

Sitka Public Library Commission Meeting Minutes April 2021

In person at Harrigan Centennial Hall and via Zoom (Meeting ID 91931286771)
at 6:00 p.m. on April 7, 2021

The Sitka Public Library Commission met on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 in Room 7 of Harrigan Centennial Hall and simultaneously via Zoom videoconference. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm. by Chair, Nicole Filipek.

Roll Call

Present: Jessica Ieremia (Library Director), Valorie Nelson (Assembly Liaison), Nicole Filipek (Chair), Jeff Budd (Commissioner), Darryl Rehkopf (Secretary); Steve Morse (Commissioner);
Absent/excused: Margie Esquiro (Commissioner).

Public Comment

No public comment.

Changes to and Approval of the Agenda

Move New Business ahead of Reports. Approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Postponed.

New business

Adopting a 'fine-free' policy affects policy language in many places, as noted in the March meeting; the library director is currently making the appropriate edits.

MOTION: A motion is made to approve Policy as written, with edits. *Moved: Budd;*
Seconded: Morse. All approve.

City attorney will now bring this proposed policy change before the Assembly with a memo explaining the change.

Reports

Jessica Ieremia (Library Director):

- After discussion with state and local health authorities, SPL will return to daily in-person service on April 26: M-Sat 11-6 and Sun 12-4; masks required.
- In-person visits are increasing; inter-library loans/requests are at 1000 for the past month.
- New display arrangements are very effective.
- Teens are loving their SPL space and the chance to socialize.
- 'Book weeding' is done.

- A User Experience intern has been selected. She is Amy Salmon from Maryland.
- The library has received a 'Libraries Transforming Libraries' grant (\$3k) to produce audio stories focusing on community needs and outreach services. These pieces, produced by library assistant David Kreiss-Thompkins, will debut on KCAW and go into the library catalogue.
- Electrical maintenance is ongoing.
- Summer reading program 'Tales and Tails' is getting ready to launch for summer. Plans are to partner with other organizations.
- Friends of the Library is planning to set up a transportation grant of \$3k/yr.
- Maite's youth programs and groups are going strong.
- Study room is getting lots of use.

Old Business

None

Items for the next agenda

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for May 5th at 6 p.m. in the Centennial Building and via Zoom.

Minutes submitted by Darryl Rehkopf, Secretary