The Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB) met on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at Midland Library. Chair Elizabeth Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

Board members present were: Marc Alifanz, Chester Ching, Erin Cooper, Alisa Folen, Elizabeth Hawthorne, Willow Kelleigh, Lizzie Martinez, Mardy Stevens, Cynthia Tseng, Clare Wilkinson, Brian Wilson, and Elliot Zais.

Board members excused were: Thomas Dwyer, Rob Edmiston, Lois Leveen, Jack MacNichol, and P.K. Runkles-Pearson.

Staff members present were: Don Allgeier, director of operations; Aaron Bluitt, neighborhood libraries director; Terrilyn Chun, deputy director; Shawn Cunningham, director of communications and strategic initiatives; Johnette Easter, human resources manager; Sonja Ervin, equity and inclusion manager; Cindy Gibbon, director of policy and special projects; Jeremy Graybill, marketing and online engagement director; Javier Gutierrez, collections and technical services director; Rita Jimenez, neighborhood libraries director; David Ratliff, neighborhood libraries director; Jon Worona, director of content strategy; Chelsea Bailey, communications strategist; Maddelyn High, director’s assistant; Erica Findley, cataloging metadata librarian; and Alisa Williams, library assistant.

Also in attendance were: Merris Sumrall, The Library Foundation; and Patricia Carlin, Friends of the Library.

The board approved the minutes for the May 8, 2018 meeting with changes.

Chair’s Report
Chair Elizabeth Hawthorne recognized outgoing Library Advisory Board members whose terms end this month, thanking Mardy Stevens for her many contributions during the past eight years and for her leadership on the Nominating Committee. Chair Hawthorne also thanked youth member Alisa Folen for her service on the Nominating Committee and for her initiative as a youth member.

In keeping with tradition, the library honored Stevens and Folen with the installation of books with bookplates recognizing their service on LAB, which Deputy Director Terrilyn Chun presented. Chun thanked Stevens and Folen for their work on LAB.

Chair Hawthorne noted that the August meeting is typically cancelled. There were no objections to cancelling the August 2018 meeting and the board moved to reconvene in September.
Library Director’s Report

Deputy Director Terrilyn Chun, filling in for Director of Libraries Vailey Oehlke, highlighted the following from the Director’s Report:

- Two recent pieces on the opioid epidemic and naloxone in libraries, from The Oregonian and OPB’s Think Out Loud, featuring Hollywood Library Manager Martha Flotten.
  - This summer, the library is piloting naloxone (also known as narcan) in some library locations. This effort is in line with Multnomah County leadership; public health guidance; the U.S. Surgeon General’s advisory on naloxone and opioid overdose; and with other urban libraries across the country responding similarly to the opioid epidemic in their communities. This is a community problem and the library is stepping up to find ways to respond as part of a community-based solution.

- Summer Reading — Libraries Rock!
  - Summer Reading kicks off June 15 with 100,000 anticipated youth participants (babies through grade 12). Summer Reading also engages youth as volunteers and is one of the biggest volunteer opportunities for youth in our community. Chun thanked the Library Foundation for its support in making this program possible again this year.

Director of Content Strategy Jon Worona gave a recap of the second annual Digital Inclusion Summit on May 10, 2018. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners adopted the Digital Equity Action Plan (DEAP) in April 2016. This plan is a guide for the library and its Digital Inclusion Network partners to serve folks impacted by the digital divide. One of the strategic goals outlined in the plan is to convene an annual summit to share updates and learnings on DEAP implementation. This year’s summit had 122 attendees from 69 businesses and organizations in our region.

In response to a question from Chair Hawthorne, Worona shared that LAB members can engage in this work by encouraging any contacts in the tech community to create pathways to industry exposure with internships and informational interviews; and to direct equipment donations to Free Geek for the Earn-a-Computer Program.

Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives Shawn Cunningham added that Oehlke was the keynote speaker at the Oregon Technology Awards, which followed the Digital Inclusion Summit on May 10. Oehlke shared two videos at the summit — one on the Rockwood Makerspace (produced by the Library Foundation), and a second video highlighting the Earn-a-Computer Program. Cunningham will look into sharing a written version of Oehlke’s remarks with the Library Advisory Board (the event was not recorded).

Nominating Committee Update

Nominating Committee Co-Chair Mardy Stevens shared that the nominating committee has two actions to present: the election of Library Advisory Board officers and recommendations of two candidates for appointment to LAB.
Lizzie Martinez indicated that Hawthorne and Jack MacNichol are candidates for the positions of chair and vice-chair, respectively. Martinez moved to nominate Hawthorne for her second term as LAB chair and MacNichol for their second term as LAB vice-chair. Erin Cooper seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. Chair Hawthorne called for a vote, and the candidates for office were unanimously approved.

The Nominating Committee received three applications from adult candidates and one youth candidate application. Of those, three candidates were interviewed for two position openings on the LAB (one candidate withdrew their application).

Nominating Committee Co-Chair Marc Alifanz introduced LAB candidate Brendan Gallagher and shared his credentials. Gallagher has a Masters in Library Science and worked for different types of libraries. He also started a company that provides library services. Gallagher's home library branch is Belmont. Alifanz noted that Gallagher would bring library experience and expertise to LAB, and recommended Gallagher be presented for appointment to LAB.

Nominating Committee Member Alisa Folen then presented the credentials of youth member candidate, Bethel Sishu. Sishu is a student at Parkrose High School, has volunteered at Midland (her home library branch) for several years, and has been involved in the library's Teen Council and Summer Reading program. Sishu self-describes as “bilingual first-generation Ethiopian-American,” and Folen expressed that Sishu would bring new perspective to LAB.

LAB candidate Gallagher quit the room during the voting process.

Chair Hawthorne moved to refer Brendan Gallagher to the Multnomah County Library District Board for appointment to the Library Advisory Board. By oral vote, the motion was approved unanimously. Chair Hawthorne then moved to refer Bethel Sishu to the Multnomah County Library District Board for appointment to the Library Advisory Board as a youth member. By oral vote, the motion was approved unanimously. Nominations for both candidates will advance to the Multnomah County Library District Board for approval.

Chair Hawthorne thanked the Nominating Committee for its work during the recruitment and review process, and Stevens echoed this. Alifanz also shared his appreciation for Stevens' board service and for chairing the Nominating Committee for several years.

Alifanz noted that this year's LAB candidate pool was smaller than usual despite enhanced outreach efforts, and suggested LAB keep outreach in mind going forward as the Nominating Committee ramps up its work again starting in January 2019. Stevens shared that the Nominating Committee intentionally sought LAB representation from East County during this year's recruitment cycle, and recommended that the committee continue to do so going forward.

**Our Story Presentation**
Cataloging Metadata Librarian Erica Findley and Albina Library Assistant Alisa Williams introduced themselves and shared the project history and gave an overview of Our Story.
**Our Story** is an online digital collection created and curated in partnership with the community to tell the story of Portland — specifically, the history of the Albina neighborhood — through an African American lens. The story will be explored through different themes, with more themes and collection items added throughout 2018 and beyond.

Work on this project began two years ago with formation of a project committee; partnership development with groups including Oregon Historical Society, Know Your City, and Vanport Mosaic; and outreach to the African American community and patrons. The library's Black Cultural Library Advocate staff played a key engagement role, and outreach indicated strong community interest in this project. Community meetings helped shape the project, including the idea of presenting the collection as themes (rather than as a timeline). Items for the collection were sought starting in late 2017, and specially-designed programming including screenings, live performances, and talks were held leading up to the project launch in June 2018.

Findley gave a preview of the online collection, which is part of The Gallery, where several other online collections live. The Gallery can be accessed from the library's website under the “E-books and more” menu at the top of the page. My Story is the featured collection in The Gallery.

Currently, My Story contains 130 items, including photos, documents, and videos, and content will continue to be added. The collection can be browsed by topic or date range. Findley highlighted one video in particular on desegregation efforts in Portland Public Schools in the 1970s. Findley and Williams encouraged LAB members to explore the collection and to share it with others.

**The Library Foundation (TLF)**

Merris Sumrall noted The Library Foundation is wrapping up its current fiscal year (ending June 30), and shared that the foundation's spring fundraising campaign is going well. TLF recently held a strategic planning retreat, and was pleased to have Oehlke and Programming and Outreach Director Katie O'Dell in attendance. As part of its strategic planning work, TLF is looking ahead at all of the library programs it supports in an effort to be active in any new efforts.

**Friends of the Library (FOL)**

Patricia Carlin shared that FOL's membership approved seven new board members — including new members from Gresham and Troutdale — at its June 6 annual meeting, which was highly attended. Author Molly Gloss spoke on the history of her involvement with the library and its importance to her, and FOL unveiled a new custom Ideal Bookshelf tote bag featuring Oregon authors. Carlin also invited folks to visit FOL's Rose City Book Fair booth June 15-16.

**Good and Welfare**

Chair Hawthorne thanked everyone for attending the meeting at Midland Library, and wished Mardy Stevens and Alisa Folen a fond farewell.

Chair Hawthorne adjourned the meeting at 8:26 am.

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