

# St. Helens Public Library

Presentation to the City Council

May 19, 2021



# Current Board Members

- Melisa Gaelrun-Maggi, Chair (term expires 6/30/24)
- Amanda Heynemann, Past Chair (term expires 6/30/22)
- Becky Bean (term expires 6/30/22)
- Dan Davis (term expires 6/30/23)
- Jessica Sturdivant (term expires 6/30/25)
- Steve Topaz, Council Liaison

# Library Board Responsibilities

- Keeping informed about current trends in library services and administration.
- Studying Library growth and needs in the city and its vicinity.
- Developing long -range plans for library service and facilities, consistent with city priorities and with state, regional, and national goal pertinent to libraries.
- Recommending types of library service for the city and its vicinity.
- Recommending the acceptance and use of gifts for library purposes.
- Participation in the annual budgetary process of the city where the process pertains to the library.
- Recommending policies and procedures conducive to efficient and effective operation of the library.



# Library Board Responsibilities

- Reviewing and recommending terms for contracts and working relationships with other public agencies regarding library services.
- Encouraging widespread public support and use of the library.
- Submitting an annual report to the city council.
- Performing other duties as authorized by the city council.



# Recent Behind the Scenes Work:

- Changes to the outdated Library Municipal Code.
- Updating interview questions for potential Board Members.
- Changes to Library Card renewal terms.
- Making sure we meet House Bill 2243's definition of a "Public Library".



# Staying connected during COVID





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## LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP WINDOW

Over 2900 window transactions!



# Staying connected during COVID

## Take & Make



Facebook Storytimes with Gretchen

Over 12,400  
views!



# Staying connected during COVID

Online classes and groups!



#FocusPhotoClub



Green



*Genial Genealogists*  
Tonight 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Page Ad Center Inbox Notifications Insights More Settings Help

St. Helens Public Library @StHelensPublicLibrary

Home Posts Reviews Videos Photos About Community Groups Events Info and Ads Create Ad Manage Promotions

Update +

St. Helens Public Library

5 out of 5 - Based on the opinion of 1 person

Your Pages (Only visible to you)

- Spirit of Halloweentown
- Saint Helens Youth Council
- St. Helens Police Department

See All

Invite friends to like your Page

Reach People Nearby

Get More Page Likes

Get Started With Automated Ads

Get personalized ads that adjust over time to help you get better results

# Keeping Informed About Current Trends & recommending Library Services

- Feature Fridays
- Book Bundles
- National Days
- Community Links
- Mental Health
- History Months
- Author Recommendations



# Our most popular post!



Our St. Helens  
Public Library  
Facebook has 1033  
followers & 952  
likes.

**Performance for Your Post**

**11,281** People Reached

**864** Reactions, Comments & Shares

<b>453</b> Like	<b>54</b> On Post	<b>399</b> On Shares
<b>195</b> Love	<b>37</b> On Post	<b>158</b> On Shares
<b>102</b> Haha	<b>4</b> On Post	<b>98</b> On Shares
<b>3</b> Wow	<b>0</b> On Post	<b>3</b> On Shares
<b>62</b> Comments	<b>6</b> On Post	<b>56</b> On Shares
<b>51</b> Shares	<b>51</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares

**901** Post Clicks

<b>34</b> Photo Views	<b>0</b> Link Clicks	<b>867</b> Other Clicks
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**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK**

**0** Hide Post      **0** Hide All Posts

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Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts

Get More Likes, Comments and Shares  
When you boost this post, you'll show it to more people.

11,281 People Reached      1,765 Engagements

91 Reactions      5 Comments      51 Shares

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# Let's Play!

Mobile recreation  
and library pop-  
up

Art, STEM,  
Physical  
Activities for  
ages 5-12

September 15th- McCormick Park

September 22nd- Campbell Park

September 29th- Godfrey Park

Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m.

Please bring a  
blanket to sit on  
as seating may  
be limited.

This activity is free.

We will be  
following social  
distancing, so  
please help us stay  
within guidelines.

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the library.



# STORYTIME IN THE PARK

with stories, songs, and art projects!

Presented by the St. Helens Public Library  
and St. Helens Recreation Program

Join us on Tuesdays at McCormick Park for a family-friendly storytime. Stick around afterwards for a different activity every week!

## UPCOMING DATES

September 8th @ 6 pm

In Veteran's Plaza at McCormick Park

All ages are welcome!

This event is free

Masks are recommended

Groups may be limited in size.

We will be enforcing physical distancing, so please help us stay within guidelines.



Working  
Relationships!



Encouraging  
public support!

# Nature Buddies & Chalk Art

## Partnerships with St. Helens Parks & Recreation

### Nature Buddies

Children ages 1-6 are invited to a free weekly nature-based story, hike, and activity.

Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This is a parent/carer led activity with an activity/lesson provided by the St. Helens Recreation Program and the St. Helens Public Library.

Meet at the Veterans Plaza at McCormick Park.

Dress for the elements. We will be adventuring.



This activity is made possible through a grant from the Northwest Early Learning Hub.



ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ST. HELENS RECREATION PROGRAM PRESENT:  
STORYTIME AND ART IN THE PARK

**HAVE FUN MAKING CHALK ART AND ENJOYING STORY TIME BOOKS AND SONGS WITH YOUR FAMILY**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH @ 10-11AM  
AT MCCORMICK PARK  
ALL AGES WELCOME  
GROUPS MAY BE LIMITED IN SIZE  
MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED  
PHYSICAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES  
THIS EVENT IS FREE

**CHALK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS**

WE WILL BE ENFORCING SOCIAL DISTANCING,  
SO PLEASE HELP US STAY WITHIN GUIDELINES.

# Story Stroll



Literary walks through McCormick park brought to you by the partnership of the St. Helens Public Library, St. Helens Parks & Recreation, and Parks Division.



# Trunk or Treat

This is the third time the St. Helens Library Board has participated. They gave out 500 goodie bags made up of participant donated items.



# City's Employee of the Year Award

## Youth Librarian Gretchen Kolderup





# Makerspace

Long-range plans for the facilities.



The Makerspace is a collaborative work space where the community can gather to create, explore, and practice creative skills using shared technology.





# Makerspace

The St. Helens Public Library received a \$5000.00 sustaining grant from NW STEM Hub to expand hands -on educational programs at the library. The Library will use this to expand the Library of Things collection and STEM based play and programming in the upcoming Makerspace.

Equipment available for use within the Makerspace will include items such as a laser cutter, a Cricut cutter, a sewing machine, audio and visual recording/editing equipment, and more.

The St. Helens Public Library believes that the new Makerspace fits with the Library's mission to provide the community with optimal access to tools that promote and encourage lifelong learning, self -development, and life enhancement.

# Types of Current Library Services Available



The Library of Things includes Wi-Fi mobile hotspots, Snap Circuits, a Dash coding robot, 3D pens, a bento making kit, electricity usage monitors, and more.

The NW Stem Hub sustaining grant will be used to expand our collection.

Encouraging widespread use of the library through card sign-up promotions!



## LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Download an audiobook	Get a library card	Stream a movie	Read a magazine	Learn a new language
Give your library a social media shoutout	Participate in a DIY activity	Follow your library on social media	Check out a banned book	Put up a lawn sign supporting your library
Read the Libraries Transform Book Pick	Get 2 people to sign up for a library card	 A graphic of a blue star with the word "BONUS" in red and yellow inside it.	Join a book club	Send your librarian a thank you note
Post a selfie with your library card	Take an online class	Ask a reference question via email/phone	Borrow a graphic novel	Share your library love on social media
Join your library's Friends group	Play a video game	Visit your library's website	Access a database	Ask for a book recommendation

# BINGO

ALA American Library Association

- Digital only library cards
- Quarterly Library Cards



# New Painted Book Drops!



