

West Linn Library Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

West Linn Public Library in person in the Community Room & Zoom a hybrid meeting

Link to video:

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Present members: Library Advisory Board (LAB) members: Janet Dalgaard, Stephanie Hastings, Amy Porter, Martha Swanson

Absent: Mayor, Rory, Liaison to the Library Advisory Board (*excused*)
Matt Brown, Library Advisory Board member (*excused*)
Emily Hogan, Library Advisory Board member (*excused*)
Rachael Hyde, Library Advisory Board member (*excused*)

Staff present: Doug Erickson, Director of Library & Community Services
Melanie Nelson, Library Operations Supervisor/Assistant to the Director
Sarah Flathman, Youth Services Library Manager
Rebecca Mayer, Circulation Supervisor

Call to order: Janet Dalgaard called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes review: 06.13.2023 Stephanie Hasting moved to approve & Martha Swanson 2nd Minutes approved with no edits or changes. 4:0

Agenda review: No additions or edits to agenda

Public Comment: Zoom attendee: Beau Genot, no comments

Library Update:

- Library Updates:
 - Storywalk
 - Summer Reading Program
 - Fundraising
 - Fall Programing

Storywalk/Summer Reading Program: Sarah Flathman- Sarah shared the Summer Reading Program statistics sheet (attached) with highlights of the programs this summer. The Adult services Librarians participated in the summer Farmer's Market in Willamette.

Sarah noted that the dates for SRP started later (after kids were out of school) and ended earlier (before starting school) so kids could focus on reading and not starting or ending school. Sarah also shared the Storywalk at Field's Bridge Park continues to be popular. Local artist, author Carson Ellis, *This Story is Not About a Kitten*, greeted 90 attendees and answered many questions. The current story is *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds & illustrated by Peter Brown.

Fundraising: Doug Erickson shared that the city has been working with the Library Foundation and the Parks & Rec department for fundraising. The Music at the McLean House event in June raised funds for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Parks in Recs Fun in the Sun.

Fall Programing: Third annual LibCon at the Library Oct. 21st to 26th. On the 26th is the after-hours costume for all ages from 6-8pm. We also hosted 7th annual Kindy Carnival welcoming all new Kindergarteners & their families to learn all about what the library has to offer. There were Special Guests from our Library Dog, Booker to many other Tales to Tails volunteer teams, Officer Johnson, Student Resource Officer at West Linn High, Balloon Man.

Library Updates: Doug shared that during the closure of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, the library staff invited a trainer from Clackamas County to train on Suicide Prevention. QPR – Question, Persuade, Refer. QPR is not a form of counseling or treatment, rather it is intended to offer hope through positive action. QPR training teaches how to recognize the warning signs, clues, and suicidal communications of people in trouble, and gain skills to act vigorously to prevent a possible tragedy. The library staff then used the Cultural Pass to load up on the Adult Community Center bus for a visit to the Japanese Gardens.

Foundation Update: Doug reported that the Foundation is planning on another fundraiser for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library sometime after the first of the New Year.

Board Comments: Martha Swanson asked how DPIL funding & numbers doing? Sarah Flathman reported that there are over 600 graduates currently have approximately 596 currently participating. Oregon State recently passed legislation to help with the expense to continue to enroll new participants. There is no cost to the families that enroll in the DPIL program. Janet Dalgaard said she would be decorating the library for Christmas. She and Martha Swanson will be working on this together & plan for the weekend (Sunday) after Thanksgiving. Martha is to reach out to the high school for help from the honor students.

Adjourn: Janet Dalgaard adjourned the meeting at 5:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Nelson
Library Operation Supervisor/Assistant to the Director
10.18.2023

Upcoming meetings: January 16, 2024, 5:00pm



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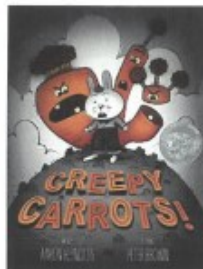
Library Advisory Board Updates



StoryWalk at Fields Bridge Park



- Three StoryWalk Celebration events offered including first with local author/illustrator.
- Our final event with Carson Ellis attracted over 90 attendees!
- Our current featured book is Creepy Carrots.



Summer Reading Program

- Total of 1754 participants (as compared to 1532 in 2022)
- 878 finishers
- Program length shorted from 3 months to 2 months to better align with purpose as well as be more sustainable for staff

SRP Highlights



- Tabling at Willamette Farmer's Market
- Reptile Man at Willamette Park drew a record of 377 attendees!
- Tween ASL & Teen ASL workshops