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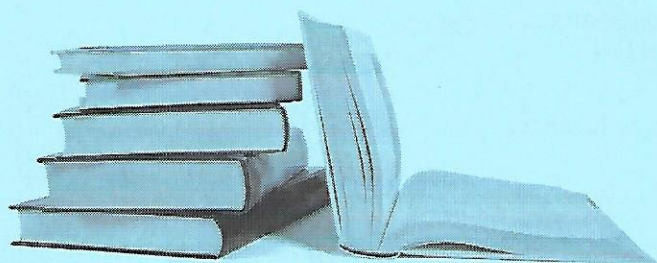
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A Strong Foundation....

The Salem Public Library Foundation is a group of dedicated volunteers who are long-time, devoted library supporters. The Foundation has been in existence since 1981, with the sole mission of granting support for enhancements to the Salem Public Library through funds and volunteerism. The Reading Room and Salem Reads are our current projects; past projects include restoration of the Children's Library, audio visual in Loucks Auditorium, creation of the Teen Scene and upgrades to the Anderson Rooms.

At the last Foundation board meeting we elected Judy Martin-President, Steven Jamison-Treasurer and Danny Smith-Secretary. We welcomed Valorie Freeman for her first three-year term. Bob d'Entremont became our Immediate Past President and Sam Hall our Past President. We are grateful to Alex Sanchez for agreeing to a second term as a Board Director and to George Happ who completed his first term.

The Foundation is a dynamic group of people who volunteer their time to make sure the Salem Public Library has what it needs to continue to be a vital community hub and center for learning. If you are curious about becoming involved in the Foundation, we have openings for committee work for Salem Reads 2018. Please contact Kate Van Ummersen at salemlibraryfoundation@gmail.com or 503-588-6183.



Generous Grants Received

The Aurelia Edwards Memorial Fund of the Salem Foundation gave more than \$7,000 for the purchase of children's picture books to be displayed by subject. The grant will allow members of the Salem Public Library Youth Services department to test a national trend in offering a section of children's picture books by broad subject matter rather than author. Youth Services staff have identified patrons most requested subjects as Dinosaurs, Princesses and Transportation. This section will allow a child with a particular interest to view a full set of books and independently choose those most interesting, similar to how many adults browse Dewey decimal sections. Watch for this section in early winter 2017.

Donations can be made online at splfoundation.org,

or checks can be mailed to:

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The Salem Public Library Foundation is dedicated to generating resources in support of the Salem Public Library. Please consider monthly sustaining gifts, support of special projects, and including the Foundation in your estate plans (Federal Tax ID #93-0799658). More information on donation options is available from Kate Van Ummersen, Executive Director of the Salem Public Library Foundation, at 503-588-6183 or SalemLibraryFoundation@gmail.com.