



CITY OF OREGON CITY

LIBRARY TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Community Room, Oregon City Public Library, 606 John Adams St, Oregon City
Meeting
Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Cara Stasiewicz called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: DiAnna Efendi Blanchard, Cara Stasiewicz, Elliott Ray, Granton (Tad) Iltis, Holly (Eli) Coreson, Julia Neilsen, and Lily Hillstrom, Ben Snyder

Staff Present: Sabrina Tusing, Teen Librarian

Members Absent: Elizabeth Stedman & Adalie Verdon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review and approved minutes from the October 15, 2023 meeting.

Cara Stasiewicz made a motion to approve the October 15, 2023 Teen Advisory Committee Meeting minutes as submitted. Tad Iltis seconded the motion. DiAnna Efendi Blanchard, Elliott Ray, Holly Coreson, Julia Neilsen, and Lily Hillstrom, Ben Snyder voted aye. The motion carried.

TEEN LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Katrina Moskovkin has chosen not to continue their work on the Teen Advisory Committee. Her seat on TAC will not be filled until next year when we are accepting new applications for the committee.
- Ben has returned to TAC after being unable to attend the first two meetings. He came to the library on his own time to get caught up on the By-Laws, Code of Conduct, and work groups and volunteer work days.
- Work groups 2023-24 are:
 - Decorations & Displays: Cara Stasiewicz, Addie Verdon, Elliott Ray, Lily Hillstrom & Ben Snyder

- Manga Club: Eli Coreson & DiAnna Efendi Blanchard
- The Stacks Newsletter: Julia Neilsen, Lizzy Stedman, & Tad Iltis
- “Communications” section of the agenda is a time to share updates on group work with all of TAC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Per “Discussion Items” on the Agenda Packet

1. Teen Room Refresh Brainstorm Session #1

Cara took the group upstairs to tour the teen area, and to give members a chance to explore what works and what doesn't, while actually being in the space. The group brainstormed a wide variety of ideas, themes, pros and cons for the teen area.

- Finding complimentary color schemes for the space
- Empty low shelving out of the John Adams St side along windows
- Plants and/or plant wall, real or fake
- Outer curved shelving to open up the space in the middle, rather than rows
- High tables/laptop bar along John Adams-so one can lookout
- Charging stations
- Sensory toys
- Fairy lights
- While sunlight is nice, it's often too intense while seated at the computers or in the teen area. Finding ways to reduce sunlight.
- Having a theme that is carried throughout the space; possibility nature theme
- Dropdown screen for movies/gaming
- Various seating that is body diverse and meets various comfort levels
- Block windows with shelving
- A place for announcement and/or resources specific to teens
- Area rug
- Teen area is too industrial feeling-they want to make it cozy

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chairperson, Lily Hillstrom, attended the Young Teen Advisory Committee (YTAC) quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 20 at the library. Events that YTAC have enjoyed and would like to see happen in the future are:

- Code Bracelets
- Lifesize Board Games
- Something like the teen Maker Lounge, where there are multiple stations of crafts that can be done during a span of time.

Di Efendi Blanchard wanted to add “Basic American Sign Language” as a possible topic of Adulting 101

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Cara Stasiewicz adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.