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Dear City Recorder:

Please accept my written testimony for the 1-23-19 City Council work session on the “2019 City Council Policy Agenda.”

Thank you,

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Dear Salem City Council:

As you develop your "2019 City Council Policy Agenda" I strongly recommend you carry over this priority from the 2018 with the additional sentence underlined below.

Improving Salem Public Library Seismic Safety.

Also in 2017, Salem residents passed an \$18.6 million bond measure to finance seismic, safety, accessibility, and system improvements to the Salem Public Library building and parking garage to ensure continued use of this community resource for decades. Design of the project in 2019 should be in accordance with the Library Collection Development Policy that calls for both a broad and deep core collection of library materials and popular in-demand materials to serve Salem citizens.

In the fall of 2018 over 2,000 books were removed from the non-fiction collection of the Library, including many books of poetry, philosophy and religion, among other subjects. A list of all the books obtained with a public records request was compared to the *Public Library Core Collection Nonfiction* database. Since 1918 the H. W. Wilson Company has published lists of recommended books for libraries. The print edition of *Public Library Core Collection Nonfiction* is now in its 17th edition. The database version is enhanced with both "core" titles and "supplementary titles" that are both recommended as an "opening day collection" for all public libraries of any size.

The following 222 books that have been removed from our library were identified as recommended titles in the Wilson database, about one out of ten of all the books removed. The average publication date of the 222 books was 2004. To replace these books in our library would cost over \$5,000. They now sit in storage at the library awaiting the next Friends of the Library book sale where they will be sold for pennies on the dollar.

Author	Title	Publication date
Ackerman, Diane	<i>Deep play</i>	1999
Adler, Mortimer Jerome	<i>How to think about the great ideas : from the great books of Western civilization</i>	2000
Ahlstrom, Sydney E.	<i>A religious history of the American people</i>	1972
Armstrong, Karen	<i>The battle for God</i>	2000
Armstrong, Karen	<i>The spiral staircase : my climb out of darkness</i>	2004
Armstrong, Karen	<i>The great transformation : the beginning of our religious traditions</i>	2007
Armstrong, Karen	<i>Muhammad : a prophet for our time</i>	2006
Aykroyd, Peter H.	<i>A history of ghosts : the true story of seances, mediums, ghosts, and ghostbusters</i>	2009
Barbour, Ian G.	<i>When science meets religion</i>	2000
Barr, Stephen M.	<i>Modern physics and ancient faith</i>	2003
Barrett, William	<i>Irrational man : a study in existential philosophy</i>	1990
Barrow, John D.	<i>The book of nothing : vacuums, voids, and the latest ideas about the origins of the universe</i>	2000
Barrow, John D.	<i>Infinite book : a short guide to the boundless, timeless and endless</i>	2006
Bauer, Susan Wise	<i>The well-educated mind : a guide to the classical education you never had</i>	2003
Beckett, Samuel	<i>Collected poems in English and French</i>	1977

Beckett, Samuel	<i>The letters of Samuel Beckett</i>	2009
Berger, Peter L.	<i>In praise of doubt : how to have convictions without becoming a fanatic</i>	2009
Berlin, Isaiah	<i>The roots of romanticism</i>	1999
Berryman, John	<i>Collected poems, 1937-1971</i>	1989
Birkerts, Sven	<i>Reading life : books for the ages</i>	2007
Blackburn, Simon	<i>Think : a compelling introduction to philosophy</i>	1999
Borchert, Don	<i>Free for all : oddballs, geeks, and gangstas in the public library</i>	2007
Braestrup, Kate.	<i>Beginner's grace : bringing prayer to life</i>	2010
Bram, Christopher	<i>Eminent outlaws : the gay writers who changed America</i>	2012
Brodsky, Joseph	<i>On grief and reason : essays</i>	1994
Browne, Jill Conner	<i>American thighs : the Sweet Potato Queens' guide to preserving your assets</i>	2009
Browning, Robert	<i>Robert Browning's poetry : authoritative texts, criticism</i>	1979
Buchanan, Mark	<i>Hidden in plain sight : the secret of more</i>	2007
Buckley, Christopher	<i>But enough about you : essays</i>	2014
Campbell, Joseph	<i>Oriental mythology</i>	1976
Canfield, Jack	<i>You've got to read this book : 55 people tell the story of the book that changed their life</i>	2006
Carter, Jimmy	<i>Everything to gain : making the most of the rest of your life</i>	1987
Cathcart, Thomas	<i>Heidegger and a hippo walk through those pearly gates : using philosophy (and jokes!) to explain life, death, the afterlife, and everything in between</i>	2009
Chandra, Vikram	<i>Geek sublime : the beauty of code, the code of beauty</i>	2014
Chasse, Betsy	<i>Tipping sacred cows : the uplifting story of spilt milk and finding your own spiritual path in a hectic world</i>	2014
Chater, Veronica	<i>Waiting for the apocalypse : a memoir of faith and family</i>	2009
Chatwin, Bruce	<i>Under the sun : the letters of Bruce Chatwin</i>	2011
Chen, Pauline W.	<i>Final exam : a surgeon's reflections on mortality</i>	2007
Chilton, Bruce	<i>Mary Magdalene : a biography</i>	2005
Christian, Brian	<i>The most human human : what talking with computers teaches us about what it means to be alive</i>	2011
Churchill, Caryl	<i>Mad forest : a play from Romania ; and, the Skriker : two plays</i>	1994
Cohen, Richard	<i>How to write like Tolstoy : a journey into the minds of our greatest writers</i>	2016
Coles, Robert	<i>The secular mind</i>	1999
Confucius	<i>The analects</i>	1986
Conrad, Barnaby	<i>101 best scenes ever written : a romp through literature for writers and readers</i>	2006
Cords, Sarah Statz	<i>The real story : a guide to nonfiction reading interests</i>	2006
Cronkite, Walter, IV	<i>Cronkite's war : his World War II letters home</i>	2013
Dardess, George	<i>Meeting Islam : a guide for Christians</i>	2005
Davis, Kenneth C.	<i>Don't know much about mythology : everything you need to know about the greatest stories in human history but never learned</i>	2005
Dennett, Daniel	<i>Freedom evolves</i>	2003
DeSalvo, Louise A.	<i>The art of slow writing : reflections on time, craft, and creativity</i>	2014
Dickman, Michael	<i>The end of the West</i>	2009
Doctorow, E. L.	<i>Creationists : selected essays, 1993-2006</i>	2006
Donaldson, Scott	<i>Fitzgerald & Hemingway : works and days</i>	2009
Dweck, Carol S.	<i>Mindset : the new psychology of success</i>	2006
Engh, M. J.	<i>In the name of heaven : 3,000 years of religious persecution</i>	2007
Englert, Jonathan	<i>The collar : a year of striving and faith inside a Catholic seminary</i>	2006
Evans, Rachel Held	<i>Searching for Sunday : loving, leaving, and finding the Church</i>	2015
Falk, Dan,	<i>The Science of Shakespeare : a New Look at the Playwright's Universe</i>	2014
Feldman, David	<i>Do penguins have knees? : an Imponderables book</i>	1991
Feldman, David	<i>When do fish sleep? : and other imponderables of everyday life</i>	1989
Flaim, Denise	<i>Rescue Ink : how ten guys saved countless dogs and cats, twelve horses, five pigs, one duck, and a few turtles</i>	2009
Foerstel, Herbert N.	<i>Banned in the U.S.A. : a reference guide to book censorship in schools and public libraries</i>	2002
Fontes, Lisa Aronson	<i>Invisible chains : overcoming coercive control in your intimate relationship</i>	2015
Frank, Katherine	<i>Crusoe : Daniel Defoe, Robert Knox, and the creation of a myth</i>	2012
Frazer, James George	<i>The illustrated golden bough</i>	1978
Freeman, John	<i>How to read a novelist</i>	2013

Freston, Kathy	<i>Quantum wellness : a practical and spiritual guide to health and happiness</i>	2008
Frolund, Tina	<i>Genreified classics : a guide to reading interests in classic literature</i>	2007
Fry, Stephen	<i>The ode less travelled : unlocking the poet within</i>	2006
Garcia, Christina	<i>Bordering fires : the vintage book of contemporary Mexican and Chicano/a literature</i>	2006
Gardner, John	<i>The art of fiction : notes on craft for young writers</i>	1991
Garvey, Mark	<i>Stylized : a slightly obsessive history of Strunk & White's The elements of style</i>	2009
Gass, William H.	<i>Finding a form : essays</i>	1996
Gaustad, Edwin S.	<i>The religious history of America</i>	2002
Gegax, Tom	<i>Winning in the game of life : self-coaching secrets for success</i>	1999
Geldard, Richard	<i>The essential transcendentalists</i>	2005
Germano, William P.	<i>Getting it published : a guide for scholars and anyone else serious about serious books</i>	2001
Gideon, Melanie	<i>The slippery year : a meditation on happily ever after</i>	2009
Gillis, Chester	<i>Roman Catholicism in America</i>	1999
Goldstone, Lawrence	<i>Deconstructing penguins : parents, kids, and the bond of reading</i>	2005
Goodrich, Frances	<i>The diary of Anne Frank</i>	1956
Gordon, Matthew	<i>Islam : origins, practices, holy texts, sacred persons, sacred places</i>	2002
Gorman, Michael	<i>The enduring library : technology, tradition, and the quest for balance</i>	2003
Gorst, Martin	<i>Measuring eternity : the search for the beginning of time</i>	2002
Greene, Bob	<i>Late edition : a love story</i>	2009
Guehenno, Jean	<i>Diary of the dark years, 1940-1944 : collaboration, resistance, and daily life in occupied Paris</i>	2014
Guibert, Emmanuel	<i>The photographer</i>	2009
Gura, Philip F.	<i>American transcendentalism : a history</i>	2007
Gura, Philip F.	<i>Truth's ragged edge : the rise of the American novel</i>	2013
Habeck, Mary R.	<i>Knowing the enemy : jihadist ideology and the War on Terror</i>	2006
Hall, Donald	<i>White apples and the taste of stone : selected poems, 1946-2006</i>	2006
Hallman, J. C.	<i>Wm & H'ry : literature, love, and the letters between William and Henry James</i>	2013
Hammond, Margo	<i>Between the covers : the Book Babes' guide to a woman's reading pleasures</i>	2008
Harbach, Chad	<i>MFA vs NYC : the Two Cultures of American Fiction</i>	2014
Harris, Russ	<i>The happiness trap : how to stop struggling and start living</i>	2008
Heaney, Seamus	<i>Finders keepers : selected prose, 1971-2001</i>	2002
Hearn, Lafcadio	<i>American writings</i>	2009
Hecht, Jennifer Michael	<i>Doubt : a history : the great doubters and their legacy of innovation, from Socrates and Jesus to Thomas Jefferson and Emily Dickinson</i>	2003
Hedges, Chris	<i>Losing Moses on the freeway : the 10 commandments in America</i>	2005
Hitchens, Christopher	<i>God is not great : how religion poisons everything</i>	2007
Hooper, Brad	<i>Read on--historical fiction : reading lists for every taste</i>	2006
Humes, Edward	<i>Monkey girl : evolution, education, religion, and the battle for America's soul</i>	2007
Hyde, Lewis	<i>Common as air : revolution, art, and ownership</i>	2010
Irvine, William Braxton	<i>On desire : why we want what we want</i>	2006
James, Clive	<i>As of this writing : the essential essays, 1968-2002</i>	2003
Jeanneney, Jean Noel	<i>Google and the myth of universal knowledge : a view from Europe</i>	2007
Jenkyns, Richard	<i>A fine brush on ivory : an appreciation of Jane Austen</i>	2004
Johnson, Marilyn	<i>The dead beat : lost souls, lucky stiffs, and the perverse pleasures of obituaries</i>	2006
Jones, Alex S.	<i>Losing the news : the future of the news that feeds democracy</i>	2009
Joseph, Diana	<i>I'm sorry you feel that way : the astonishing but true story of a daughter, sister, slut, wife, mother, and friend to man and dog</i>	2009
Julavits, Heidi	<i>Read harder</i>	2014
Karpf, Anne	<i>The human voice : how this extraordinary instrument reveals essential clues about who we are</i>	2006
Kermode, Frank	<i>Concerning E.M. Forster</i>	2009
Kiberd, Declan	<i>Ulysses and us : the art of everyday life in Joyce's masterpiece</i>	2009
Kindred, Dave	<i>Morning miracle : inside the Washington Post ; a great newspaper fights for its life</i>	2010
King, Martin Luther, Jr.	<i>Thou, dear God : prayers that open hearts and spirits</i>	2012
Kingston, Maxine Hong	<i>The fifth book of peace</i>	2003
Kniffel, Leonard	<i>Reading with the stars : a celebration of books and libraries</i>	2011
Komunyakaa, Yusef	<i>Testimony, a tribute to Charlie Parker : with new and selected jazz poems</i>	2013
Kovach, Bill	<i>The elements of journalism : what newspeople should know and the public should expect</i>	2001

Kramer, Mark	<i>Telling true stories : a nonfiction writers' guide from the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University</i>	2007
Krasny, Michael	<i>Spiritual envy : an agnostic's quest</i>	2010
Kraus, Karl	<i>The Kraus project</i>	2013
Laughlin, Sara	<i>The quality library : a guide to staff-driven improvement, better efficiency, and happier customers</i>	2008
Leopardi, Giacomo	<i>Canti</i>	2010
Lerner, Harriet Goldhor	<i>The dance of deception : pretending and truth-telling in women's lives</i>	1993
Levine, Philip	<i>New selected poems</i>	1991
Levine, Philip	<i>The mercy : poems</i>	1999
Levine, Philip	<i>What work is : poems</i>	1991
Longenbach, James	<i>The Virtues of poetry</i>	2013
Lott, Bret	<i>Before we get started : a practical memoir of the writer's life</i>	2005
Magee, Bryan	<i>The story of philosophy</i>	2001
Mann, A. T.	<i>Sacred landscapes : the threshold between worlds</i>	2010
Mansfield, Elaine	<i>Leaning into love : a spiritual journey through grief</i>	2014
McCarthy, David Matzko	<i>Sharing God's good company : a theology of the Communion of Saints</i>	2012
McGinn, Colin	<i>The making of a philosopher : my journey through twentieth-century philosophy</i>	2002
McPhee, John	<i>Irons in the fire</i>	1997
Meddeb, Abdelwahab	<i>A history of Jewish-Muslim relations : from the origins to the present day</i>	2013
Melican, Brian	<i>Germany : beyond the enchanted forest ; a literary anthology</i>	2014
Mendelsund, Peter	<i>What we see when we read : a phenomenology ; with illustrations</i>	2014
Meyer, Marvin W.	<i>Judas : the definitive collection of gospels and legends about the infamous Apostle of Jesus</i>	2007
Michaeli, Ethan	<i>The defender : how the legendary black newspaper changed America : from the age of the Pullman porters to the age of Obama</i>	2016
Miller, Arthur	<i>Echoes down the corridor : collected essays, 1944-2000</i>	2000
Miller, Caroline Adams	<i>Creating your best life : the ultimate life list guide</i>	2009
Mitnick, Kevin D.	<i>The art of intrusion : the real stories behind the exploits of hackers, intruders, & deceivers</i>	2005
Monda, Antonio	<i>Do you believe? : conversations on God and religion</i>	2007
Newton, Ruth P.	<i>The attachment connection : parenting a secure & confident child using the science of attachment theory</i>	2008
Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>Joyce Carol Oates : conversations, 1970-2006</i>	2006
Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>In rough country : essays and reviews</i>	2010
Parfitt, Tudor	<i>The lost Ark of the Covenant : solving the 2,500 year old mystery of the fabled biblical ark</i>	2008
Paris Review	<i>The Paris review book of heartbreak, madness, sex, love, betrayal, outsiders, intoxication, war, whimsy, horrors, God, death, dinner, baseball, travels, the art of writing, and everything else in the world since 1953</i>	2003
Parks, Suzan-Lori	<i>Topdog/underdog</i>	2001
Pearl, Nancy	<i>Book lust : recommended reading for every mood, moment, and reason</i>	2003
Pearl, Nancy	<i>More book lust : recommended reading for every mood, moment, and reason</i>	2005
Pearl, Nancy	<i>Now read this : a guide to mainstream fiction, 1978-1998</i>	1999
Pearl, Nancy	<i>Now read this II : a guide to mainstream fiction, 1990-2001</i>	2002
Pearl, Nancy	<i>Now read this III : a guide to mainstream fiction</i>	2010
Penzler, Otto	<i>The lineup : the world's greatest crime writers tell the inside story of their greatest detectives</i>	2009
Piercy, Marge	<i>Colors passing through us : poems</i>	2003
Plotz, David	<i>Good Book : the bizarre, hilarious, disturbing, marvelous, and inspiring things I learned when I read every single word of the Bible</i>	2009
Polastron, Lucien X	<i>Books on fire : the destruction of libraries throughout history</i>	2007
Prothero, Stephen R.	<i>Religious literacy : what every American needs to know--and doesn't</i>	2007
Putnam, Robert D.	<i>American grace : how religion divides and unites us</i>	2010
Quindlen, Anna.	<i>How reading changed my life</i>	1998
Reitman, Janet	<i>Inside scientology : the story of America's most secretive religion</i>	2011
Rich, Adrienne	<i>A human eye : essays on art in society, 1997-2008</i>	2009
Roach, Mary	<i>Spook : science tackles the afterlife</i>	2005
Robisheaux, Thomas Willard	<i>The last witch of Langenburg : murder in a German village</i>	2009
Roche, Rick	<i>Read on-- biography : reading lists for every taste</i>	2012
Rorty, Amelie	<i>The many faces of philosophy : reflections from Plato to Arendt</i>	2003

Rosenberg, Scott	<i>Dreaming in code : two dozen programmers, three years, 4,732 bugs, and one quest for transcendent software</i>	2007
Roth, Philip	<i>The facts : a novelist's autobiography</i>	1988
Rudnick, Paul	<i>I shudder : and other reactions to life, death, and New Jersey</i>	2009
Russell, Bertrand	<i>A history of western philosophy, and its connection with political and social circumstances from the earliest times to the present day</i>	1945
Russell, Bertrand	<i>The problems of philosophy</i>	1988
Sacks, Jonathan	<i>Not in God's name : confronting religious violence</i>	2015
Sagan, Carl	<i>Broca's brain : reflections on the romance of science</i>	1979
Sagan, Carl	<i>The varieties of scientific experience : a personal view of the search for God</i>	2006
Sandberg, Sheryl	<i>Option B : facing adversity, building resilience, and finding joy</i>	2017
Sartre, Jean-Paul	<i>Existentialism and human emotions</i>	1987
Saval, Malina	<i>The secret lives of boys : inside the raw emotional world of male teens</i>	2009
Schechter, Abraham A.	<i>Basic book repair methods</i>	1999
Seife, Charles	<i>Virtual unreality : just because the Internet told you, how do you know it's true?</i>	2014
Shapiro, Susan	<i>Only as good as your word : writing lessons from my favorite literary gurus</i>	2007
Sharlet, Jeff	<i>Believer, beware : first-person dispatches from the margins of faith</i>	2009
Sheldrake, Rupert	<i>Dogs that know when their owners are coming home : and other unexplained powers of animals</i>	1999
Shevelow, Kathryn	<i>For the love of animals : the rise of the animal protection movement</i>	2008
Shields, David	<i>I think you're totally wrong : a quarrel</i>	2015
Simic, Charles	<i>The renegade : writings on poetry and a few other things</i>	2009
Solomon, Robert C.	<i>A passion for wisdom : a very brief history of philosophy</i>	1997
Sontag, Susan	<i>Reborn : journals and notebooks, 1947-1963</i>	2008
Stedman, Chris	<i>Faithist : how an atheist found common ground with the religious</i>	2012
Styron, William	<i>Havenas in Camelot : personal essays</i>	2008
Teilhard de Chardin, Pierre	<i>The phenomenon of man</i>	1959
Trillin, Calvin	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	1995
Turabian, Kate L.	<i>A manual for writers of research papers, theses, and dissertations : Chicago Style for students and researchers</i>	2018
Updike, John	<i>Higher gossip : essays and criticism</i>	2011
Vendler, Helen	<i>Coming of age as a poet : Milton, Keats, Eliot, Plath</i>	2003
Vnuk, Rebecca	<i>Read on-- women's fiction : reading lists for every taste</i>	2009
Vnuk, Rebecca	<i>Women's fiction : a guide to popular reading interests</i>	2013
Ward, Francine	<i>Esteemable acts : 10 actions for building real self-esteem</i>	2003
Warren, Robert Penn	<i>The collected poems of Robert Penn Warren</i>	1998
Wasserstein, Wendy	<i>The sisters Rosensweig</i>	1993
Watson, Lyall	<i>Dark nature : a natural history of evil</i>	1995
Weingarten, Gene	<i>The fiddler in the subway : the true story of what happened when a world-class violinist played for handouts-- and other virtuoso performances by America's foremost feature writer</i>	2010
Wheat, Carolyn	<i>How to write killer fiction : the funhouse of mystery & the roller coaster of suspense</i>	2003
Whitehead, Alfred North	<i>Process and reality : an essay in cosmology</i>	1978
Whitehurst, Ellen	<i>Make this your lucky day : fun and easy Feng Shui secrets to success, romance, health, and harmony</i>	2008
Wieggers, Michael	<i>Reversible monuments : contemporary Mexican poetry</i>	2002
Wiking, Meik	<i>The little book of hygge : Danish secrets to happy living</i>	2017
Wilbur, Richard	<i>Anterooms : new poems and translations</i>	2010
Wilson, August,	<i>Two trains running</i>	1992
Wilson, Edward O.	<i>Consilience : the unity of knowledge</i>	1998
Wilson, Edward O.	<i>In search of nature</i>	1996
Wilson, Emily R.	<i>The death of Socrates</i>	2007
Winner, Lauren F.	<i>Still : notes on a mid-faith crisis</i>	2012
Wright, Alex	<i>Glut : mastering information through the ages</i>	2007
Wright, Evan	<i>Hella nation : looking for Happy Meals in Kandahar, rocking the side pipe, Wingnut's war against the Gap, and other adventures with the totally lost tribes of America</i>	2009
Yoshino, Kenji	<i>A thousand times more fair : what Shakespeare's plays teach us about justice</i>	2011
Youn, Monica	<i>Ignatz</i>	2010
Young, Kevin	<i>The hungry ear : poems of food & drink</i>	2012

I hope you will agree with me that with perhaps a very few exceptions (e.g., books that were damaged or were duplicates of copies still on the shelves) these recommended "core collection" books should not have been removed from the shelves and made unavailable to Salem residents who paid for them.

In addition to the books removed in October-December that are recommended core collection books in the Wilson guide, these books of local Oregon and Northwest interest were also removed:

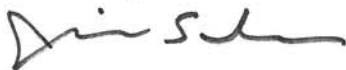
Author	Title	Publication date
Biespiel, David	<i>Shattering Air: Poems</i>	1996
Biespiel, David	<i>Wild Civility</i>	2003
Dickman, Matthew & Michael	<i>50 American Plays: Poems</i>	2012
Michael Dickman	<i>The End of the West</i>	2009
Glazer, Michele	<i>It's Hard to Look at What We Came to Think We'd Come to See</i>	1997
Hatfield, Mark O.	<i>Conflict and Conscience</i>	
Hugo, Richard	<i>The Read Marginal Way: A Poet's Autobiography</i>	1986
Kesey, Ken	<i>Kesey's Garage Sale</i>	1973
Spivack, Charlotte	<i>Ursula K. Le Guin</i>	1984
Stafford, William	<i>Writing the Australian Crawl: Views On the Writer's Vocation</i>	1978
Starck, Clemens	<i>China Basin</i>	2002

Based on the meeting I attended of the Library Advisory Board on January 9th, the Board appears to be very unwilling to recommend that the Collection Development Policy be followed to the letter and that library management call a halt to the mass removal of library books such as the ones above.

The Salem City Council can end this controversy which is doing damage to the reputation of our City and our Library by reaffirming the Collection Development Policy's call for a broad, deep core collection of books such as we have enjoyed at the Salem Public Library for many decades in your "2019 City Council Policy Agenda."

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Jim Schepke
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