



CITY OF OREGON CITY LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Conference Room (2nd Floor), Oregon City Public Library, 606 John Adams St,
Oregon City**

Meeting

Wednesday September 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Cynthia Andrews called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cynthia Andrews, Heidi Blackwell, Lisa Oreskovich, and Larry Osborne were present in person. Bill Carton, Nick Dierckman, and David Goldberg had excused absences.

Staff Present: Greg Williams, Library Director, and Denise Butcher, Library Operations Manager, were present in person.

STUDENT LIBRARY CARD PROJECT UPDATE

1. Youth Services Librarian Barratt Miller joined via Zoom to give a presentation on the Library's partnership with Clackamas County and the Oregon City School District (OCSD) to enable OCSD students to opt in for a Student Library Card (SLC) as part of the annual enrollment process. Barratt reviewed the history of the SLC initiative, described the data transfer process and schedule, and acknowledged the participation of Clackamas County and OCSD staff. To date, 2,379 students have signed up for SLCs. Vice Chair Andrews expressed appreciation for Barratt's leadership and work. Greg also recognized Barratt for her leadership and efforts in making the SLC program a reality.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. August 2024 Director's Report and Library Statistics

Greg Williams shared updated service area population numbers provided by Clackamas County (which are used in calculating annual Library District distributions). Greg also shared the press release put out by the State Library of Oregon regarding this year's Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse report, which tracks the number of book challenges reported in the State. This year, the number of items and titles challenged reached an all-time high.

Board member Heidi Blackwell requested for a future agenda item related to how potential Library programs are identified, evaluated and developed. Greg indicated he'd be happy to include an item on this topic as part of a future agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Review of draft Library Display Policy

Greg Williams presented a draft Library Display Policy for the Board's review. Earlier in the year, Greg had presented the Library Board with display policies from different libraries, each with differing levels of complexity, specificity, and scope. Based on Library Board feedback, and the Board's preference for a more concise and general policy, Greg had developed a draft policy based on a format/template that many other Libraries appear to use.

The Library Board provided feedback on clarifying the language around the challenge process, particularly for patrons who may not live in the Oregon City Public Library service area. The Library Board supported generally following the challenge process articulated in the Library Collection Development Policy.

COMMUNICATIONS

Library Foundation—no in-person meeting this month. The Foundation Board did approve contributing \$250 to the Oregon City School Foundation to support the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) program. The next Foundation fundraiser is scheduled for April 3, 2025 at the Ainsworth House and Gardens.

Friends of the Library—the Friends' Bookstore continues to break records for bookstore sales. The Friends also expressed support for approving funding for a series of programs over a longer period of time, rather than evaluating multiple requests for similar individual items (e.g., repeating arts-related programs). The Friends Board also determined they would start considering requests for small donations to other organizations (such as school libraries), as long as the requests were consistent with the Friends' goals and purposes.

Heidi Blackwell shared information about the upcoming Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at Clackamas Community College's Environmental Learning Center. Both LINCC and the Oregon City Public Library are scheduled to attend and will be distributing free books (by indigenous authors and appealing to different age groups) to attendees.

Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)— TAC had their first meeting of the year, with four new members joining the group. The group got to know each other, reviewed bylaws, and discussed some preliminary areas of interest, including starting a manga group, completing the plant wall (which is almost done!), and continuing to work on the Stacks newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

Cynthia Andrews adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.