

Oregon City Public Library

Minutes

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Wednesday, September 9, 2015

5:00 pm - Commission Chambers

ATTENDING: Fred Haynes - Chair; DA Hildebrand; Dan Millard - Vice Chair; Eileen Sheridan; Jan Wallinder; Don Wright; Maureen Cole - Library Director, Lynda Ackerson - Library Manager; Absent: Lara Ingham

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Fred Haynes at 5:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Maureen Cole commented on the report and statistics that were handed out. We have been very busy, and our patrons do not seem to be too bothered by all the construction noise yet. Internet use was down, mostly because we did not have internet available for a week during the month. Our reference librarian, Gina Bacon, has been much busier now that her desk is closer to the entrance of the library. Gina has also started a personalized reader's advisory service for our patrons, in addition to tech help and resume help. Our first bi-lingual storytime was very successful, and we are starting a new series of programs next month - Pints from the Past, in collaboration with the Historical Museum. The first will be held at Singer Hill Café, and Rocky Smith will be speaking about "haunted" Oregon City. Our 2nd Friday Film Series will also start this month.

OLA PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: Maureen asked that Board members read through the OLA Standards for discussion beginning next month. She will go through and mark pertinent standards and send these back to the Board. We want to see where we are, and where we hope to be moving into the new building. Also, will we need more and/or different policies at that time?

BUILDING REPORT: Construction is well underway. We are using local contractors whenever possible. The elm trees have been milled and are being dried; the maple is in storage at artist, Ben Dye's property for possible use in art projects for the library. Maureen and Lynda are looking at furniture options with the architects. It has been noisy, but staff and patrons are dealing with the changes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Lynda Orzen, representing the Friends of the Library, invited all the Board members to the Friends' annual luncheon on December 3, at Ainsworth House. Linda VanHaverbeke reported that the Foundation has been very busy. There are lots of naming opportunities available for people who want to donate. Their current goal is \$500,000. They would also like to set up an investment fund for the library to use for future needs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: OLA Standards; the Edge Initiative; new policies

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be October 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair, Fred Haynes, adjourned the meeting at 5:33 pm.