

EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

July 15, 2021 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Renee Buchanan, Rebekah Dohrman Hilary Mankofsky, Connie Regali

Staff: Renee Grube, LaVena Nohrenberg, Andy Northrup, Will O’Hearn,

Absent: Tristan Bentzinger, Merav Lafer-Kirtner, Randy Mendez, Sara Lopez

1. Call to Order
2. Additions/corrections to this month’s Agenda: None.
3. Approval of May 2021 Minutes: approved, with a correction of who was present
4. Public comment: none
5. Board Governance: Voted Hilary Mankofsky as Chair and Rebekah Dohrman as Vice-Chair. Appreciation for Sara and Hilary for their service in these roles last year!
6. Collection Development Information: Librarian Andy Northrup provided information about the work of developing the Library’s collection, including all materials. The process includes selection and acquisition of new materials, maintenance of current collections, and removal of materials. Librarians are assigned sections of the collections, and they are responsible for selecting which items to be included. They consult numerous resources: trade publications, book sections of major media publications, and social media accounts of literary influencers. Materials are generally selected based on a combination of positive reviews, popular interest, cultural relevance, patron-specific requests, and librarian’ s own expertise. There is a group of librarians that have the specific task of developing strategies for ensuring equity, diversity, and inclusion in our collection.
7. Overview of Current Services Available: State restrictions were lifted recently (6/30/2021), so our temporary occupancy limits and mask requirements are no longer in place. Downtown holds are now self-service, back in the usual shelves with trunk-side service still available. Seating is available at all three locations. Onsite programming has begun to be offered, in addition to programs being offered offsite (in the parks) and virtually. Essentially all services are back, with a couple of small exceptions. We’ve been intentional about bringing things back in to service in a way that sustainable.
8. Meeting Location: Keep meeting virtually for now, and then revisit at a future meeting.
9. Information Share and/or Announcements: The Friends bookstore is open and hours are increasing; in-person booksale on Saturday, September 18th in the Bascom/Tykeson Room. The Foundation is having the Imagination Library Luncheon on September 23rd; still trying to figure out the specifics.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 16, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., via Zoom