

Current Library Advisory Board Member Bios 2024



Name: Rebekah Weed

Board Role/Term: Current Board Chair 2024, Board Member since 2023. Term ends 2025.

Professional Role: Kids Ministry Assistant

Professional Affiliation: Springfield Faith Center

About: Rebekah grew up on the East Coast, mostly in the South. She was a frequent visitor of her local library growing up, enjoying all the many different places that books could take her. She moved to the PNW after college, spending a few years outside of Seattle, eventually moving to the Eugene/Springfield area in 2008. She loves bringing her three kids to the library, where they also find books that interest them and engage their imaginations! She is excited to be able to support the library and staff in a new way.

Favorite Book: The Passion of Mary Margaret by Lisa Sampson



Name: Robyn Loudon

Board Role/Term: Current Vice-Chair 2024. Member since 2022. Term ends 2025.

Professional role/title: Special Education teacher

Professional affiliation: Eugene 4j school district

About: Robyn is a local educator who believes that books are for everyone. She wanted to be a school librarian as a child but settled as a reading teacher instead. As a lifelong Oregonian, she has called Springfield home since 2016. In her free time, she loves hiking, going rafting, walking her two dogs, and enjoying downtown Springfield's fine watering holes.



Name: Myra Breen

Board Role/Term: Member since 2023. Term ends 2025.

Professional Role/Title: Educator

About: Myra is a local parent who is passionate about community involvement and creating a positive atmosphere for youth to enjoy learning. She is in her second year with the Library Board of Directors and coaches a team for grades 3-5 Oregon Battle of the Books. She loves traveling with her family and performing with the Emerald Valley Chorus.

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Name: Roy Burling

Board Role/Term: Member since January 2024. Term ends 2027.

Professional role/title: Certified Public Accountant, retired.

About: Roy is longtime volunteer at the Wallace M. Ruff Memorial Park and enjoys gardening with his wife Karen. I also serve on the board member of the Seven Peaks School, a private K-8 International Baccalaureate school in Bend Oregon.



Name: Heather Millehrer-Huerta

Board Role/ Term: Member since 2020. Current term ends 2027. Board Vice-Chair for 2022. Board Chair 2023.

Professional Role/Title: Educator

Professional Affiliation: Affiliated with TeachNW, & Comunidad y Herencia Cultural // Noche Cultural (non-profit serving, advocating with, & representing the local Latinx community)

About: Heather has lived in Springfield since 2010. Having grown up in Oregon, then moved away for a time, she now considers this home. She has enjoyed & appreciated the Springfield Public Library ever since moving here. After beginning a family she grew to appreciate it even more. Her boys are regular fixtures at the library & know most of the librarians by name. As a community organizer Heather has participated with organizations that have partnered with the library & volunteered directly with the library as well during community outreach events. She sees the library & what it symbolizes as core to what it means to be in community here in Springfield.

Favorite Book: She cannot choose just one. As a child she loved *The Pushcart Wars* & *The Westing Game*. When she's stressed & needs an easy reread she turns to the Carlotta Carlyle mystery series. A book she recommends that everyone try is *Let's Pretend Nothing Happened* by Jenny Lawson because it's a gateway memoir & she loves memoirs & wishes more people would discover them as well.



Name: Angela C. Miceli Stout

Board role/term(s): Member since 2019. Term ends 2027. Vice Chair 2022.

Professional affiliation: Volunteer at St. Alice Catholic Church

About: Angela holds a Ph.D. in political philosophy and works in ministry at her parish in Springfield, Oregon. She is a wife and mother of four young children and enjoys spending time with family, working in her garden, homeschooling her kids, hosting family and friends at her home.

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Name: Violet Olszyk

Board role/term: Member since January 2024. Term ends December 2024.

About: Violet is a mom of five young ones who love the library and love to read! She stays busy being involved in her children's activities and producing her husband's podcast. She looks forward to serving the library and community!

Favorite book/genre: Violet loves nonfiction in order to learn new things, but her favorite fiction genre is mystery with her favorite series being The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency.



Name: Curtis Wyant

Board role and term(s): Member since 2024. Term ends 2027.

Professional role/title: IT Director

Professional affiliation: Homes for Good (Lane County Public Housing Agency)

About: Curtis has a Master's in Library Science and worked in public libraries for most of his career. A native Midwesterner, he moved to Oregon in 2016 and enjoys the outdoors, playing music, gardening, and playing with his two dogs.