

### **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*