

Salem Public Library Advisory Board

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Supplemental Answers:

Have you attended a meeting of the Salem Public Library Advisory Board? If yes, how many?

No, but I plan to attend the next one in May.

Please list the citizen advisory committees, civic, charitable or other organizations upon which you have served including the dates and length of service.

Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission - 02/2016-Present (1 year)
Micronesian Islander Community - 08/2014-Present (2.5 year) Parents Attending Law School - Spring 2014-05/2016 (2 years).

What do you believe you can contribute to the Salem Public Library Advisory Board?

I will be able to provide feedback on previous events and offer innovative ideas for future events and offerings. Further, I am an avid reader and would provide recommendations on books that may be of interest to the community. In addition, I will learn more about the leadership that help make the Salem Library what is it today.

Why do you want to be a member of the Salem Public Library Advisory Board?

In addition to being a frequent visitor to the library, my family also utilize the library and the library services. The Salem Public Library Advisory Board reviews the operations of the library and provides guidance to the City Council. I would be able to share my and my families experience with the Salem Public Library and make decisions that would improve library services, ensure quality customer service, and get to know the leadership style and roles of the City Councilors further.

When did you last visit Salem Public Library? Tell us about your experience during that visit.

I visited the library last week, on April 4th. I was participating in the food for fines program, and picking up several books for my children. I had a positive experience. The employees were helpful and friendly, assisting me with obtaining resources. I appreciated the quiet space in the children's area, as well as being able to utilize the library loan request process without difficulty.

In your opinion, why does Salem need a public library?

Salem needs a public library because the library is the place to go for many people within the community. The library provides access and fairness to all people who enter the library. No one is turned away due to lack of funds. The public library provides so much support and services to the Salem community. Without the library, Salem would not be as rich with knowledge and activity. It provides services and support for all people, no matter their race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, etc.

In your opinion, what role does the Salem Public Library play in making Salem a livable community?

The library offers free books to borrow, low-cost movies to rent, and many community events perfect for families, young children, teenagers, and adults alike. The public library brings culture, diversity, and most importantly, access, to many people who would not have access to services otherwise. The library provides opportunities for growth and development, including homework help for children, computer access, book readings, cultural celebrations (i.e. Portland Taiko drums), entertainment (i.e. movies in Teen Scene, Family friendly movies), and much more. The resources and services provided by the library are irreplaceable.

In your opinion, what are the top five priorities for the Salem Public Library?

1. Providing quality programming to the community.
2. Ensure access to all, regardless of status, income, lifestyle, race, ethnicity, gender, etc.
3. A safe place for the community.
4. A place of knowledge and learning resources for all, regardless of learning (dis)abilities.
5. Provide opportunities for community involvement including the volunteer program.

Please provide a short biographical statement (150 words or less)

Jacqueline Leung has lived in Salem, Oregon for six years. She is a Community Organizer with the COFA Alliance National Network (CANN). She is a mom to three children, between the ages of 3 months to 8 years old. Jackie is an avid reader and passionate about advocating for her community. She is a Commissioner with the City of Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission.