

Newport Public Library

Library Advisory Committee Board Meeting via Zoom

1/13/21

Present: Gretchen Havner, Evonne Mochon Collura, Karen Apland, Laura Kimberly, Michael Main (welcome to LAC Board, Michael!)

Meeting called to order by Gretchen at 5:17pm

Evonne to record minutes

1. Approval of Minutes from BOTH 12/2/20 and 12/16/20
 - a. Motion: Karen first, Michael second. All in favor, none opposed.
2. Librarian Report, Laura expounded:
 - a. Getting busier! Take Out services accommodating about 250 people/week with up to 1,000 materials/week, always following covid-related safety protocols, receiving positive feedback and gratitude from patrons for providing services. Question posed – are there additional times (besides T/Th) to pick up materials? A: yes, library staff are available – perhaps call ahead or knock on the door and someone will help you.
 - b. Strategic Plan – information gathering has begun, over 300 paper surveys sent out (bilingual) in addition to digital formats. Have received large number of replies with input from community. Survey deadline is Feb 6th.
 - c. *Topic Talk* today re: trauma information services went well, providing many ideas from other directors of rural libraries to increase resources for our community
 - d. Library roof is now leaking at a second point over the Children's area but materials have been secured to prevent further damage. Bidding process has started, but repairs will probably happen in late spring.
 - e. Fun and creativity – preschool art (virtual), book bingo, partnership with police department for fingerprint kits that will help parents, partnership with Oregon Coast Aquarium for *Cultural Pass* to start March 1st and run for 1 year (Aquarium closed for month of January, reopening date TBD), mobile hotspot lending very popular so pursuing grant to provide laptops and help families, Teens' "Almost" party attended by 12 people today, *Book Talks* have interactive platform, *Staff Picks* online now and updated monthly, Catalog of Books streamlined to help Lily meet the interests of adult patrons.
 - f. Not as fun, but important – TCB Security on site during Take Out hours due to some incidents and safety concerns such as illegal activity and mental health issues. Emergency services are quite busy and TCB's presence helps manage situations. They are increasing their property 'rounds' with 3 additional time slots, randomized (evening, midnight, early AM), on call M/W/F to dispatch

