Sebastopol Library Advisory Board Meeting

February 2, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom -

Attendees: Kee Nethery, Fred Engbarth, Mary Shiff, Stephanie Elliott, Walt Frazer, Jennifer Hunter, Helena Whistler, Una Hall, Lillian Sanders, Sue Fujita, Sarah Vantrease and Sarah Glade Gurney

1. Call to Order / Introductions, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.

Approved Agenda and Minutes

2. Introductions

Liam Kelly has joined the LAB as a youth member.

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

Question about banned books and the library reaction. Any display? Yes, the library is doing displays, has bookmarks, social media posting. More plans are forthcoming as we learn more.

Posted a list of targeted books? We should. The idea is captured and will be discussed with the Sebastopol team.

Post Rachel Icaza's banned book presentation made to the high school on youtube? The idea is captured and will be shared with Rachel.

- 4. Announcements
- 5. New Business:
- a. Patron comments

Library catalog? - Ours has much room for improvement. There is no perfect catalog, but there are many that are better than ours.

First person shooter comment - is there a way to not ban but not be confronted with violent images?

Internet filtering: Porn and art? There are software limits of filtering. Slippery slope argument could be made. LAB: First person shooter games is a tool for team building. Sharing images within chat messages in games wouldn't be filtered, which is where a lot of kids come across images intended to be filtered by software filters.

LAB: Privacy of things we don't want to see vs witnessing something that should cause public shame.

b. Budget priorities - what should Sebastopol and/or SCL focus on?

Covid safe room between library and city hall

Focus on outdoor space - make and indoor / outdoor space

Allow for booksale on March 6 for Friends sale

Ruler on the library card

More guest speakers for programs

Free health products

South wall in the meeting room - update

c. Lobby entrance

I can't remember what this was about.

d. Black Lives Matter

Update on the burning of the banner was provided.

e. Programming in a pandemic

Use the parking space under the senior center?

Provides for social aspects of parenting - so whatever we need to do, the importance of caregivers connecting outweighs any tech or location concerns.

Do outdoor programming! Social aspects are important.

6. Reports:

a Commissioner's Report

Part II of the Leadership development outline was shared. Please share feedback.

Group 4 are getting close to facilities master plan being shared.

April 1, 2022, at 1 pm, there will be a budget workshop for the library budget process for the next fiscal year.

At the commission meeting, there is a spot for LABs. Encouraged to participate in the commission meetings.

CIPA - preliminary discussion on CIPA and filtering. Keep an eye out for more on this.

Idea of people looking at what others are looking at. First amendment audits - spy on whether people are doing things that they disagree with.

b Admin Report

The budget cycle is coming up.

More hours were added. We've seen an update in the number of people using their libraries. Unfortunately, it took place during a pandemic surge.

Bibliobus programming is taking place.

Permanent roseland library - city of santa rosa has identified spot and funding.

c City Liaison Report

Sponsored Friends book sale to take place at senior center parking area on March 6.

Resolution from mayor supporting healthcare for all. Apple Blossom festival April 23-24. Free compost on earth day from the climate action committee!

Restoration of Calder Creek proposal is being drafted.

Sales tax revenue is up and deficit spending is down.

New committee: townsy media (Laura Hagar) will work with 'relaunch sebastopol'

Library Commission BLM is on the agenda. A City resolution / position statement to move the discussion forward is forthcoming.

d. Youth Report

Enjoying the virtual yoga class - teen and all ages alternate weeks. Enjoying the virtual aspect of these programs. Working with Rosalie and Lindsey with Girls on Code and Code it Up Club. Using digital resources a lot, not so much visiting the library in person.

JC classes have started. Seniors are hearing back soon about University. No cloth masks at school, only medical or 94+ - and weekly testing.

Twitch streaming as an instructional tool - lecture on assassins creed ancient greek edition as way to teach history

Library Tiktok is pretty awesome. Check it out by searching: tiktok @library95472

e Sebastopol Regional Library Report

Been advocating for an accessibility task force, and working on communicating local needs for the budget discussion. Looking toward some normalization for program planning.

f Friends of the Library Report

Book sale - will need help since can't set up ahead of time. March 6 is Sunday.

Online and lobby sales are ongoing.

How are the children's books going from the lobby cart? Going good - that and cookbooks.

Advertising for sale will be local.

g LANTERN Report

Lantern is now on quarterly meeting schedule - taking a break - waiting on facilities master plan. Connecting with the CBO group.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: April 6, 2022, 4:00 pm, at Sebastopol Regional Library, 7140 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol, CA, 95472 or Zoom

none

8. Additional Public Comment

none

9. Adjournment

5:13 pm