

**Library Advisory Board Minutes October 9, 2012**  
For Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

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The Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB) met on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Katie Lane called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Board members present were: Lori Irish Bauman, David Blount, Marian Creamer, Katie Lane, John Potter, Mardy Stevens, Danika Stochosky, Henise Telles-Ferreira, and Sola Whitehead. Board members George Feldman and Carlene Weldon were excused. Board member Mark Jackson was absent.

Staff members present were: Vailey Oehlke, Director of Libraries; Becky Cobb, Deputy Director; Dave Ratliff, interim Central Library Director; Javier Gutierrez, interim Collections Services Manager; Shelly Kent, Human Resources Manager; Jeremy Graybill, Marketing & Communications Director; Katie O'Dell, Youth Services Director; Terrilyn Chun, Public Programming & Community Outreach Manager; Don Allgeier, Neighborhood Libraries Assistant Director; Jim Carmin, John Wilson Special Collections Librarian; and Jamie Owens, Administrative Specialist, Director's Office.

Also in attendance were Corie Wiren, Chief of Staff, Commissioner McKeel's Office; Judy Lindley and Cathi Woodruff, Friends of the Library; Althea Gregory, Multnomah County Budget Office; and Elizabeth Beekley, The Library Foundation.

The September 11, 2012 minutes were approved with changes.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Vailey referred to the report from last month about Spanish-speaking family storytime. After a program evaluation, 12 out of 15 families reported that they doubled the time that they spent reading to their children. The program will be expanded to two other locations. Vailey shared that the National Geographic magazine archive is now available digitally through MCL.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Katie Lane announced that she needs to hear from LAB members about the upcoming retreat. She will be polling members for feedback about the best time.

## **ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Lori Irish Bauman provided a handout about the Access Committee's work on a new name and mission statement. In the past, the Committee's work included internet filtering policy and the privacy of patron records; now the focus has shifted to ebooks and the publishers' policies against selling ebooks to libraries. The new name reflects this expanded scope: Electronic Access Policies Advisory Committee. Katie Lane thanked the committee for being responsive to what is actually going on right now. John Potter stated that in the past the committee also dealt with materials that were questioned by some patrons who didn't want certain items in the library. Lori responded that these issues have been addressed by policy changes. Library access now reflects the unresolved ebook issues that are constantly changing. Katie stated that if there are future issues about a patron's physical access to the library or privacy issues, it would be an important discussion to have within the Access Committee. Marian Creamer added that access is at the core of the Committee's purpose and the fact that the Patriot Act is mentioned in the new mission statement is essential.

Danika Stochosky asked if the new electronic media focus of the Access Committee is what the Futures Committee is already considering. Vailey answered that the Futures Committee was created with a broader mission than just digital content. Recently the Futures Committee looked at High School graduation rates which confront our community now and into the future. Changing demographics and their impact on MCL is another broader subject for the Futures Committee's consideration. Vailey added that digital content will be a defining issue for MCL and other libraries and the Committee's focus on it is appreciated. Katie added that this work will put the library in a more responsible proactive position, and reminded everyone that the LAB is committed to ensuring access for everyone. It was moved, seconded and approved to change the name of the Committee and adopt the new mission statement. (Document attached).

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Sola Whitehead reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. There are three positions open as well as the two youth positions, and the Committee is presenting a slate of nominees to fill these positions:

Maegan Vidal, MPA, is the public relations specialist for Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel. Maegan creates connections with Randall Children's Hospital and local national and social media outlets.

Erin Cooper's background is marine biology and she moved to Portland about one year ago after finishing her graduate work. She currently works as a fisheries biologist and statistician of salmon management in the Columbia Basin.

Adam Starr recently moved to Portland from the San Francisco Bay Area where he grew up. Adam is a real estate and commercial litigator at Markowitz Herbold Glade and

Mehlaf. Prior to graduation from UCLA School of Law, he was a member of Teach For America and spent two years teaching kindergarten in Oakland, California.

Etsegenet Ayele is a junior at Roosevelt High School. She volunteers for Multnomah County Library and the Minds Matter program, and assists in a community garden.

Hallie Blasfield is a senior at Lincoln High School. She was on the Lincoln constitution team, and regularly participates in poetry slams. She believes in strong civic engagement and looks forward to participating on the Library Advisory Board.

Candidates Maegan Vidal, Erin Cooper, Adam Starr, Etsegenet Ayele and Hallie Blasfield were unanimously approved by the Nominating Committee with the request that their names be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.

### **JOHN WILSON SPECIAL COLLECTIONS REPORT 2012**

Jim Carmin, Librarian from the John Wilson Special Collections, provided an update on recent acquisitions and exhibitions. Jim reported that the collection was closed for close to two years for security and fire suppression system upgrades. It reopened July 24, 2012. He explained that the collection has over 12,000 volumes with six core collections: book arts and the history of the book; children's literature; natural history; Pacific Northwest history; literature with particular strengths of Charles Dickens and D.H. Lawrence; and Native American literature, poetry, fiction and drama. Jim brought beautiful examples to show to the Board. Jim reported that an average of 55 people use the collection during open hours per month, and 1,200 people per year come in as part of classes and organized groups for presentations by appointment during closed hours. Jim also presents the materials during exhibitions in the Collins Gallery that reach thousands over the year. The JWSC gets great support from the community, The Library Foundation and authors. Recently MCL participated in the annual Archives Crawl event along with Portland State, the Oregon Historical Society, and the City of Portland, and had over 200 visitors.

### **THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

Elizabeth Beekley reported that TLF continues to fundraise for the library district effort. She added that anyone who is looking for volunteer opportunities can speak with her after this meeting.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Cathi Woodruff reminded everyone of the fall book sale this weekend at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel. It starts Friday, October 12 with the pre-sale for members

only, and continues through Monday, October 15. That same weekend the Friends will also have a booth for a mini book sale at Wordstock. The Friends' 40<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated October 17 at the Eliot Center of the First Unitarian Church, with authors Monica Drake, Pauls Toutonghi, Karen Karbo, and Matthew Dickman. The program will also include a screening of the newly-created 'Turning the Pages' video.

Judy Lindley, FOL Retail Committee Chair, reported that the FOL is starting an on-line bookstore through Amazon. FOL is looking for a person to manage this and Judy provided the recruitment handout. This bookstore has tremendous potential for the Friends. She thanked Dave Ratliff and his crew for their help with getting shelving installed for this project.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

Katie announced that the Tax Supervising Conservation Commission will hold a hearing on the Library District measure on October 15, at 4pm. Vailey added that this is the same process the library has been part of in the past with levy ballot measures. It is a public meeting and they do take public testimony.

Mardy Stevens shared that the Oregon Council of Civil Rights is doing a survey about pay equity for the state. Mardy asked permission to send the survey to LAB members.

The next LAB meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

Katie Lane, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

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