

# EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

October 21, 2021 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Tristan Bentzinger Renee Buchanan, Rebekah Dohrman, Hilary Mankofsky, Randy Mendez, Connie Regali

**Staff:** Renee Grube, Ben Klipfel LaVena Nohrenberg, Will O'Hearn

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

1. Call to Order

2. Additions/corrections to this month's Agenda: None.

3. Approval of July 2021 Minutes: Approved

4. Public comment: none

5. Update on library services and access: Library Recovery Roadmap is a short-term strategic plan. We plan to return to pre-pandemic open hours on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Lucky Day collection has returned. Computers are again available in the Kids and Teen area. For those who are not comfortable coming inside the library, still offering trunk delivery of holds and online-use-only cards. All of the onsite programs are setup with seating 6 feet apart, to create safe distancing.

Mobile Hotspot lending was launched in September. In the first month, over 200 (85% of the collection) have been checked out. We are getting ready to also loan hotspots to some community partners; we've selected partners that serve people who have extra internet access challenges. Maker kits have been an effective substitute since we are still keeping the Maker Hub closed as a safety precaution in this pandemic since it's such a small place.

We addressed accessibility in a couple of ways recently. Automatic door openers were installed on restrooms at all locations. Additionally, Hearing Loops are now in place at all three locations.

6. Levy Year 5 Report Review: Review a draft of the Levy Year 5 Report that provided statistics and other information about the levy supported services, including information about how services were delivered during the pandemic. After this meeting, the report will be sent to City Council, accompanied by a letter from the Board Chair.

7. Information Share and/or Announcements: Friends of the Library have a book sale planned for November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Bascom/Tykeson room. The Imagination Library fundraiser in September was very successful (\$65,000 raised); also the Northwest Community Credit Union has made a commitment to provide funding that will expand the program to include all children with a Eugene address. Randy shared that he and other participants really enjoyed the summer book clubs in the park.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 18, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., via Zoom