



Stayton Public Library Board October 15, 2025 Minutes

Present: Diana Maul, Eileen Kamilos, Laurie Steele, Janna Moser (Director and Sec. to the Board) Excused: Lauren Mulligan

Call to Order: 6:04pm

Director's Report

a. Library Services update

- We've redesigned, reorganized and moved all the shelving and materials in our children's area to improve its usability and enhance browsability.
- With the redesign, Jennifer has created more defined play spaces, and we have had tremendous positive feedback from our families.
- In addition to the reorganization, we are exploring dynamic shelving strategies with more of our materials facing forward and on display. We have received a great amount of positive feedback on that as well, and have seen an increase in the circulation of materials, too.
- Greta Bergquist, the Youth Services Consultant with the State Library of Oregon, visited us, and we received incredible feedback about the high-quality services and programming our Library team provides to our community.
- We took a programming pause after Summer Reading to refresh our team and set our strategy for this year's programming.
- We've created a Sippin' into a Social Hour program, a new monthly program we're offering as an opportunity for people to explore and connect through new experiences and conversations at the Library. We are also experimenting with an occasional after-hours program. We had 101 people come for a freestyle Paint & Sip after-hours event at the end of September. Our next after-hours program will be a showing of the movie Wicked: Part One.
- Jennifer planned Library FallFest, a special harvest-themed storytime, followed by our version of pumpkin-patch-style activity booths on the Saturday of the Friends of the Library Book Sale so we could highlight the importance of the work of the Friends and the difference they make for the Library and so that those at the Sale could come over and see an example of what we do with the funding that the Friends raise. We had 183 people join us, and we also had a lot of crossovers with the Sale. FallFest was a great success, and we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Korin, Brett, Jay, and Eileen for their volunteer efforts! We could not have done it without them.
- Our Town published an article in their October paper stating that the Library would be on the ballot in November. Unfortunately, it has caused confusion because our levy passed last May, and it is actually the Parks &

the Pool levy that is on the ballot in November. Julia is working with them to correct the online version of the paper.

b. Summer Reading recap

- We had an incredible Summer Reading! This year's theme was Level Up at Your Library, and our community really levelled up. Participants of all ages tracked their reading minutes and helped us build the fictional city of SimStayton.
- Two hundred sixty people joined us for our Summer Reading Kick-off Party and a performance by Magician Louie Foxx.
- Three hundred thirty-eight people joined us for a foam party and Kona Ice at our End Celebration!
- Eight hundred and ninety players read for 367,080 minutes, 2,217 people of all ages attended Library programs, 8,100 visited the Library, and SimStayton became a thriving metropolis!

c. Staffing update

- We've hired Anna Alpers and Emily Badzinski as Library Aides, each of them at half-time, and they are both doing great! One of them is filling our open half-time position that we've had since Shelby Kruger left for graduate school in early August. For the other one, I'm using leftover hours I have because I have several existing staff members who are unable to work as many hours as we have budgeted for them due to their family's schedules. The second position will help us avoid running short-handed all the time.
- Stephanie Rubel resigned. I'm planning to leave the position open and re-evaluate where we are and what our team needs at the end of the year.

General Business

a. Friends of the Library Report

- Thank you to Laurie, Jolene, and Pam, who spearheaded a record-breaking Friends of the Library Used Book Sale! They made \$6200! Laurie has built excellent connections with a great crew of volunteers, including ones with the PEO, who helped us set up and clean up the sale as well. We are grateful for all your work!

b. Foundation Report

- The Foundation has received a grant of \$4,000 from Pacific Power. It is the first step of the work towards raising enough money to paint the Library's interior.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting November 19, 2025 at 6pm.