



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 - 5:15 PM
McEntee Meeting Room at Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye Street

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The agenda may be amended during the meeting to add or delete items, change the order of agenda items, or discuss any other business deemed necessary at the time of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 2.A November 14, 2018 Minutes and January 9, 2019 Minutes

3. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
 - 3.A Librarian's Report
[Librarians Report March 2019.docx](#)

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

Administration

As has been the norm this past year, there are plenty of staffing changes afoot. Laura Kimberly, the new Library Director, will start on April 1. Staff are eagerly waiting for her to take the helm. The library team was thrilled to welcome Chelsey Comstock into the fold as a Library Specialist II on March 1. Michael Edwards, who was employed as a part-time Library Specialist I since September, has decided to move on to a full-time position closer to home. His job has been relisted as a part-time Library Specialist II, closing on Friday, March 15. Because Library Specialist I's are not qualified to staff the Reference Desk, a higher "job family" position is needed to meet the library's needs. Finally, one of the Supervising Librarians, Alice MacGougan, is leaving to start a new job at the Salem Public Library. Her last day is Thursday, March 28.

Circulation

February's total circulation figure was up by about 1% from the previous year. DVD checkouts accounted for 36% of the total, while books made up the largest proportion at 48%. Nearly 100 people signed up for new library cards. The City's IT department has not yet been able to get the statistics for the library's public computer or Wi-Fi usage.

Youth Services

A new monthly program, Wild Family Wednesdays, started in February. Created to meet the needs of families affected by the early school release times on Wednesdays, the program is targeted toward families with school-aged kids to bring them into the library to spend quality time together crafting, and (while they're in the building) tempt them to find recreational reading material to bring home. February's craft was string painting and March's is slime making.

32 teenagers attended last month's Jeopardy program. There was a lot of friendly competition and many reminders from the teens that if the answer wasn't in the form of a question then it was wrong! The guessing jar filled with candy was a hit and the boy who guessed the closest number of candies was only off by one.

Adult Services

Oregon Poet Laureate Kim Stafford spoke as a guest of the Willamette Writers and the library on Sunday, February 17. His topic was "How Writing Can Save Your Life." He has spoken at library events multiple times in the past, notably in 2011 about the Newport Reads book, *Down in My Heart*, written by his father, the late poet William Stafford.

Respectfully,

Alice MacGougan