

Salem Public Library Foundation

The Salem Public Library Foundation is proud to provide enhancements to the Library and support programs such as Salem Reads: One Book, One Community.



Spring 2021



Library Seismic Retrofit Construction Nears Completion

How would you like to participate in supporting the work of the Salem Public Library Foundation?

- Sign up to be a monthly donor through our electronic funds transfer program
- Send a gift in the enclosed envelope
- Set your bank account to send a gift each month
- Become a volunteer for the Salem Reads program
- Transfer appreciated stock to the Foundation and avoid Capital Gains tax
- Name the Foundation as a beneficiary of a bank account, life insurance policy or IRA
- Ask your IRA custodian to send your IRA required minimum distribution or qualified charitable distribution to the Foundation

- Instruct your Donor Advised Fund to grant a gift to the Foundation
- Include the Foundation in your will, trust or estate plan
- Call us with other ideas or questions



See our "Make a Gift Page" at www.splfoundation.org or call Kate Van Ummersen, 503-588-6183 for information or consult your accountant or attorney. Our official name is The Salem Public Library Foundation and our Federal Tax ID is 93-0799658.

We are appreciative of all gifts, great and small. Your generous gifts now or in the future will support a wide variety of enhancements and programs which would not be possible without you. Thank you!

The Foundation is grateful to the community for passing the Salem Public Library seismic safety bond measure (November 2017). Over the last year, the forty-nine year old main library building has received a seismic retrofit, modifications for ADA compliance, and other necessary safety and infrastructure improvements.

Construction has remained on schedule despite the September fires with rain and February ice storms. We are grateful to all the partners on the project; City of Salem project managers, Hacker Architects, and contractor, Howard S. Wright. The improvements include new shear walls to fortify the building, roof replacement, energy saving windows and lighting, as well as parking garage safety upgrades and a new entrance. We hope to open to some public access in the summer/fall of 2021.

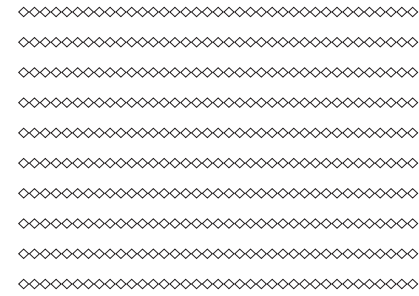
To further enhance the library's use and accessibility, the Library Foundation was proud to support five highly desirable projects not originally funded by the bond measure. They include replacement of west side concrete

blocks with windows on the 1st floor, removal and replacement of staircases, expansion of the Teen Scene, a reimagined Discovery Room in the Children's Library, and vast improvements in the Library entrance.

If you would like more detail on the construction, see the city website: www.cityofsalem.net/library-upgrade



Cooperative Entrance Improvements, Architectural Rendering (HackerArchitects.com)



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President's Report

Given that we have all been through a lot over the last year, we look to focus on positive and exciting change, as well as the people we appreciate. Specifically, we celebrate our library staff, the nearly completed library renovation, and our donors who made amazing construction enhancements possible.

The Foundation is so proud of the Library and staff for innovative ideas and demonstrated dedication to patron service over the last year. We honor and applaud their commitment. Inside, you'll get an glimpse into a few of their ideas in the Foundation Sprinkles Grant section.

The seismic retrofit construction is nearing completion. Staff will be able to start moving back into the renovated building toward the end of June. Unpacking will be a big job, but they will be doing their work in a reinvigorated, magical space. Because of the pandemic, it has not been determined when more library services will become available, or when the library will open to patrons. The Foundation will be celebrating these milestones as we all settle back into our beloved community hub.

The Foundation board wants to send a strong message of gratitude to all our donors. Over the last six years, you have generously donated to the Foundation, trusting our Board of Directors to seek and fund enhancement opportunities as they present themselves. Because of that trust and generosity, we were able to fund \$620,000 in functional and esthetic improvements not covered by the bond measure. Photos inside!



With gratitude,



Gina Johnnie
Foundation Board President

Honorary Gifts

You can celebrate a birthday, anniversary, holiday, or other special occasion with a gift to the Salem Public Library Foundation honoring anyone you like. If you request, we will send your honoree a card from the Foundation informing them you have made a thoughtful and generous gift in their honor.

Gifts in Honor of...

- Mary Mainwaring** by Ruth Layton
- Carol Swan** by Maureen Swan

Memorial Gifts

Gifts in memory are made to honor the legacy of someone who has passed away as a celebration of his or her life. These gifts are a meaningful tribute to someone whose life has been enriched by reading, libraries and learning. When we receive a memorial gift, the Salem Public Library Foundation acknowledges the donor's generosity with a personalized letter and tax receipt. The family of the deceased will be made aware of the gift and your generosity, if you provide their mailing address. We never disclose the amount of the gift.

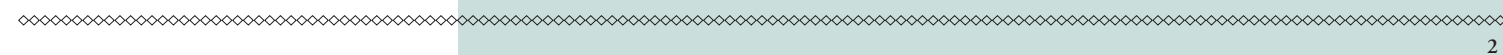
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| Faye Albritton
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by Judy Bechtel | Lela Jackson
by Fairmount Book Club | | Shirley Taggesell
by Alan and Sherry Bennett
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Foundation Enhancement, Stair Replacement Rendering
(HackerArchitects.com)

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If there has been any oversight, please contact the Foundation Office at 503-588-6183. Gifts listed were received between July 15, 2020 to April 30, 2021.



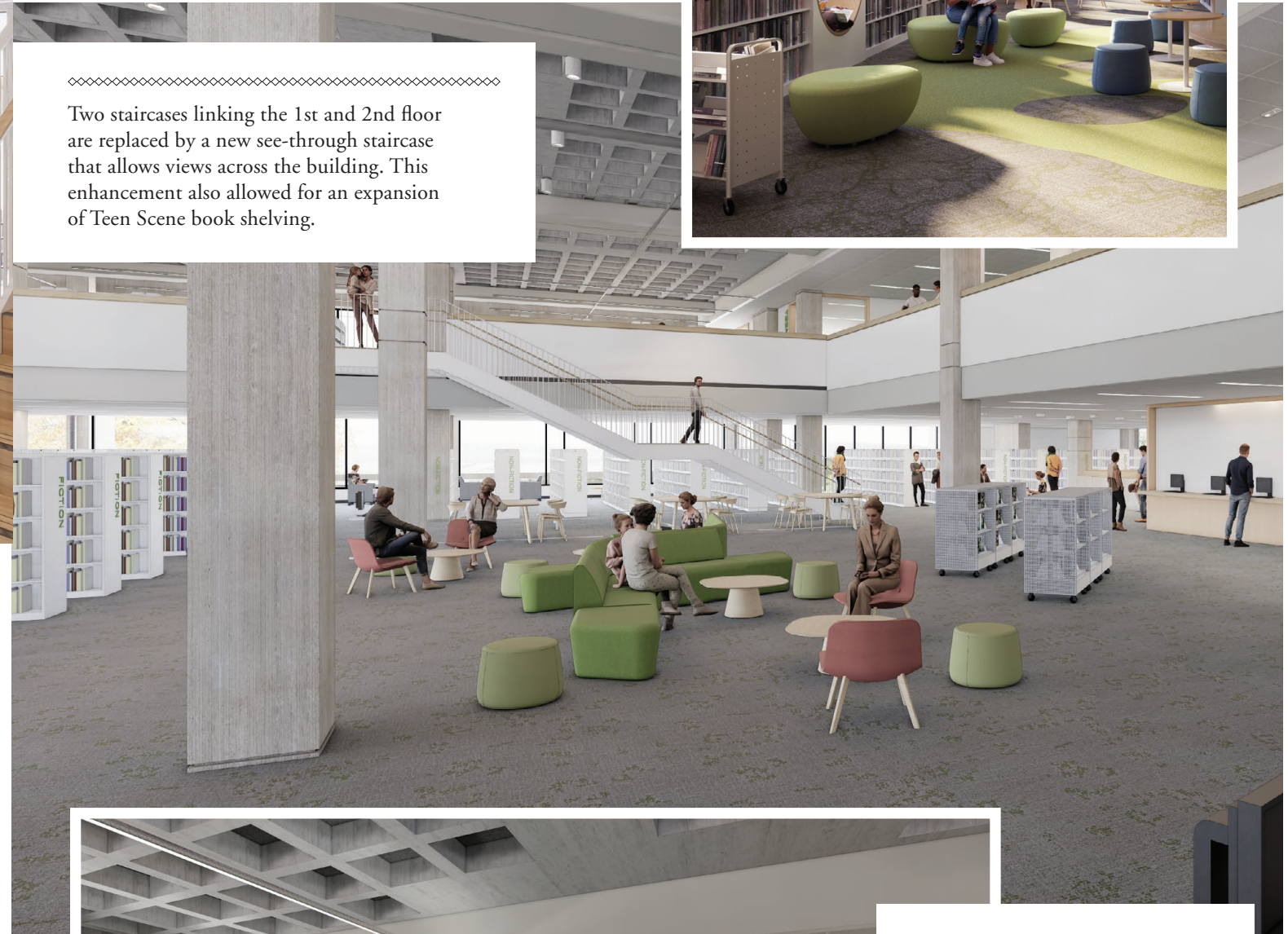
Foundation Enhancements



Embracing the original architecture, the Children's Library mezzanine was removed and allows for more open views of the interior and improved entrance experience on the 1st floor. The reimagined Discovery Room will relocate, adjacent to the Story Rooms.



Two staircases linking the 1st and 2nd floor are replaced by a new see-through staircase that allows views across the building. This enhancement also allowed for an expansion of Teen Scene book shelving.



Concrete blocks replace windows on the 1st floor facing Commercial Street, adding more natural light. It allows patrons to view the beautiful panorama to the West. Now, passersby can see into the Library from the street, revealing Library activity and hopefully creating curiosity for those who don't regularly visit the Library.



Teen Scene has moved to the 2nd Floor, allowing all Youth Services to be in efficient area. Parents are delighted to have the Teen Library adjacent to the Children's Library.

All renderings from HackerArchitects.com



Salem Public Library Foundation Balance Sheet — June 30, 2020

The Foundation's 39th year ended June 30, 2020. Excerpts from the financial statement are below. The complete financial statements are available for review upon request.

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 134,197
Investments	2,424,260
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LIABILITIES (3,848)	
TOTAL ASSETS, net of Liabilities	\$ 2,554,609
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NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	
Undesignated	620,169
Total unrestricted net assets	620,169
Temporarily Restricted net assets	62,459
Permanently Restricted net assets	1,871,981
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,554,609
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SUPPORT AND REVENUES	
Enhancement Funds	\$ 102,325
Interest	76,779
Capital gains (losses)	74,355
Total Support and Revenues	\$ 253,459
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EXPENSES	
Administrative	102,166
Library Support Funds	587,343
Total Expenses	689,509
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Revenue and Support over Expense	(436,050)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	2,990,659
Total Net Assets Year End	\$ 2,554,609

The Difference an Estate Gift can make...

Estate gifts have helped fund impactful Library enhancements over the years. Projects like the Teen Scene, Anderson Rooms, portions of the Children's Area. Some gifts have been designated for specific projects, but most are unrestricted; to be used at the discretion of the Foundation board when received. These thoughtful and generous unrestricted gifts allow us to take advantage of opportunities like the seismic retrofit enhancements. The improvements will serve generations of library users in ways that were unimaginable just a couple of years ago.

Please consider the Foundation as you make your estate plans. The language of a bequest is important, but it does not need to be complex. Example: "I hereby give and bequeath _____ (a specific gift or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to the Salem Public Library Foundation whose legal address is PO Box 325, Salem Oregon 97308, tax ID 93-0799658, for such purposes as the Salem Public Library Foundation shall determine are in the best interest of Salem Public Library."

You can ask your attorney or accountant about the potential tax benefits for you and your family of including charitable organizations in your will or trust. We hope you will consider including the Foundation in your plans. Your contribution will help all the future generations who access our public library for literacy, learning, and community connection.



What is a Sprinkles Grant?

The Foundation gives Sprinkles Grants to Library staff, so that:

- **Staff** create engaging, experimental programs
- **Local residents** discover, connect, and explore the Library
- **Users** acquire knowledge, and are engaged in new ways
- **Local residents** read broadly and regularly
- **Everyone** feels connected to their community!

These grants allow every staff member the opportunity to reflect Foundation values as they try untested, unbudgeted ideas. The Board knows such projects risk failure, but time has shown that there is also great potential for success. Either way, there is value in experience.

Sample of Sprinkles Grant Awards

- Staff created a virtual Salem Public Library for the online game, Animal Crossing: New Horizons. Also purchased tabletop roleplaying games like Dungeons and Dragons for in library use.
- Supplies for contact-free materials delivery to elderly homebound through Operation Book Shelf.
- Teen Scene's maker tool cart, and volunteer workstation carts for Youth Services.
- Two-way language translator, the size of a smart phone, to aid patron and library staff communication in 76 languages.
- Freestanding offsite outreach kiosk enables patrons to browse and borrow eBooks, get a temporary Library card, and more.
- Digital divide efforts, five tablet computers for patron check out, computer literacy software for library use. Youth Services devises to help parents guide children as they learn to read.
- Library card lanyards for all kids when they get their first library card.



In Memory of Two Dear Friends

In December of 2020, Salem lost one of our best friends, Selma Pierce. Her passing shocked the community, and in their grief, many gave generous gifts to the Library Foundation. We are grateful for everyone's kindness in her memory. We asked Bud, her husband, about her connection to Libraries, this is what he said.

"Oregonians who knew **Selma Pierce** saw her as a strong, competent woman, a dentist, a community servant, a wife and mother, who would enter the realm of politics near the end of her life. But Selma wasn't always this way. She grew up in the Richmond District of San Francisco in an ethnic Chinese Community, a very shy and reserved child. Selma spent a great deal of her childhood and early teenage years in the Richmond Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, where she was a voracious reader. Selma would learn about history, culture, and distant lands. She developed great knowledge and curiosity about travel in her childhood readings. There was nothing more important than the public library in Selma's childhood."

In March we lost another dear friend of the Library, **Jan Alsever**. "Jan loved the Library for so many different reasons and was honored to be able to donate to a cause that was so close to her heart. We are excited that her next gift will be used in many wonderful ways when opportunities arise." wrote Jan's daughter.

Jan's children have very fond memories of their frequent visits to the Salem Public Library. Her daughter remembered riding the bus to the Library, "I was so proud to be going "all by myself" to pick out my books for the next week and returning the ones that I had finished. With my library card in hand, I would always wander around while checking out all the options but eventually ending up with Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, Little House on the Prairie, and any others that had horses in it. I am positive that's where my love of reading started and bloomed. What a gift!"