

City of St. Helens  
***Library Board***  
**Minutes from Tuesday, December 11, 2018**  
St. Helens Public Library

**Members Present**

Becky Bean  
Lisa Beardslee  
Patrick Birkle  
Heather Anderson-Bibler  
Mary Ellen Funderburg, Past Chair  
Melisa Gaelrun-Maggi  
Amanda Heynemann, Vice Chair  
Leanne Murray, Chair

**Members Absent**

**Guests**

**Councilors in Attendance**

Susan Conn

**Staff Present**

Margaret Jeffries, Library Director  
Gretchen Kolderup, Youth Librarian  
Dan Dieter, Library Board Secretary

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:23 pm by Chair Murray.

**INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** N/A

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed. Member Funderburg noted a name that needed correction on page 2. Minutes were approved with correction.

**STEM EDUCATION PROGRAMMING:** Youth Librarian Gretchen Kolderup reported on the maker movement and its realization here at the St. Helens Public Library. The maker movement is defined as creating, tinkering modifying and fabrication. It is community focused and allows lots of opportunities for learning. In January 2017, there were a few single programs scheduled, e.g. stop motion animation program. About that time, Gary and Peggy Thompson donated Dot & Dash robots and some funding for additional units. In the spring of 2017 there was a Makerfest that was attended by Bonny Adams from the St. Helens High School, who later offered to help

with the programs here at the library. In the summer of 2017, many programs were offered and they filled up quickly. The Summer Library Challenge included maker programs as well as a reading challenge. In the fall of 2017 the Dot & Dash and the stop motion animation programs were expanded, programs that allow for self-directed learning. In the winter and spring of 2018 the programs were expanded with many open ended, creative, problem-solving activities. In addition to the robotics and stop motion programs, there were 3D printing and vinyl cutting programs for middle school students, in which Bonny Adams assisted. In the summer of 2018, maker programs continued with robots, kite making, making magic, and fiber arts projects with 3D pens. Myronda Schiding at the Northwest Regional ESD STEM Hub would like to see the programs developed by Youth Librarian Kolderup through the use of the STEM grant, become the basis of a curriculum that can be used by Program providers in the tri-county area. This curriculum would create authentic STEM experiences for all ages. The funding will allow for more and better equipment and supplies for workshops, circulating kits and maker equipment, and meet the requirements from the Department of Education that the programs foster kids' STEM identity, provide an authentic STEM experience, allow youth choice, and provide equity for participants.

The strengths of the program are that it is robust, intentional and aligned with the school system; that it uses libraries, a 'neutral ground' that is an already established place of self-directed learning; and that it coordinates with existing community partners.

The challenges of the program are that it is difficult to balance old versus new elements; balancing introductory versus deeper experiences; balancing tech versus non-tech experiences; working with a shifting community partner landscape; working with a limited capacity, viz., space to store program components, and space to carry out the actual activity.

Youth Librarian Kolderup then led board members through a participatory 3D pen activity.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director Jeffries reported that Youth Librarian Kolderup will give her presentation to the City Council next week. The presentation will be an overview of the maker program.

The Museum Association has an exhibit for antique toys that is currently on display in the hallway. Member Funderburg asked if photos of the display could be posted on the Library's social media pages. Director Jeffries stated that it can be displayed there as well as the City's social media pages. The Museum Association has provided presenters for the genealogy monthly meetings, and is interested in co-hosting an all day workshop on family history in the fall. Reference Librarian Herren-Kenaga is responsible for working with the museum on this relationship.

The Columbia Arts Guild has also contributed to the Library for programs. On February 8 and 9 there will be an upcoming workshop on making a journal out of a repurposed book led by one of their artists.

The Scappoose shared catalog project continues to develop. There have been a few issues that have been resolved and the movement forward is encouraging. There has been agreement on how to roll out the option of putting books / items on 'hold.' There will be upcoming opportunities for marketing at the Scappoose Library. Staff will take the Library's laptop and Passport card materials to the library in Scappoose to allow patrons there to sign up for a Passport card. Member Funderburg asked how we should talk about the Scappoose Resident's ability to get a card when residents just outside the city limit can. Director Jeffries stated that residents outside the city have to pay as they are not currently paying for Library services through their property taxes. Member Bean stated that the quarterly card is a nice option. Member Beardslee asked what the current fees are. Member Jeffries stated that the fees are \$35.00 for an annual membership and \$10.00 for a quarterly membership.

Director Jeffries has talked to the Library Director at Clatskanie and Vernonia about the new combined system. The system is structured to enable other libraries to easily join which would necessitate a courier system to make it effective.

**COUNCILOR'S REPORT:** Councilor Conn reported that this will be her last meeting. Chair Murray thanked her for her years of service.

**FRIENDS' REPORT:** N/A

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Director Jeffries reported that ad space was obtained in The Chronicle for Library programs and the Book Club will be featured in an upcoming issue. The January 31 Book Club meeting will focus on a 'humor' theme. March's theme is 'renewal and awakening.'

Member Funderburg reported that the Dolly Parton reading program is up to 702 signups. There was also a grant of \$5000 grant received for the program from the Oregon Community Foundation on behalf of an individual.

Director Jeffries thanked Councilor Conn for her service, and she will miss working with her. Director Jeffries also wanted to apologize to the group for comments concerning the work group success, and wanted to thank everyone for working in their groups.

Member Bean reported that the National Novel Writers' Month (NANOWRIMO) participation tripled this year. Also that the local writer's group was fifth out of 700 regions in the world and that the local writers had a one in three completion rate. Many of the participating writers were excited about moving forward. 2014 was the official start for the program, and since that time over 200 writers have joined.

**SUMMARIZE ACTION ITEMS:** N/A

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the Columbia Center Auditorium.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Murray adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm

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Respectfully submitted by:

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Library Board Secretary, Dan Dieter

## 2018-2019 Library Board Attendance Record

*P=Present E=Excused Absence U=Unexcused Absence*

Date	Anderson-Bibler	Bean	Beardslee	Birke	Funderburg	Gaelrun-Maggi	Heynemann	Murray	VACANT
07-19-2018	CANCELLED								
08-23-2018	P				P	E	P	P	
09-18-2018	P				P	P	P	P	
10-16-2018	P				P	P	E	E	
11-13-2018	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
12-11-2018	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
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