

Sitka Public Library Commission Meeting Minutes May 2021

In person at Harrigan Centennial Hall and via Zoom (Meeting ID 932 0489 6365)
at 6:00 p.m. on May 5, 2021

The Sitka Public Library Commission met on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 in Room 7 of Harrigan Centennial Hall and simultaneously via Zoom videoconference. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm. by Chair, Nicole Filipek.

Roll Call

Present: Nicole Filipek (Chair), Jessica Ieremia (Library Director), Darryl Rehkopf (Secretary), Jeff Budd (Commissioner), Margie Esquiro (Commissioner), Stephen Morse *via Zoom* (Commissioner), Valorie Nelson (Assembly Liaison), E.F. (Member of the Public).

Public Comment

E.F. *Just listening in to see how the meeting is run.*

Changes to and Approval of the Agenda

No changes; agenda is approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from March meeting are approved. (Budd moved/Morse seconded). April minutes will be changed to note Esquiro's absence and to clarify grant recipient is SPL not DKT. Minutes as corrected are approved. (Budd moved/Esquiro seconded).

Reports

Jessica Ieremia (Library Director):

- The number of patrons coming into the library building is growing.
- The policy changes driven by the adoption of a fine-free policy should be ready for review at the June meeting. Jessica will prepare the wording for the motion.
- The User Experience Intern will be at SPL in July.
- SPL staff took a Reference course.
- The Friends of the Library book-cart sales are going well. Members of the public may donate books for this purpose by appointment.
- Shelving continues to be improved. The DVD section is very full.
- The transition to the building being open again seven days a week has been very smooth. Hygiene protocols remain in place. Returns continue to be made exclusively through the drop-box and materials are then quarantined for three days. The public seems happy and Jessica praises SPL staff, saying 'they are really great at what they do'.
- Building Maintenance is working on the fire suppression system which suffered a broken pipe last winter.

- Summer reading program ‘Tales and Tails’ is getting ready to launch for summer. Friends of the Library has donated \$3k to support the program through collaboration with other local organizations such as SCS and the Raptor Center.
- Friends of the Library has set up a transportation grant overseen by Margot and Maite to serve patrons who need help getting to the library.
- An exhibit featuring the history of Alaskan women’s voting rights and the 19th Amendment will take place in the library this summer, as well as an exhibit of four Alaskan illustrators.

Jeff Budd

- After a lecture on Thailand in mid-May, Armchair Traveler will break for the summer.

Nicole Filipek

- Nothing to report regarding the Art Committee

Old Business

- Budget Performance Report: postage will be spent down by end of June.

New business

- March, 2023 will mark Sitka Public Library’s 100th year of operation. Discussion among relevant players (such as SPL, this commission, the Historical Society, the city, STA, etc.) about what and how to recognize this anniversary should begin now. Nicole will organize a meeting/work session to begin the process.

Items for the next agenda

- Moving forward, the meeting agenda should include progress on the planning for the Library’s centennial.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for June 2nd at 6 p.m. in the Centennial Building and via Zoom.

Minutes submitted by Darryl Rehkopf, Secretary