

EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

January 20, 2022 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Renee Buchanan, Hilary Mankofsky, Randy Mendez, Connie Regali

Absent: Merav Lafer-Kirtner, Sara Lopez, Rebekah Dohrman,

Staff: Renee Grube, Caitlin McMahan, LaVena Nohrenberg, Will O’Hearn

1. Call to Order

2. Additions/corrections to this month’s Agenda:

3. Approval of November 2021 Minutes

4. Public comment: none

5. Update on library services and access: Adding back soft (comfy chairs that are durable and easy to clean and sanitize. Adding back our second study room on Feb 1st.

6. Teen Services Review by Teen Librarian Caitlin McMahan: We want to meet teens where they are at and where they want to be. This includes: physical space, curated materials collection, equitable access to resources, dedicated teen staff, social opportunities, educational opportunities, and volunteer/leadership opportunities.

Each location has a designated teen area that is a designated physical space for kids ages 13-19: Young Adult collection, computers, charging stations, tables & seating, reference desk staff by teen-focused staff, pop-up program supplies, and a “comfort cabinet” that provides basic necessities that teens can take without having to ask (toothbrushes, socks, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.)

Programs: During the pandemic, the library offered digital programs. We are again offering onsite programs, while maintaining COVID safety protocols with people wearing face masks and keeping more distance. Program topics include book groups, Ana Manga Club, craft activities, and more. Looking forward to Summer Reading!

Additional resources for Teen services: The student cards for all students. Building relationships with the teens and helping them connect to community resources. The Library has developed strong working relationships with other organizations in town that support teens such as 15th Night, Looking Glass, Ophelia’s Place, school districts, and more.

Feedback from Advisor Board members: Have you considered a separate Instagram account for Teens, and encourage high school and middle school teachers to follow? Wondering about Library of Things specifically for teens. Tablets or iPads that could be used in the space, sitting in a comfy chair in addition to the computers.

7. Information Share and/or Announcements:

The time has come for us to take a fresh look at the arrangement of desks and services in the 1st floor space (Checkout, Info Desk, catalog computers, etc.) We want to be sure the arrangement works for current library services and prepare for future services. One set of data we're gathering is to track the current foot traffic and flow in that area. For one week, for every hour we are open, we will have a volunteer observe and tally usage. Library Advisory Board members will be receiving an opportunity to participate in this tally.

As of January 1, all kids in Lane County now qualify for Imagination Library; twenty-five dollars is all it takes to sponsor a child's participation. Short Story dispenser located at the airport is scheduled for arrival in February. Library cards that have an image of a mural are now available; people can switch to a mural card for free. Library has received Star Library designation for effective library service delivery!

Secondhand Prose bookstore is now open seven days a week! April 23rd is the Foundation's Booked for the Evening fundraiser. The Foundation is currently seeking board members; if you know someone who is interested connect them with Renee.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., via Zoom