

## Sebastopol Library Advisory Board Meeting

April 6, 2022

Location: Zoom

### Attendees

Kee Nethery, Fred Engbarth, Mary Shiff, Stephanie Elliott, Walt Frazer, Jennifer Hunter, Helena Whistler, Una Hall, Lillian Sanders, Diana Rich, Barbara Maes, Mathew Rose

1. Call to Order at 4:02 pm. Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting. Approved Agenda and Minutes.

### 2. Introductions

Barbara Maes introduced themselves as the new Public Services Division Manager.

3. Public Comment on non-agendized items. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per topic, unless otherwise noted.

Stephanie will share information about services to homeschool families and use of the library.

### 4. Discussion Items

Announcements: None.

Patron comments: Curious if the clock comment stuck out for anyone. Hard to read. Why not both? More the better.

### Budget priorities:

Budget workshop held last week. Listening session tomorrow - more participatory approach is the goal. Walt quotes Ann - "meaningful change cannot be a top down process." Facilities master plan to come in May.

### 5. Action items

None, but a reminder that the \$500 allocation for LABs will be expiring soon. Brainstorm ideas that can be voted on next meeting: Maybe reception, maybe artwork promotion? Invite people in, ask if they want to weigh in on a topic. But, in person event in covid? Too soon? Maybe tag on to Summit 2022 hosted by the Sebastopol Service Action Commission taking place on June 14 at the high school. Or at the Apple Blossom festival goings on, especially in the kids area of the festival. Maybe participate with Relaunch Sebastopol in June? Buy supplies for pop-up set? Pie on pi day for next year? Put it on the agenda early in the fiscal year.

### Commissioner report

Budget and facilities plans discussed already. ALA is issuing a report on book bans -

<https://www.npr.org/2022/04/04/1090067026/efforts-to-ban-books-jumped-an-unprecedented-fo-ur-fold-in-2021-ala-report-says>

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Get involved at commission meetings and give feedback. Various points of view are valuable.

Leadership information - providing the information is the goal, not ingesting it all at once. They could serve as tools for future reference.

### Admin Report

California Parks passes are circulating now, a new service. They are like the Regional parks passes that have been on offer. Covid protocols update took effect on April 3 - following state, county, federal guidance. Sonoma Valley is getting a book locker soon. The Guerneville Library is opening in limited service soon, after being closed for a remodel.

Suggestion of "Did you Know all the other crazy things we check out" promotion. Let schools know. Parent Square is a resource newsletter for some schools. Put simple poster in the bathroom! Fred: Ray Holley is the PIO - Ray is receptive of marketing and promotional ideas. You can email [rholley@sonomalibrary.org](mailto:rholley@sonomalibrary.org) or mention ideas at the Commission meeting.

### City Liaison Report

There was a 6 hour city meeting last night. Climate action committee is being proactive. A new gas station ban in Sebastopol passed. Compost give away taking place. An all-electric code is being discussed. A proposal to require the City to purchase environmentally friendly products was passed. Relaunch Sebastopol run by Townsy (laura hagar) is taking place in June. The Police audit was reported on; all 144 suggestions in the audit were addressed. Budget process is going on. Jennifer Lake, Social Worker, is at the library frequently and Horizon Shine. Horizon Shine has 25 people at 18 RVs. Update on Morris street: parking ordinance went into effect on March 26 and as soon as there are signs, enforcement will begin. Discussion of which parklets should be permanent has started.

### Youth Report

Lillian has been helping with Girls Who Code and Code It Up. 6 participants in these programs total so far. Using audiobooks a lot - a great resource. Spring breaks are sprinkled everywhere this season. Loved seeing other libraries while doing college tours. Library programs being posted soon is good idea so people can craft summer plans. Masks still in use at school.

What is a thing to get kids attention about library: phones and the bulletin board in the lobby.

### Sebastopol Library Report

Public Art - Grey Matter - is installed and a ribbon cutting is being discussed. Our restroom signs are soon to be gender neutral. In person storytimes started today - thank you for the advice to help us shape the program. We have food donations in the library. Should we? Is there an intent and execution mismatch? Make more reminders. It's valuable. Maybe include reminders on due date emails. Horizon Shine outreach is going on. The Library and City are working on an Anti-Hate project proposal. High Street Studio is adding more things to our offerings: ipads, gopros, webcams, audio recording devices, gaming headsets - things that are useful in our technology age.

### Friends of the Library Report

We had the 1 Day Book Sale & earned \$1,138+. It was lots of work but fun, too. Thanks to the City for cosponsoring the Sale & the Senior Center for use of their garage. We hope to have a regular sale in the Forum Room in July & also in October. [July 13-16 and October 12-15]

### LANTERN Report

None.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: June 1, 2022, 4:00 pm, at Sebastopol Regional Library, 7140 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol, CA, 95472 or Zoom

Funds for LABs

8. Additional Public Comment

none

9. Adjournment 5:05 pm