

**EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 18, 2014
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Tykeson Room, Downtown Library
100 West 10th

Present: Chelsea Clinton, Kerry Delf, Joe Gonzales, Sharon Posner, Natalie Reeves, Morgan Vauk and Carol Hildebrand as the Friends of the Library representative.

Absent: Rose Perius

Staff: Connie Bennett, Renee Grube, Margaret Hazel, and LaVena Nohrenberg

1. Called to Order and Introductions.
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda – none.
3. Approval of July Minutes – approved.
4. Public comment – none.
5. Elections: Morgan Vauk was elected Chair, and Chelsea Clinton was elected Vice-Chair.
6. Reports:
 - i. Library Services Director: Eugene Public Library Foundation is supporting a new service that will be provided by the Library, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which was launched on September 5th. This national program, operated by the Dollywood Foundation, mails a new book every month to children birth through four, who live in Eugene; parents can enroll their children on the Library's website or get a paper form at the Library. In just the first couple of weeks, over 1,000 children enrolled.

New legislation requires children to have a vision screening test before starting public school. Libraries across the state have partnered with Lions, Elks, and Casey Eye Institute to provide free vision screenings through the See To Read Program. We offered screenings at all three locations; Representative Nancy Nathanson came to the screening day at the Downtown Library.
 - ii. LRCS Executive Director: Imagination Library is a significant gift the Foundation is giving to our community. The staff worked hard this summer, and people regularly compliment the staff. The City Council is talking about City Hall, and they will begin talking about the budget in November.
 - iii. EPL Foundation: The Foundation is excited for all the new donors, individuals and corporations, who are funding the Imagination Library. The annual Booked for the Evening fundraising event will be September 26, 2014 at the Valley River Inn.
 - iv. Friends of EPL: The Friends held a one-day book sale this summer that raised \$1500. They are doing it again in November, when they will be selling books that could be given as gifts. A group marched in the Eugene Celebration parade, and their theme was Be Well Read with all wearing red attire. Online book sales have been going for six months. It's been a learning curve, but it is making money.
7. Discussion of "Eugene Public Library of the Future": The Library is engaging with community members, partners, and Library employees to think about are going to be the community's needs in the future. There will be a series of facilitated discussions that will build on the

information already known about current use and trends in the libraries across the country. The Board members were encouraged to attend one of the discussions.

The Advisory Board members were asked to share their thoughts:

- Partner with schools
- It's a community center
- Make people aware of digital resources
- Red box style of machine for videos
- Geo cache
- More people may be doing this online and not coming to the physical library
- New ways to see Branches. For example, who not at schools or community centers
- Why so many copies of one title, would create more space
- It's difficult to think about the future without some idea to spark thinking. Provide a palette of options to consider.
- Further develop digital presence
- More ways to get recommended titles
- Petting zoo of electronic devices
- Comic books shelved by title
- GPS app for library materials

When asked about the idea of a Makerspace:

- Potential partnership with UO
- Preparing kids for technology skills
- People learning through creative hands-on activities
- There is a Makerspace in west Eugene on Friday nights
- If equipment was tied to a levy, those pieces would be owned
- 100 years ago people came to the library to quilt
- Takes up space, maybe with 4th floor
- Brings people together

8. Info Share: Kerry shared that a school levy renewal is on the November ballot. Carol mentioned that the Leave of Women Voters provides neutral information and speakers about ballot measures. Morgan shared information about the UO Science Department's open house on 9/24/14; it's a show and tell for kids and adults.

NEXT MEETING: A number of members will be unavailable for the regularly scheduled meeting on November 20th, so an alternative meeting time will be scheduled.