

**NOTICE OF MEETING
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:30 P.M.**
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- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** *(3 Minute Time Limit)*
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- 12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** *(3 Minute Time Limit)*
- 13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**
- 14. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER** *(if present)*
- 15. COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**
- 16. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**
- 17. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Session 18-09, a Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order by Vice Chair Marcia Kuszmaul at 5:30 p.m. on December 4, 2018 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: BOARDMEMBERS KUSZMAUL, MASSION, SPRINGER, FINN, FAIR, AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE BENEDETTI

ABSENT: BOARDMEMBER PETERSON (excused)

STAFF: LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON
DEPUTY CITY CLERK TUSSEY

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Kuszmaul requested a motion to approve the agenda.

MASSION/FAIR MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 4, 2018 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Kuszmaul inquired on the context of Mayor Castner's comments on recognizing volunteers; the board clarified.

Library Director Dixon pointed out two areas in the meeting minutes for amendments:

- Page 2: Remove "at least" from the sentence "It allows the student to check out at least two items and gain access to their database."
- Page 4: Change the word "circulation" to "collection" in the sentence "...and getting the book circulation caught up;"

FINN/MASSION MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

REPORTS

- A. Library Director Report for December 2018
 - i. 2018 Statistical Report – laydown
 - ii. 2017 Statistical Report
 - iii. Library’s Budget Requests

Library Director Dixon provided her staff report, with discussion and questions on the following:

- The Giving Tree is up and library decorated
- How the new art installment hardly moved during the recent earthquake
- The Homer Public Library will close at 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve
- Claudia Haines, Youth Services Librarian, received a grant for Computer Science Education Week
- Library Journal listed the Homer Public Library again as a Star Library
- Total received grant funding for 2018 was approximately \$23,506; in 2017 about \$42,093 in grants was received, mainly from a \$20,000 mentors grant

Vice Chair Kuszmaul requested a compilation of end of the year stats for the February meeting.

- B. Friends of the Homer Library

Boardmember Springer noted that she had attended the last FHL meeting; she had nothing further to report.

- C. Federal Legislation Update – Verbal Report from Boardmember Finn

Boardmember Finn reported on the Museum and Library Services Act and gave an update on its status with the federal legislation. S.B. 3530 just passed the Senate and the companion bill, H.R. 6988, is now before the House. Ms. Finn referenced a laydown item “Take Action for Libraries” noting additional bills that will be voted on soon, and explained her attempts to figure out which bills are where in the legislative process.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. Library Advisory Board Orientation Packet
 - i. Proposed Orientation Packet for LAB Members

Vice Chair Kuszmaul provided an overview on the LAB's proposed orientation packet. She noted what content had been agreed on last year, and asked the board if the list still make sense, if revisions need to be made, and to identify where the information will come from.

The board discussed the following topics and amendments to the proposed orientation list:

- Addition of the City's Basic Guide to Robert's Rules to the content list;
- Resource list that includes information on library-related items, such as the American Library Association (ALA) or defining intellectual freedom;
- Content items that are existing information, which other items would need to be created, and how it can be compiled into its own LAB Orientation Packet;
- Formation of a process to distribute the packets to new boardmembers (printed as needed, Clerks will distribute, Library Staff/Clerk/LAB will help compile, etc.);
- Written, 2 – 3 sentence bio from each boardmember, and submitted to Ms. Kuszmaul before the February 5, 2019 regular meeting;
- List of Library Staff that includes a brief job description.

The board asked Deputy City Clerk Tussey if there is a preferred time at the beginning of meetings to introduce new boardmembers. Ms. Tussey shared her experience with other commissions, how they introduce new members, and that she would consult with the City Clerk and follow up with the board via email later in the week. There was further discussion on coordinating efforts and the compilation of items/information.

Boardmember Fair inquired on the tour/visitation items listed; he said the tour of the library was extremely valuable yet he wasn't sure if these items should be a requirement or not. Vice Chair Kuszmaul said the intent is to make them expectations, not necessarily requirements. Ms. Dixon clarified with Ms. Kuszmaul that the tour would be with another LAB member, but hosted by the Library Director.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Guide for January Worksession
 - i. DRAFT Discussion Guide for January 2019 LAB Worksession

Vice Chair Kuszmaul explained the draft discussion guide she had written, describing what key components she put together/summarized from the two large library studies that the board looked at earlier in the year. She reiterated the purpose of the worksession is to reflect on the key findings from the reports, discuss how the findings are relevant to the Homer Public Library and Homer Community, and determine what actions, if any, these studies and discussion may prompt.

The board held discussion on the draft and what other aspects of the two reports could be discussed at the worksession, with questions directed to Library Director Dixon. Ms. Dixon provided her thoughts and concerns; she touched on the need for same timeframe statistics for proper comparison purposes and the limited amount of specific information to hold an effective worksession. The board discussed the possibility of having other community members attend the worksession for further input. The board mutually agreed that additional library staff attend the worksession to give more input from their perspective.

Vice Chair Kuszmaul requested a motion to approve the discussion guide.

FAIR/MASSION MOVED TO APPROVE THE DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR THE JANUARY 7, 2019 LAB WORKSESSION.

Boardmember Finn questioned if there was anything else she could researched ahead of time; she would like to look into having the library be more of a community center and see what's done around the country. Vice Chair Kuszmaul encouraged the boardmembers to review the studies/reports again as the provided discussion guide is only a distillation of the reports. She reminded the board that the worksession was to go over the reports and figure out how they could apply to the LAB, and not place too much else on it; it's not the be-all, end-all worksession. Boardmember Fair voiced his agreement and added that the LAB shouldn't set a lot of predetermined expectations for the meeting, just discuss the reports.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Ms. Dixon pointed out the "Issues and Trends" item "Societal issues for teens" would be a great topic for Student Representative Benedetti to provide input and his thoughts.

B. New Library Director Hire & Transition

Vice Chair Kuszmaul opened the floor for discussion. Deputy City Clerk Tussey provided clarification on what is being asked of the board, that they are to determine the LAB's priorities for a new library director and communicate those to the City Manager at the January 7, 2019 worksession. The board discussed what those priorities might be, and when at the worksession would be the best time to give those suggestions to the City Manager.

C. LAB Bylaw Amendments
i. DRAFT 2019 Bylaws

Vice Chair Kuszmaul opened the floor for discussion; she noted that this is the first reading of the bylaw amendments and that the board will be voting on the final approval at the February 5, 2019 meeting.

Boardmember Massion inquired to Library Director Dixon if she had made any of the proposed amendments. Ms. Dixon stated that she had reviewed them but not included any of her own changes. Boardmember Finn posed a question regarding honorary members, who else that would include besides the student representative. Ms. Tussey provided examples from other commissions to clarify who honorary members are. Vice Chair Kuszmaul suggested appointing the Friends of the Homer Library president as an honorary member; the board voiced support of the idea.

Vice Chair Kuszmaul proposed an amendment to Article IV, Section 1, to move the regular meeting date in November to another day that doesn't coincide with the General Election. There was discussion on other days that may work and the pros/cons of holding it on Election Day and using the upstairs Conference Room. The board mutually agreed that the schedule works the way it is now.

Ms. Dixon pointed out an unclear phrase in Article VII, Section 1(b), and asked what the bylaws mean by an “initial quorum”. There was brief discussion on using more clarifying language to describe what an initial quorum means.

KUSZMAUL/MASSION MOVED TO AMEND ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1(B), TO CLARIFY THE STATEMENT “THERE MUST BE AN INITIAL QUORUM PRESENT.”

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

KUSZMAUL/MASSION MOVED TO HOLD THE FINAL READING ON THE PROPOSED LAB BYLAW AMENDMENTS AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

Boardmember Finn commented on Article III, Section 1 regarding the residential requirements for boardmembers, clarifying that they do not hold seats for people outside city limits. Ms. Tussey provided explanation on the meaning of the section and that its inclusion in the bylaws is to read what is already in code. There was discussion on member eligibility and the reasons why there aren't seats exclusively held for non-resident members on a City advisory board. The discussion posed the question: where is this rule established and is it something that the LAB can change/can we have designated chairs for non-city members only? Ms. Tussey agreed to research the question and follow up with the board via email later in the week.

Boardmember Finn referenced Article V, Section 1, asking for better definition of a committee since she and other boardmembers will often work on tasks individually. Ms. Tussey provided an example of when a sub-committee needs to be appointed by City Council (significant project involving a hired consultant to produce a final report), versus when it does not (smaller projects/research tasks).

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Boardmember Attendance at 2019 City Council Meetings

Vice Chair Kuszmaul noted the press release provided as a laydown that announced the Homer Public Library received funding to develop youth coding programs.

There was discussion on which City Council meetings Boardmember Massion would not be able to attend and who would be able to go during his absence.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Tussey reminded the board that meeting minutes are posted in advance and encouraged boardmembers to submit any suggested changes before the next meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Vice Chair Kuszmaul requested that the boardmembers read the library studies again in preparation for the January worksession.

COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

Boardmember Finn noted that City Council approved the \$10,000 budget amendment to increase the book budget to 2016 levels. There was brief discussion on the Library's General Fund. Ms. Finn had a question on how to go about appointing a FHL honorary member; Ms. Kuszmaul noted that they would need to present the request to the Mayor, who would make the appointment.

Boardmember Fair commented on the Big Read event that will begin in January, and shared his thoughts on the selected book and its author. He also commented on the worksession and suggested they invite some FHL members to attend. There was brief discussion on when the next FHL meeting is, who will attend, and the estimated timeframe and amount of food for the January worksession.

There were no comments from Boardmembers Springer, Massion, and Student Representative Benedetti.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and a Worksession for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Council Chambers located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RACHEL TUSSEY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved: _____

**Homer Public Library
Director's Report
January 30, 2019**

Meetings in January

Library Advisory Board -- 1
Friends of Homer Library - 3
Staff - 1
City Council - 2
Alaska Books for Alaska's Kids -- 1
Department Heads - 3

Issues of Interest

The 2019 Lit Lineup AND the 2019 Big Read are underway! Over 100 people attended the Big Read Kick-off Drama Slam and 86 people came to the library for a presentation on Estate Planning. Weekly events are planned through January and February, culminating with author/artist Roz Chast's visit February 22-23.

Applications are being accepted until February 4 for the Library Technology Specialist and until February 15 for the Director position. Changes are coming - but everyone involved is committed to working out a smooth transition. We hope to have the new Technology Specialist in place by the last week of February. My last day will be April 30. I'm working with the City Manager and Personnel Director on plans for the hiring process.

Behind the Scenes

A new year always means new or updated calendars, spreadsheets, software settings, and schedules. I also spent time ordering books for my sections, working on staff scheduling and various aspects of the hiring process, coordinating with the Friends on Big Read events, starting a Rasmuson grant application, and working with Nick Poolos on this year's e-rate bid for services. I participated in two webinars through the Alaska State Library on a platform to facilitate resource-sharing among libraries in Alaska, one webinar related to the Alaska Libraries Mean Business! grant, and another on digitization projects. And lastly, with Claudia Haines on vacation, I enjoyed the opportunity to read stories with two groups of K-2 students from Little Fireweed.

IT replaced staff computers at the front desk, and none too soon since at least two of them were malfunctioning.

Staff

David Bernard attended a webinar on resources for income tax assistance.

Facility

City Council passed an ordinance to fund the replacement of light bulbs and fixtures in the library and five other City buildings to improve energy efficiency. I look forward to lower electric bills!

January Events

- Big Read Kickoff - Fri. Jan. 11. Comedy skits, live music, and distribution of books.
Big Read Estate Planning 101 - Tue. Jan. 15. With attorney Lindsay Wolter.
Big Read Book Discussion at Homer Senior Citizens Center - Thu. Jan. 17.
Parent Conversations - Thu. Jan. 17.
Big Read HCOA Salon Series - Fri. Jan. 18. At Homer Council on the Arts.
Big Read Community Conversation for Family Caregivers - Tue. Jan. 22.
Adult Chess Club - Thur. Jan. 14, 5 PM. All player levels welcome.
*Big Read Adult Workshop: Tell Your Stories with Cartoons - Sat. Jan. 26. With Anchorage illustrator Lee Post.
*Big Read Youth Workshop: Tell Your Stories with Cartoons - Sat. Jan. 26. With Anchorage illustrator Lee Post.
*Big Read The Darkening Glass: Writing About Memory - Thu. Jan. 31. With Erin Hollowell.

Upcoming in February

- Big Read Brown Bag Discussion - Mon. Feb. 4, 12-1 PM. With Brian Partridge around the theme of human development. At Kachemak Bay Campus.
Social Security 101 OWL Videoconference - Tue. Feb. 12, noon - 1 PM.
Big Read Pub Chat - Tue. Feb. 12, 6 PM. But is it literature? With Tom Kizzia and Jennifer Norton. At Alice's Champagne Palace, upstairs.
Big Read When Does Forgetting Become a Worry? - Fri. Feb. 15, 12-1 PM. With Janice Downing from Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska.
Big Read Discussion on End of Life Care - Fri. Feb. 15, 6 PM. Co-hosted with South Peninsula Hospital.
Big Read Virtual Dementia Tour - Sat. Feb. 16, 10 AM-4 PM. With Janice Downing from Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska. Register by phone or in library.
Big Read Conversation Q&A with Roz Chast - Fri. Feb. 22, 6 PM. Limited seats, register in advance online.
Big Read Keynote Address with Roz Chast - Sat. Feb. 23, 6 PM. At Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.
Adult Chess Club - Thur. Feb. 28, 5 PM.

Ongoing

- Small Fry Storytime -NEW! Mondays, 11 AM and Thursdays, 11:30 AM. Ages 0-2.**
Family Storytimes -Tuesdays at 12:45 PM and Wednesdays at 10 AM. Ages 3-5.
SPARC Radio Club - first Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 PM.
Lego Lab - first Wednesday, 3-4:30 PM. Ages 8-11.
Genealogy Peer Support Group - second Tuesdays, 6 PM.
Knitting - Mondays, 1:30-4:30 PM.
Book Club - Fourth Tuesday, 4:30-6:30.
LARP - Live-Action Role-Playing, ages 10-18. Fridays 3:00-5:45 PM.
Walk-in Tech Help - First and third Saturdays, 10 AM-noon.
Writer's Refuge - Third Tuesdays, 6-8 PM.
Homer Storytellers - Third Saturdays, 3-5 PM.

Homer Public Library Statistical Summary for 2018

Date: 30-Jan-19

| CIRCULATION | 18-Jan | 18-Feb | 18-Mar | 18-Apr | 18-May | 18-Jun | 18-Jul | 18-Aug | 18-Sep | 18-Oct | 18-Nov | 18-Dec | Y.T.D. |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Total # of Items | 15,688 | 13,176 | 15,383 | 13,445 | 13,991 | 15,067 | 14,438 | 14,946 | 12,985 | 13,746 | 12,826 | 13,145 | 168,836 |
| INTERLIBRARY LOANS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Incoming (Borrowed) | 19 | 23 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 16 | 207 |
| Outgoing (Lent) | 49 | 50 | 44 | 35 | 8 | 50 | 47 | 49 | 41 | 43 | 36 | 15 | 467 |
| STUDY ROOM USE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| # of groups | 196 | 254 | 204 | 195 | 211 | 209 | 200 | 241 | 214 | 234 | 204 | 174 | 2536 |
| # of people | 353 | 437 | 411 | 340 | 394 | 404 | 392 | 427 | 367 | 461 | 256 | 324 | 4566 |
| MEETING ROOM USE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| # of groups | 29 | 24 | 30 | 19 | 17 | 30 | 37 | 27 | 31 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 307 |
| ATTENDANCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL (*Included) | 10,946 | 9,884 | 10,482 | 10,516 | 10,656 | 11,823 | 12,670 | 12,335 | 9,780 | 10,859 | 9,013 | 7839 | 126803 |
| *Story Hour & Lapsit | 401 | 246 | 298 | 296 | 276 | 293 | 192 | 272 | 323 | 396 | 352 | 264 | 3609 |
| *School Classes | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 84 | 21 | 45 | 275 |
| *Internet sessions | 4,117 | 3,614 | 3,771 | 3,333 | 4,098 | 5,249 | 5,538 | 5,244 | 4,023 | 3,869 | 3,315 | 2,565 | 48736 |
| *Programs | 290 | 405 | 234 | 613 | 587 | 864 | 1057 | 207 | 245 | 362 | 319 | 189 | 5372 |
| OUTREACH | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| # Visits | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 70 |
| # People | 25 | 25 | 58 | 116 | 442 | 182 | 121 | 25 | 15 | 17 | 12 | 202 | 1240 |
| NEW CARDS ISSUED | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City | 24 | 26 | 25 | 21 | 37 | 36 | 36 | 32 | 22 | 28 | 31 | 29 | 347 |
| Borough | 42 | 24 | 30 | 24 | 28 | 50 | 26 | 24 | 18 | 30 | 6 | 17 | 319 |
| Temporary | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 31 |
| Reciprocal | | | | | | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 16 |
| VOLUNTEER HOURS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| # of people | 48 | 84 | 60 | 75 | 82 | 99 | 88 | 69 | 50 | 73 | 61 | 71 | 860 |
| # of hours | 113 | 239.5 | 150 | 258 | 226.75 | 263.25 | 336 | 154 | 154.5 | 270.75 | 155 | 189.5 | 2510.25 |
| MATERIALS ADDED | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Books | 259 | 145 | 299 | 246 | 425 | 479 | 228 | 313 | 272 | 205 | 187 | 276 | 3334 |
| Audio | 14 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 24 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 22 | 136 |
| Video | 89 | 26 | 57 | 89 | 109 | 101 | 60 | 46 | 42 | 52 | 78 | 44 | 793 |
| Serials | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Electronic Resources | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MATERIALS REMOVED | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Books | 335 | 149 | 154 | 179 | 167 | 56 | 31 | 332 | 242 | 148 | 86 | 132 | 2011 |
| Audio | 5 | 0 | 2 | 38 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 59 |
| Video | 9 | 4 | 16 | 34 | 214 | 73 | 59 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 438 |
| Serials | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Electronic Resources | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| REVENUES DEPOSITED | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fines/Fees/Copies | 2233.25 | 2288.13 | 2759.11 | 2106.47 | 1867.95 | 2504.00 | 3392.38 | 3082.43 | 2709.02 | 2735.63 | 1554.52 | 2989.55 | 30,222.44 |
| Building Fund (151-) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Library Gifts (803-) | | | | | | | 18.00 | | | | | | 18.00 |
| Grants | | | 866.00 | | | 1250.00 | 7000.00 | 1442.31 | | | 500.00 | | 11,058.31 |
| TOTALS | 2,233.25 | 2,288.13 | 3,625.11 | 2,106.47 | 1,867.95 | 3,754.00 | 10,410.38 | 4,524.74 | 2,709.02 | 2,735.63 | 2,054.52 | 2,989.55 | \$41,298.75 |

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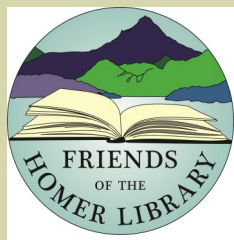
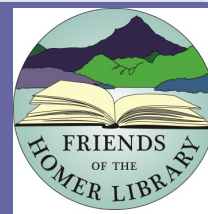
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OWL Tech

Wavelengths

JANUARY 2019



Like what we are doing? Consider being a volunteer for the Friends.

The Friends has a constant list of things for volunteers to help with, from copying newsletters, to hanging posters, to assisting with the database, to helping with events. Contact:

info@friendshomerlibrary.org

Join your Friends!

Visit the Friends' website to find out more about member benefits:

friendshomerlibrary.org

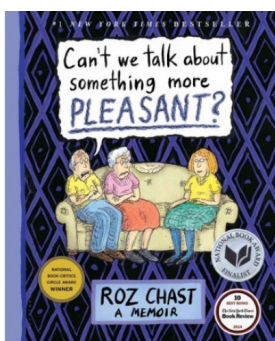


Highlights

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Big Read Kickoff!

The Big Read is here! Over a two month period over 20 events will be offered that explore the themes in *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast. Leading up to the Kickoff, Pier One Theatre will be hard at work with a Drama Slam where actors and writers join forces to develop comedic skits inspired by the Big Read selection. The skits will be performed during the Big Read Kickoff, on **January 11, 7:00**

pm at Alice's Champagne Palace. Burnt Down House will play an early set of music at 6:45 pm, the skits will be presented at 7:00 pm, followed by more music. We will also have copies of *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* available to borrow. Burnt Down House invites you to stick around for more music after the Kickoff.



The following week the Big Read will continue with Estate Planning 101 with Lindsay Wolter on **Wednesday, January 16, 12:00 pm at the library**, and a Book Discussion, **Thursday, January 17, 4:00 pm, at the Homer Senior Citizens Center.**

Please see page 3 for a complete listing of January Big Read events!

Big Read Writing Workshops

The Big Read gives community members the opportunity to consider the ways in which we tell our stories. Anchorage-based illustrator Lee Post will visit Homer on **Saturday, January 26** and offer two workshops called ***Tell Your Story With Cartoons***, one for adults (18+, 9:00 am-12:00 pm), and one for kids (10-14 year olds, 2:00-5:00 pm). Post will guide participants through fun, fast-paced, creative activities that will build cartooning skills. These classes are perfect for both the experienced artist and the excited beginners.



Illustrator Lee Post



Poet Erin Hollowell

On **Thursday, January 31, 6:00 pm**, poet Erin Hollowell will lead a two-hour workshop called ***The Darkening Glass: Writing About Memory***. Participants will examine how several writers have approached writing about memory, their own and others. Then, participants will have the opportunity to write to several prompts that center around memory using the techniques discussed. There will be some limited time for sharing of work generated in the class. **Please register for workshops online at:**

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library>

Friends of the Homer Library Members, *Thank You for your support!*

Individual

Tracy Asselin
Jeremy Day
Cheryl Green
Beverly Greischel Alison
Kelley
Darins Kleine
Aulikki KnightHeidi Mau-
pin
Martina Miller
Sierra Morris
Kait SkundrichDrue
Smith
Summer Steele
Kirsty Sullivan
Patricia Westbrook
Carly Wier
Troy L Wise

Family Basic

Susan and Jack
Cushing
Jason Davis
Jennifer Delignieres
Clyde Boyer & Vivian Finlay
Katherine and Richard
Hoeschen
Aaron Christ & Ginnie
Oliver
Bernie Person
Arthur Kruski &
Priscilla Russell
Rick and Dorle Harness
Nichole Smith

Book Lover

Eileen Mullen
Ian Xavier

Best Friend

Helen Armstrong
Steve Gibson
Bob Shavelson &
Miranda Weiss

Business Membership

Juneberry Lodge

Pick-Click-Give Basic

Janet Ames
Philip Barber
Dave & Molly Brann
Susan Braund
Kristine Bredehoft
Nancy Chastain
Iris Fletcher
Nell & Richard Gustafson
Victoria Gutschow
Alexander Johnson
Aaron Knoll
Ann Maguire
Lian McMillian
Vicky Merrell

Pick-Click-Give

Book Lover

Lynn Bittner
Tracie & Eric Brown
Mike Byerly

Blythe Campbell
Rianne Campbell
Alder Fletcher
Pauli Lida
Maynard Linder
Paula Martin
Sue Mauger
Emily Munns

Pick-Click-Give

Best Friend

Rich Chiappone
Quetzal and Becky
Hauser

*Don't see your name? Support
your library by becoming a
member at:*

www.friendshomerlibrary.org



ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE Wednesday, January 9, 2019

**The HOMER
FOUNDATION**



The Homer Foundation will hold their Annual Meeting at the Homer Public Library,
Wednesday, January 9.

Meet & Greet, Refreshments at 5:30 pm. Meeting begins at 6:00 pm.
Nominate your favorite nonprofit for a \$250 People's Choice Award.

Ongoing Library Programs

SPARC Radio Club

Thursday, January 3, 6:30-7:45 pm

- Amateur radio club.

Lunch with a Councilmember

Monday, January 7, 12:00-1:00 pm

Bring your lunch and questions. Councilmember Donna Aderhold will be available.

Walk-In Tech Help

Saturday, January 5 and

Saturday, January 19 10:00 am– 12:00 pm

- Bring your computer, tablet, or smartphone and get help with your tech questions. (Repeats every 1st and 3rd Saturday.)

Genealogy Peer Support

Tuesday, January 8, 6:00-7:30 pm

- Share your knowledge about genealogy and learn from others.

Homer Storytellers

Saturday, January 19, 3:00-5:00 pm

- Share your stories. Repeats every 3rd Saturday.

Writer's Refuge

Tuesday, January 15, 5:45-7:45 pm

- A Writer's Critique group. (Repeats every 3rd Tuesday.)

Parent Conversations

Thursday, January 17, 6:00 pm

- Monthly group discusses topical concerns for raising healthy teens & tweens.

HPL Book Club

Tuesday, January 22, 4:30-6:30 pm

- *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant* by Roz Chast (Repeats every 4th Tuesday. Titles vary.)

Knitting Circle

Every Monday, 1:30 -4:30 pm

- All are welcome. Refreshments.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, 12:45 pm and Wednesdays , 10:00 am.

Small Fry Storytime

Mondays, 11:00 am and Thursdays, 11:30 am.

Lego Lab:

Wednesday, January 2, 3:00-4:30 pm

- Kids 8-11 years old. (Repeats every first Wednesday of the month.)

LARP: Live Action Roleplay

Every Friday 3:00-5:45 pm.

- Live Action Roleplay, crafts, and quests.

January Big Read Special Events

Big Read Kickoff @ Alice's Champagne Palace: Music by Burnt Down House, Comedic Skits by Pier One, and copies of *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* **Friday, January 11, 7:00 pm**

***Estate Planning with Lindsay Wolter:** Learn about trusts, wills, general powers of attorneys, and more. **Wednesday, January 16, 12:00 pm, Homer Public Library**

Book Discussion @ the Homer Senior Citizens Center: Some people may love the humor in Chast's book, others may not find it funny at all. What do you think? **Thursday, January 17, 4:00 pm**

***Salon Series @ Homer Council on the Arts:** Intimate evening performances inspired by the Big Read title. **Friday & Saturday, January 18 , 8:00 pm. \$20 suggested donation to HCOA.**

Community Conversation for Family Caregivers: We'll use Chast's cartoons to talk about the challenges caregivers face. **Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 pm.**

Tell Your Story with Cartoons: Illustrator Lee Post will lead two workshops, one for adults (**9:00 am-12:00 pm**) and one for kids (**2:00 pm-5:00 pm**). *Register online.* **Saturday, January 26.**

The Darkening Glass: Writing About Memory: Erin Hollowell will lead a workshop on writing about memory. *Register Online.* **Thursday, January 31, 6:00 pm.**

***Please note the time changes from earlier flyers.**



Coordinator's Corner

We're busy at the library in January & February with Big Read events! In addition to the Big Read, the Lit Lineup reading challenge continues for its 5th year. Book lists are available beginning the first week of January. The list was curated by library staff, and readers are sure to find books that brings new insights, ideas, and ways of thinking about the world.

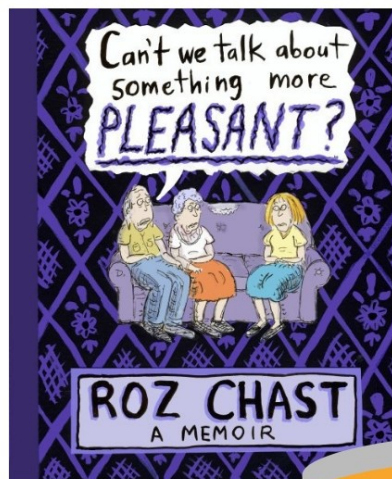
Thank you to all those who have renewed your memberships, became members for the first time, or purchased a book for the library from the Book Giving Tree. Over 60 needed books were donated! We appreciate your library support.

There are so many great books to peruse in 2019– I wish you a Happy New Year with lots of time spent reading.

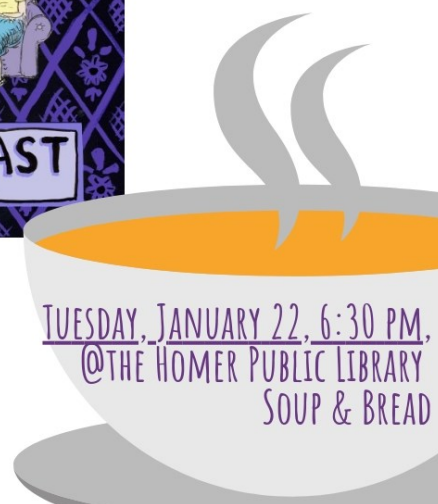
See you at the Library!

-Mercedes Harness,
FHL Coordinator

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS



Participants will use cartoons from *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* to discuss the challenges of being a family caregiver, and explore how humor can help caregivers cope.



SALON SERIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 8:00 PM

@HOMER COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

\$20 Suggested Donation to benefit HCOA and Hospice of Homer.

An evening of intimate performances that explore the themes of the 2019 Big Read.

Presented by Hospice of Homer in collaboration with Homer Council on the Arts and Friends of the Homer Library.



The Friends of the Homer Public Library is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community organization established in 1982 that encourages public use and enjoyment of the Homer Public Library services and facilities. With the financial and volunteer support of its members, FHL provides resources for programs such as the Summer Reading Program, the Top Drawer Collection, preschool story hour, and author readings, among others. FHL volunteers work closely with the library staff to publicize the valuable tools and services available at the library to all community members at no cost, without discrimination. FHL also provides resources for capital improvements to the facility.

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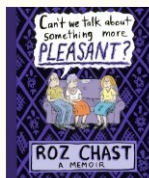
with Attorney Lindsay Wolter

Wednesday, January 16, 12:00 pm
@ the Homer Public Library



Learn the basics of trusts, wills, general powers of attorney, and advance health care directives.

Bring your questions!





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Memorandum

TO: CHAIR PETERSON AND LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: BOARDMEMBER MARCIA KUSZMAUL

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2018

SUBJECT: MAYOR'S MEETING WITH ADVISORY BODY CHAIR PERSONS, DECEMBER 10, 2018

As Vice-Chair of the Library Advisory Board, I attended a meeting Mayor Castner convened of chairs or vice chairs and staff of various city commissions and boards. Invited and attending were Economic Development Commission, Library Advisory Board, Planning Commission, Parks, Art, Culture and Recreation Advisory Commission, and Port and Harbor Commission. City Manager Katie Koester and City Attorney Holly Wells also attended.

The objective of the meeting was to develop a common understanding for how best to make plan, policy and budget recommendations to Council.

Background: The city has set aside \$18,000 in 2019 for commissions/boards to draw on for "scoping work" that may be needed for developing plans/recommendations/requests to Council. The mayor is eager for commissions/boards to use these funds but wants to make sure these plans/recommendations/requests come to Council in an efficient, cogent manner.

- Scoping requests can come to Council in a memo.
- City Attorney Wells led a discussion of how to develop useful findings for making policy recommendations:
 - Be transparent, efficient, cogent (no one has time to read)
 - In the format of "Recommendation is x based on abc. We looked at 123 and discussed it. We heard from m and n and took into consideration o and p but rejected that approach. etc."
 - Need to think of the future -- will people reviewing the recommendation down the road be able to understand the goals & whys of the recommendation.
 - Process should be distilled and transparent; build credibility & trust.
- Mayor again recommended developing a Council champion (doesn't have to be only one, can be different one(s) at different times) who is more fully briefed and can speak to commissions'/boards' findings and recommendations
- Mayor encouraged reporting from commission/board at every Council meeting.
- For 2020 budget -- looking for forward thinking & sustainability; any recommendations that require funding must come in August.



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TO: CHAIR PETERSON AND THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2019

SUBJECT: BYLAW POSTPONEMENT

Deputy City Clerk Tussey and I have been working with several commissions and board to update their bylaws and during this process some inconsistencies have been identified between city code and the bylaws.

It is in the best interest of everyone's time to resolve the inconsistencies before the Board approves their updated bylaws, therefore the City Clerk's Office requests more time for research and to work with the City Attorney if needed. It is our goal to have the bylaw review completed in time for the Board's March meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Postpone action on the Library Advisory Board bylaws to the March 5, 2019 regular meeting agenda.

Notes

LAB Work Session - January 7th, 2019

National Trends

Community Hub

Future Technology Needs

Increase in Use of WIFI service

Nationally library funding is about 85%, in Homer it is above 90%

Issues and Trends

Societal Issues for Teens

Digital Media for Children

Libraries as Community Center

Aging Work Force and Population

Income Inequality

Empowering Upward Mobility

Connecting Learners

Health Literacy

Traditional Services Still Popular in Homer

Books

Photo Copying

Quiet and Meeting Space (currently demand exceeds supply)

Larger events spill over into the fireplace area, impacting the "quiet" reading intended for this space.

Public Access Computers

Support for Future Library Funding

55% to 60% not engaged, don't vote, barriers to support

How do we encourage planned (legacy) giving?

How do we identify who the super supporters (6%) are in our community?

How do we engage the other 94% of our population?

Should we explore using seed money set aside by the mayor for boards to survey the community...not specifically for funding, but more as a strategic planning tool? Find out what services the community is wanting, what services they value.

Notes

LAB Work Session January 7th, 2019

Suggestions from Studies

Public Awareness Efforts

Cultivate and Identify Super Supporters

Address Areas of Support

Leverage Areas of Positive Perception

Amplify Library Resources for School Age Children

Recognize what Parts of Library Support Community Hub

Address Barriers to Support

Build Connections; Cultivate Local Government Champions for Library Advocacy

Engage library office segment

Clarify Misconceptions on Library Funding

Clarification of Roles as it Relates to Library Fund Raising

The **Friends** organization is charged with traditional fundraising. Putting on events such as the book sale, giving tree, events designed to involve community members directly. The **LAB** is charged with donations and funding on a larger scale...identifying long-term sustainable funding sources.

Future Action?

Connect with Friends about identifying who are super supporters in our community. How can we (LAB and the Friends) work together to develop the mechanism to develop an endowment fund?

Explore using seed money to survey community

Future discussion on study suggestions - which are appropriate for Homer?



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Memorandum 19-001

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
DATE: JANUARY 9, 2019
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CONNOR SCHMITT TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Connor Schmitt is appointed to the Library Advisory Board to fill the seat vacated by Byron Sansom. The term will expire April 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm the appointment of Connor Schmitt to the Library Advisory Board.

City of Homer

Homer, Alaska

Mayor's Certificate of Appointment

Be It Known That

Conner Schmidt

Has been appointed to
serve as

“Board member”

on the

“Library Advisory Board”

This appointment is made because of your dedication to the cause of good government, your contributions to your community and your willingness to serve your fellow man.

*In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand
this 14th day of January, 2018.*



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ken Castner", is written over a horizontal line.

Ken Castner, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Melissa Jacobsen", is written over a horizontal line.

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk



CITY OF HOMER
APPLICATION TO SERVE ON ADVISORY BODY
COMMISSION, BOARD, COMMITTEE, TASK FORCE

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The information below provides some basic background for the Mayor and Council
This information is public and will be included in the Council Information packet

Name: Connor Schmidt Date: 1/2/2019

Physical Address: 143 E Bayview Ave. Homer, AK 99603

Mailing Address: PO Box 1394 Homer, AK 99603

Phone #: 303-803-8874 Cell #: _____ Work #: 907-235-3436

Email Address: schmidt.connor09@gmail.com

The above information will be published in the City Directory and within the city web pages if you are appointed
by the Mayor and your appointment is confirmed by the City Council

Please indicate the advisory body that you are interested in serving on by marking with an X.
You may select more than one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 PM WORKSESSION PRIOR TO EACH MEETING AT 5:30 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PARKS ART RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:30 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> CANNABIS ADVISORY COMMISSION 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:30 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PORT & HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH OCT-APRIL AT 5:00 PM MAY - SEPT AT 6:00 PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:30 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER - PLEASE INDICATE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CITY COUNCIL 2ND & 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH SPECIAL MEETINGS & WORKSESSIONS AT 4:00 PM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT 5:00 PM REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 PM | |

I have been a resident of the city for 2.5 years. I have been a resident of the area for 2.5 years.

I am presently employed at South Peninsula Haven House, Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic

Please list any special training, education or background you may have which is related to your choice of advisory body.

My background is in International Development, thus I recognize just how crucial libraries can be to the continuing education of populations of all demographics.

Have you ever served on a similar advisory body? If so please list when, where and how long:

No, I have not.

Why are you interested in serving on the selected advisory body?

I would like to broaden my view of the supports Homer has and provide the board with a younger-adult's perspective.

Please list any current memberships or organizations you belong to related to your selection(s):

None currently.

Please answer the following only if you are applying for the Advisory Planning Commission: Have you ever developed real property other than a personal residence, if so briefly explain:

N/A.

Please answer if your are applying for the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission:

Do you use the Homer Port and/or Harbor on a regular basis?

Yes

No

What is your primary use? Commercial

Recreational

Please include any additional information that may assist the Mayor in his/her decision making:

Through college, I studied Spanish + Chinese, I am greatly appreciative of what local libraries have done to help support my continuous language education, which I would love to help inspire in others.

When you have completed the application please review and return to the City Clerk's Office. You may also email this to clerk@cityofhomer-ak.gov or fax to 907-235-3143. Thank you for applying!

**2019 HOMER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
ADVISORY COMMISSION/ BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Commissions are invited to report to the City Council at the Council’s regular meetings under Item 8 – Announcements/Presentations/Borough Report/Commission Reports. This is the Commission’s opportunity to give Council a brief update on their work. Generally the Commissioner who will be reporting will attend one of the two meetings for the month they are scheduled to attend.

The 2019 meeting dates for City Council is as follows:

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| January 14, 28 | <u>Finn (for the 14th & if needed the 28th)</u> |
| February 11, 25 | <u>Kuszmaul 11th & Massion 25th</u> |
| March 11, 26* | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| April 8, 22 | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| May 13, 28* | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| June 10, 24 | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| July 22** | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| August 12, 26 | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| September 9, 23 | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| October 14, 28 | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| November 25** | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |
| December 9, 16**** | <u>Massion (unless another volunteers)</u> |

City Council’s Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting at 5:00 pm to no later than 5:50 pm prior to every Regular Meeting which are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.

*Tuesday meeting due to Memorial Day/Seward’s Day.

** There will be no first regular meeting in July or November.

***Council traditionally reschedules regular meetings that fall on holidays or high school graduation days, for the following Tuesday.

****Council traditionally cancels the last regular meeting in December and holds the first regular meeting and one to two special meetings as needed. Generally the second special meeting the third week of December will not be held.