

OYAN Sping Meeting

April 29, 2022

Attendance:

- Denise Auld, Multnomah County Library
- Ian Duncanson, Beaverton City Library
- Vickie Kromer, Driftwood Public Library
- Ruth Headley, Newberg Public Library
- Caitlin McMahan, Eugene Public Library
- Katie Fisher, Crook County Public Library
- Greta Bergquist, State Library of Oregon
- Sonja Somerville, Salem Public Library
- Lisa Elliott, Tigard Public Library

Raffle Update (Denise Auld)

- Raffle tickets were sold at PLA, so it was harder to get people to buy tickets because it was a national conference, but we did well nonetheless.
- Our intake was \$1702.79.
- We bought a chip reader to make sales easier and a poster.

Publications Notes (Katie Anderson)

- **We renewed our annual subscription for WordPress** primarily so we don't see ads and we get a few additional features. This is now done by OLA staff directly (Shirley), but **OLA staff need to be alerted when the time comes to renew** because they don't get communications from WordPress.
- **Blog traffic is holding steady** with 93-210 visitors and 151-335 views per month since August 2021.
- **Facebook traffic is low** with an estimated average reach of 10-20 people and 1-2 engagements per post. I was hoping the #OYANReview2022 would help, but it doesn't seem to be.
- **I'm publishing the 2022 OYAN Review as slide shows on Facebook.** When I've posted everything on Facebook, I'll create a PDF of all the slides and publish it on the blog. Remember, the 2022 OYAN Review is about how people are rebuilding as we are in this in-between/transition phase of the pandemic.

- **I noticed the 2021 OYAN Review isn't on the website.** Can it be added? It's currently only on the blog at <https://oyanpeeps.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/2021-oyan-review.pdf>

Teen Services Share

- Ian reported that he is excited to be coming back to in-person programs this summer and that he is doing 'greatest hits' this year – programs that were successful in past summers. Henna, tie-dye, gaming tournaments, etc.
- Caitlin said that Eugene PL is doing in-person programs again and have been getting smaller groups. She has been doing craft-based projects, including a self-care soiree in February, book clubs, presenters like comics professionals. She has also been doing a teen volunteer program called "teen teams" and getting them to help the library prep for summer reading. This summer she is doing an amazing race circuit centered around camping – fire building, setting up a tent, etc. She shared the outline for the amazing race program.
- Sonja said that teen advisory board is back to in-person, but programming is still virtual. She just did a murder mystery on Zoom that went really well. She used a murder mystery kit with dialogue designed for Zoom. The teens managed to solve the mystery! She is also prepping for summer reading and previously programmed in a very linear way. Crafting on Tuesdays, movies for Wednesdays, etc. This year, she's changing that and making the programming one-week summer camps – a week of D&D, a week of coding, etc. She is doing a custom Italian soda program and bringing back the annual live talent show at the end of the summer. In October she does an annual haunted house that draws 400-700 people. The new Teen Scene (teen room) is now open to the public and gaining steam. She also gets to hire a teen intern this year!
- Greta talked about the teen internship grants from the State Library this summer. She is hoping that it continues but is not sure about funding for next year.
- Denise said that her library gets Summer Works interns and will have two teen interns this year. They will also have teen volunteers.

- Ruth said that in-person program has been back at Newberg since March. She said that virtual programs were not a success, so it's great to be back with her core group of teens who attend programs, including a genre book club and an LGBTQ book club. She is also doing an OBOB bingo night, a how to juggle session, how to speed cube (solve a Rubik's Cube), meditation workshops, and working with a teen intern.
- Katie reported that Crook County has been open for in-person programming since the beginning of the year. The teens have loved crafting programs. She was also running a writing club that became an LGBTQ club. Teens are happy to have the club as a safe place.
- Vickie said that she has been trying to recruit a teen intern via the high school guidance counselor and the job fair. They have gotten a few applications and she is hoping for more. She is rebuilding youth services since it has been a while since they had a dedicated youth services librarian. She has also been telling teens at the community center's teen space about the library. She will be trying various things for summer reading – Wednesday and Thursday hangouts, gaming, etc.
- Katie asked about softer seating for the teen room that are not beanbags. Denise suggested soft cushions from Pier 1 that do not have beans. Caitlin said Eugene PL has some gaming chairs that are lower to the ground. She thinks they may have come from Demco. Ian said that the BCL has Ikea chairs with armrests. Vickie said her old library in North Carolina had oversized ottoman chairs that the teens liked.
- Sonja showed us all lovely pictures of Salem PL's new Teen Scene (teen space)! She said she's looking forward to hosting OYAN in-person and showing off the library's new space.

Upcoming Meetings

- Summer – July 15, 10-12:30
- Fall – October 7, 11-3 - In-person at Salem