



Stayton Public Library Board September 18, 2024 Minutes

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

Call to Order: 6:04pm.

Director's report:

Library services update:

- All Stayton Elementary Kindergarten classes came for a field trip in June. The 1st and 2nd graders at Sublimity came for a field trip, and Jennifer and Kim also did class visits for two classrooms at Stayton Elementary.
- We are working on the possibility of taking Outreach Storytime to Oregon Rail Heritage Center in Portland next Spring. We've been up to meet with them and are excited about the potential but have many logistics to work out.

Summer Reading:

- We had a record-breaking Summer Reading with 1106 participants of all ages!
- All participants had the opportunity to select the Summer Reading track that worked for them. They could work on building a habit of reading with our 30-day challenge or build on their reading stamina by collecting beads, charms, and early literacy tools they read or choose to do both.
- Four hundred and twenty-one people joined us at our Kick-off party!
- Our Green STEAM programs about worms and water were huge hits.
- We had incredible live performances from Red Yarn, Paradise of Samoa Polynesian Dance Troupe, Alseny Yansane with the West African Cultural Arts Institute, Jeff Evans, and Nathalia.
- We partnered with the North Santiam School District and provided free books and activities at the Middle School Meal Site on Mondays.

Safety Town:

- We had a successful first year of Safety Town, a weeklong, half-day summer camp for children ages five and six that we developed and ran in collaboration with the Stayton Police Department. Campers engaged in experiences around different safety topics with presentations, demonstrations, music, movement, STEAM activities, and by visiting the Safety Town traffic course and 911 practice lab daily.
- Over 180 people joined us at Safety Town Graduation! Campers received their Safety Town licenses and photo books from camp and demonstrated new safety skills for their families and community members. Afterwards, the crowd joined us for a barbecue.
- Thank you to our amazing teen volunteers who led each group of campers and to the Library, City, and Police Department staff and volunteers who made Safety Town possible!

- We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our generous sponsors and outstanding presenters for Safety Town!

Presenters:

Chief Alley & Laura Houston - Stayton Fire District
Lauren Thielke - Marion County Dog Services
Jessica Sernach - Electrical Utility Volunteer
Shawna Godfrey - METCOM 911
Krystal & Caitlin - Mid Columbia Bus Company
Norm Johnson - Salem Bicycle Club
Emily & Mikayla - Stayton Family Memorial Pool
Michelle Anderson and Catia Garibay - Salem Health Hospitals & Clinics
Jaime Adams & Stephanie Schulden - American Red Cross
Kim Klotz & Josie Crocker - Santiam Hospital & Clinics

Sponsors:

Thomason Ford
Stayton Public Library Foundation
Covered Bridge Café
Lauren & Patrick Mulligan
Jan & John Fiedler

Old Business:

Friends of the Library report

- The October Book Sale is two weeks out. Setup starts Tuesday, October 1st, and we are looking for volunteers to set up, clean up, and cashier during the sale. Laurie has confirmed that the class from the school is coming to help tables into the Community Center and boxes in from the container.

Foundation report

- no report

New Business:

- no new business

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Next meeting October 16, 2024 at 6pm.