

**EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

Thursday, September 17, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Singer Room, Downtown Library, 100 West 10th

**Present:** Chelsea Clinton, Kerry Delf, Joe Gonzales, Kelly Johnson, and Sharon Posner.

**Staff:** Connie Bennett, LaVena Nohrenberg, and presentations from Lorie Vik, Erin Finot, and Sara Tripodi

**Absent:** Connie Regali and Beth Walsh

**Guests:** Monica Wilton

1. Called to Order and Introductions.
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda – none.
3. Approval of July Minutes – approved.
4. Public comment – none.
5. Reports from the Library Director, Friends, and Foundation were submitted ahead of time.
6. Library Levy update: Connie shared with the board the PowerPoint presentation designed to give information about the levy. The next presentations will be to the Downtown Rotary and City Club.
7. Library website redesign: Librarian Lorie Vik, assigned to the Library's website (often referred to as the "virtual branch") provided information about the City of Eugene's website redesign. As the Library's website is part of the City's, the Library pages will also be redesigned. The City has three goals for the redesign: 1) Mobility: have a responsive design that adjusts to the device being used, e.g. computer, tablet, or phone. 2) Accessibility: more readability for people with lower vision. 3) Usability: more intuitive and easier for people to find the information they seek. Advisory Board members participated in an activity to suggest potential menu items and groupings for the website; that information will be provided to the staff committee that is developing the new website design.
8. Maker Hub demo: Librarian Erin Finot and Library Assistant Sara Tripodi provided hands-on demonstration of two future Maker Hub activities. Little Bits help teach circuit building. They are interchangeable parts that include attach a battery to a circuit, resulting in a mini-keyboard to make music or a construction paper hand that waves or a chiming doorbell. The pieces connect with magnets, making it easy to explore design and circuitry. Each board made personalized buttons, which they took home. The demos occurred in the space that will become the Maker Hub rooms following a remodel, which should be complete in January 2016.
9. Info share and Announcements: none

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 19, 2015, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Singer Room

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Eugene Public Library – Connie Bennett, Library Services Director

Two studies of Libraries have been released recently, one from the ongoing PEW Research Center's studies of libraries ("Libraries at the Crossroads"):



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The other, "Oregon Public Library Needs Assessment," was commissioned by the Oregon Community Foundation:



Library needs as...

Attached is a preview of EPL's annual statistics for the past fiscal year, still in draft:



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Library FY15 Sta...

Much of my own time continues to be spent on providing information about the Library Levy, Measure 20-235, on the ballot for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Eugene Public Library Foundation – Sharon Posner, President

Sharon is out of town. She asked that we mention that the Foundation held its annual fundraiser, Booked for the Evening, last Friday.

Friends of the Eugene Public Library – Connie Regali, President

Here is my report for Thursday Advisory. I am leaving that day, so missing the meeting.

1. We had a successful first ever "back to school" mini sale where we geared sales to home schoolers and teachers. We definitely will repeat this next year, and learned ways to make it even better.
2. We welcomed a new member to our board, who will be our "at large" person.
3. Some of our members are serving on the PAC committee and played a role in making the kick-off a success.
4. We will again sell the books poets bring for the 2015/16 Windfall Series held at the library.