spending and performance measures, to hold the Library accountable for delivering the services. Depending on the council discussions, there could be additional presentations in July. In order for a Levy to appear on the November ballot, a decision needs to be made before the council takes their summer break at the end of July.
 - iv. Friends of EPL: The book sale made \$75,000; more people came this year. This year's Honored Friend is Carol Hildebrand. The Friends will be staffing the Library's booth at We Are Bethel. On July 11th, the Friends will hold their annual summer book sale (mysteries and fiction) in the Bascom/Tykeson rooms at the Library.
6. Info share and Announcements: There was a question about the current status of partnering with 4J school district to have joint school/public branches. Any potential joint branches would be a few years out, as the discussions were around potential future school bonds. In response to a follow-up question, Connie will be providing information about the state benchmarks for school libraries.

Thank you Natalie Reeves and Morgan Vauk for your time on the Library Advisory Board. Your thoughtful and dedicated service to the Library is appreciated!

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