

# MT. ANGEL PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Meeting to be held Virtually via Zoom

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

6:30pm

## 6:30pm REGULAR MEETING

### **Call to Order at 6:38pm**

**Present:** Linda Bentz, Shari Riedman, Heather Sowa, Robert Kister, Jackie Mills, Sharon Otte

**Absent:** none

**Approval of Minutes**—MSP to approve the minutes from 2.17.21

**Chair Report**—none

### **Library Director's Report**

**Statistics**—browsing and computer use by appointment resumed in March. Mobile hotspots are very popular. Cultural Passes checkout resumed in March.

#### **Updates on projects, programs and training—**

- **Oregon's Dino Story**—MTA served as a pilot site for Museum of Natural and Cultural History May 4-17. Included a sidewalk obstacle course, storywalk®, exhibit by appointment (in library), two preschool visits and Dinos in the Park (had 182 attend!). The entire program was well received. And successful.
- **Website**—the new library website is up and running. It is not totally finished yet, and Jackie is still working on it but it's available. [www.mtangelpubliclibrary.com](http://www.mtangelpubliclibrary.com)
- **Summer Reading Program**— *Reading Colors Your World!* / *¡leer da color tu mundo!* for all ages June 17-Aug 30. Library will host weekly outside programs. Participants can register on READsquared, or use a reading log published in *Our Town*, or use a printed log available at the library. Grand prizes will be gift certificates to local businesses.
- **CCRLS** hired a new executive director, John Hunter, who will start on 5/28/21. He is the former director at Woodburn Public Library.
- **FEMA Training**—the City is in the process of implementing a new Emergency Operations Plan that will require Jackie to take FEMA training June 1-3.
- **Holds Lockers**—The Friends of the Library voted to purchase lockers that will be placed at the library's back door for patrons to pick up library holds after hours. The lockers have been delivered but we are awaiting the locks which are on backorder. We will also have a motion-sensor security camera in place.
- **July 3**—The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Hometown Spirit street fair on July 3. The library will have a booth and give away sno cones, SRP information and a prize wheel.

#### **Status of grants—**

- **LSTA—Laptop Lab to Go:** Have \$764 to spend before the end of June. Jackie asked for input for technology related giveaways that can be purchased for the attendees. She has already purchased flash drives, mouse pads, ear buds, privacy covers. Inexpensive webcams, toner, subscriptions, gift cards, portable mice were suggested.
- **STEAM Equity Grant (\$15,000)**—Jackie and Hilary just met with two of the supervisors this week. Next steps are to meet with all the collaborators to begin planning fall programming and create an "Asset Map" that displays what services are currently available to teens and where we can build more. Our first exhibit will be here Jan-March 2022. LAB discussed possible sites for a "Critter

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Cam” including the wastewater treatment plant, the Abbey, and the osprey nest. Biggest issue is connection to WiFi.

- **Libraries Transforming Communities**—we were awarded this \$3000 grant in late March with the purpose of facilitating Community Conversations that will support the Strategic Plan process. Hilary is now a successful grant writer! Part of the money is earmarked for a bi-lingual position to translate printed material and conversations. LAB discussed whether this should be a temporary library position, a contracted position or a volunteer. Jackie will look into the possibility of hiring a local person. BTW Hilary is off probation and is a “regular” city employee.
- **STEM Week Grant (\$200)**—used to support the Dinos in the Park program.
- **Teen Services Grant (\$1000)**—will fund a summer program called "Teens Bringing Cheer." Middle and high school students will be invited to perform various volunteer activities to bring cheer to local senior citizens—flower pots, cards and posters, dancing critters.
- **Libros for Oregon (\$1000)**—the library will receive adult books in Spanish from the Guadalajara Book Fair held in December. Jackie MAY be one of the buyers (that has not been determined yet).

### Committee Reports—none

### Old Business

**Review EDGE Initiative Progress—same**

**Review Oregon Library Association Public Library Standards Progress—same**

**Strategic Plan Progress**—with the LTC grant, Hilary will be following up with middle and high schoolers. Jackie has met with the Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Library, and Mt. Angel Senior Center Board. Many contacted groups have not responded. She will organize several “open” meetings over the summer, inviting specific people as well as keeping it open for “drop ins.” Hopefully, the information gathering stage of the process will be completed by the end of summer.

### New Business

- **Library Advisory Board members whose terms are expiring (Linda, Shari)**—Due to increased responsibilities as a School Board chair, Shari is stepping down from the LAB. Linda has reached her term limit and also must step down. Both are leaving with our gratitude for their excellent service. Jackie will begin to advertise for these openings with the goal of encouraging candidates that will better reflect our diverse community. MSP Heather Sowa was elected the 2021-22 LAB Chair.
- **Closing time on Thursdays**—Jackie requested that when the library reopens post-COVID, that the Thursday hours be changed from 11-8pm to 11-7pm because that hour is not being utilized by patrons. If there is programming on Thursday evenings, it can still go beyond 7pm. LAB agreed. Also, to keep current mask mandate in place until COVID restrictions are entirely lifted.
- **CORE values**—As part of the Strategic Plan process, Jackie would like to adopt core values that will inform the service of library staff. LAB brainstormed: inclusion, accessibility, learning, peaceful, innovation, discovery, fun, community, connection, imagination, respectful, supportive, expanding horizons, enlightened, welcoming, knowledgeable, integrity, patience, responding immediately, see people as unique/meet them where they are. Jackie and her staff will refine these into values that speak to what we do.

### Public Presentations --none

**Adjournment at 7:59pm**

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021**

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