

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2025

Minute Taker - Curtis Wyant

- Attending: Robyn Loudon, Roy Burling, Violet Olszyk, Curtis Wyant, Carrie Schindele-Cupples, Sean VanGordon, Angela Stout
- Absent: Bekah Weed, Heather Millehrer-Huerta, Ofelia Guzman, Myra Breen, Emily David
- Call to Order / Changes in the Agenda; meeting called to order at 5:31pm
- Approval of Feb 4 minutes
 - Moved: Roy, seconded by Violet
- Business from the Audience: none
- Communications: none
- Library Director Report (sent ahead)
 - Any additions
 - Any discussion
 - Springfield budget task force, impact on the library
 - Two options outlined: \$500k service reduction or special levy.
 - Carrie: \$500k service reduction would result in staff reductions and shorter hours.
 - Sean: ~\$4.5 million budget shortfall over 5 years.
 - Task force's recommendations will be provided to Council in the next few weeks, who will decide on a path forward.
 - Levies have to be renewed by voters at a minimum of every 5 years.
 - Is the LAB allowed to advocate in favor of or against a library levy? LAB will be involved in reviewing the recommendations, but once the Council has taken up a recommendation, the LAB can't campaign for or against. Individuals can advocate and campaign, though, outside of the LAB.
 - Discussion and comparison of Eugene's library funding cuts, fire levy, and Oregon's ongoing issues with local government budgets.
 - Library will be meeting with FETechnologies to move forward with new door counters.
 - Books and Brew was a great success.
- Unfinished Business:
 - Minute takers for next few months
 - April: Violet
 - May: Angela
 - Book Share program update
 - Come in as you are available to help sort and label books.

- Joint newsletter update: meeting tomorrow to plan for the next few months.
 - Foundation update: no meeting, no update.
- New Business: none.
- Old Business
 - Strategic plan review:
 - Celebrate opportunities for coordination between the Museum and the Library.
 - Integrating digital photo collection into library catalog.
 - Joint library and museum logo is coming soon.
 - Extend the Library and Museum impact into our community.
 - Lots of work has already been done on this, including pop-up library events throughout Springfield.
 - Using state “ready to read” funds for pop-up events.
 - Community partnerships will be key to supporting a library levy, if recommended.
 - We'll review the last item at the April LAB meeting.
- Announcements
 - Friends book sale is March 13-15
- Action items
 - Carrie will make sure staff are aware that LAB members will be coming in during open hours to process books for the Book Share program.
 - LAB members should review the Budget task force’s meeting minutes and recommendations (should be around late April).

Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.