



**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Present:** John Henshell, Chair; Kathleen Allen, Vice Chair; Sarah Larson; Sara Rajkumar; Mei Wong; Andrew Love; Kathleen Perry; Cathy Wasnick; Victoria Campbell, Community Engagement Manager; and Kristin Fidler, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Brad Schrock; Marc San Soucie, Council Liaison; Glenn Ferdman, Library Director

**Guests:** none

Chair John Henshell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from Meeting :**

- Sara Rajkumar called for the approval of the July 14th, 2021, minutes as written. Kathleen Allen SECONDED the motion to approve the minutes. Motion CARRIED.

**Partner Reports**

**Beaverton City Council:** None

**Beaverton Library Foundation:** None

**New Friends of the Beaverton City Library:** Kathleen Allen reported that the Friends are working a Book & Media sale soon to be held in the main library. The Friends are also prioritizing a wish list for grant money and are still searching for an online vendor to replace Thrift Books. Book sales for the Friends on Amazon are up and in-store sales remain steady.

**New Business:**

**Library of Things update :** Victoria Campbell shared that the BCL to Go program was great for the Library of Things and that for during most of the pandemic closures, the Beaverton Library was the only Washington County Cooperative library to circulate their Library of Things collection. The Library of Things recently added mobile WIFI hot spots for patrons to check out. These WIFI hot spots have been very popular so far.

**Summer Reading update:** Victoria Campbell shared that in an attempt to make participating in Summer Reading easier and more equitable, patrons no longer need to sign up to participate. The library's outreach team has been busy going out into the community to tell people about the Summer Reading program at city parks, camps, and school district meal programs. The theme for the Adult Summer Reading program is "Read to Feed" with the goal of funding up to 135 meals for homebound people through Meals on Wheels.

**Circulation update:** Victoria Campbell shared that while circulation of physical items is down 30%, the circulation of e-content is up 37%. July is the busiest month for circulation and 55% of all items circulating during the summer are children's materials. For July 2021 the Beaverton Libraries are at 70% of circulation compared to what was checked out in July of 2019/pre-COVID. During the COVID closures, not as many physical books were withdrawn, so our shelves are full. There has been a big bump in e-content for children as the technology for the presentation of picture books and graphic novels has advanced.

**Director's Report:** Victoria Campbell presented the Director's Report on behalf of Glenn Ferdman. Victoria Campbell shared that the story times on the Main library lawn have been extremely well attended. The library hopes to provide these outdoor story times 4 days a week as weather allows. Facial coverings are again required in all city buildings including the Main library and the Murray-Scholls branch library. The Main library provided space for a cooling center staffed by the city's Emergency Operations Team and volunteers. BCL to Go has morphed into BCL Pick-Up. Patrons can now pull into the loading dock on the eastside of the main library and staff will bring their holds to them. The posting for the new Supervisor position in Public Services closed Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Set Date for Next Library Advisory Board Meeting:**

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. over the Zoom.gov virtual platform.

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Glenn Ferdman, Library Director

<b>APPROVED BY:</b>