



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

12:00 PM

Ruth Sandvik Conference
Room/Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83855479523>

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from Wednesday, May 25, 2022 meeting.

B. Approval of minutes from Wednesday, September 28, 2022 meeting.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Persons to be Heard Related / Unrelated to Agenda

5. Director's Report

A. The Oct 26, 2022 Director's Report is attached.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

A. October 2022 Municipal Election: Welcome to our new Board member Debra O'Gara and welcome back to Barb Fish & Alec McMurren who have been reelected to the board.

B. Election of Officers: At the first meeting after the election, it is necessary for the Board to elect a Chair and a Co-Chair in the event of the chair's absence.

C. Donation Policy: Kupreanof resident Doug Leen donated books to the library a few years ago. Mr. Leen was very concerned they were not in the library's collection. A letter that was sent to him with the library's donation policy is attached for Board review and discussion.

8. Discussion Items

A. Friends of the Library Updates:

The Oct 1 Friends of Petersburg Libraries book sale was a huge success - over 50 people attended. Thank you to everyone who helped with the sorting, set up, sale and clean up. \$644.00 was collected (book sales, silent auction, Friends memberships).

The next book sale is scheduled for Dec 3 11-1pm, there will be a Silent Auction and Christmas Table.

Their Annual Meeting is planned for later this fall, date to be announced.

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday Nov 23 at noon.

9. Adjourn



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Meeting Minutes Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

12:00 PM

Ruth Sandvik Conference Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89921134248>

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair person Menish-Meucci called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as presented.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Agenda approved as presented.

4. Persons to be Heard Related / Unrelated to Agenda

5. Director's Report

- Stevie Schmidt has left her position as a part time library clerk and Barb Steltz has rejoined the staff. We are excited to have her back!

- Summer STREAM and Baby Bookworms starts May 29. The adult/teen program starts in early June.

- Voices of Seetka Kwan has had some wonderful episodes in the last month, including one on Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Day (May 5th)

- GOAT (Group of Advisory Teens) is still going strong. They had a pizza party last month where they revisited their name and decided to keep it. A group of about 7 teens continues to host a radio show on Friday. Later this summer some of the teens will learn how to use the iPads/Lego kits that we will purchase with grant funds, then go on to teach this to elementary school students in the fall.

- In May the library hosted a gardening presentation from the author of Gardening Near Glaciers and a container gardening workshop with Andrea Weathers.

6. Unfinished Business

- A. The FY23 General Fund passed in its second reading. One more reading is scheduled.

7. New Business

- A. Elisa Teodori has submitted her letter of resignation from the Board, see attached. The seat will not be refilled until the October 2022 regular Borough Election.

- B. Board Members Barb Fish and Alec McMurren have terms that will expire in October 2022.

- C. The library's new Social Media Policy was approved as presented.

8. Discussion Items

A. Friends of the Library Updates

The Friends of the library made \$336.25 at the library front desk from Jan 1 -May 20, 2022. This is from sales from the carts as well as credit card sales during the monthly book sales. There will be no book sales held July-October.

B. Next Meeting

The Board will not meet again until the fall. A date for the next meeting will be determined in September.

9. Adjourn



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Meeting Minutes Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

12:00 PM

Via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Acting Chair Fish called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

2. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to be approved.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

4. Persons to be Heard Related / Unrelated to Agenda

No visitors.

5. New Business

A. Art Education Endowment Funding Request: Water Color Workshop - An amount not to exceed \$1000 is requested for a 3 session watercolor workshop class with Pia Reilly that is scheduled for late October. Funds will be used for supplies and instructor fees. The spendable amount available is \$9,332. The fund guidelines are attached.

It was unanimously approved that an amount not to exceed \$1000 be used from the Art Education Endowment for a 3 session watercolor workshop class with Pia Reilly to be offered at the end of October.

B. Art Education Endowment Funding Request: Youth Guitar Workshop - An amount not to exceed \$200 is requested for a 4 session youth guitar class taught by Dan Sullivan that is scheduled for the fall. Funds will be used for instructor fees. The fund guidelines are attached.

It was unanimously approved that an amount not to exceed \$400 be used for a 4 session youth guitar class taught by Dan Sullivan.

6. Discussion Items

- A. The next book sale is scheduled for Saturday Oct 1, 11am-1pm. Book sale revenues from the carts in the library from 6/1-8/31 were \$363.60.

Member Fish reported on activities related to the upcoming book sale. In addition to books and DVDs for sale (including a bunch of newly donated Alaska items), there will be a Christmas Table as well as a silent auction. The auction includes a child's desk handmade by local woodworker Andy Cowan, a selection of large coffee table books, and a large wooden book shelf.

- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday Oct 26, 2022 at noon

7. Adjourn

Director's Report (UPDATED)

Staff

- Adrian Ducat was hired to fill our vacant student library page position this summer
- Martha Cummins & Beth Loesch will be training to become passport acceptance agents and learn how to catalog new material this fall
- In October Kari Petersen began a four-month continuing education class with the Erickson Institute, Media Literacy in Early Childhood. She's learning curate apps and technology use for kids under the age of seven and how to help parents of young children develop their skills of decision-making around technology for kids based on the science of human development. The future of library storytime is evolving to include teaching literacy skills in all types of media.
- The Library Director attended the Alaska Library Director's Leadership Retreat in October. The meeting was held in Anchorage and was focused on creating a learning organization. The trip was paid for by the Alaska State Library.

Maintenance

The area in front of the library adjacent to the large landscaping bed in the front has been paved by Bob Olson & his crew. The project was funded by donations to the library. A few benches and planters are planned in the future.

Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

This ARPA funded grant project wrapped up at the end of September. Twenty two radio shows/podcasts were recorded, a list is attached to show the scope of programs recorded. The goal of the project was "to increase awareness of the diverse experiences and contributions of our indigenous community". All who responded to our post-project survey agreed that this outcome was met, they both learned something from listening and overall awareness in our community was increased. The feedback we received from both participants and listeners was overwhelmingly positive. People who participated in the show reported being humbled by the amount of positive feedback they received from random community members which fostered a sense of community for participants and listeners alike. As a result of this endeavor KFSK radio has decided to continue with a local Indigenous time slot in its programming. We are grateful to the Content Committee who made this project possible.

Libraries in Community Systems

Our library will be participating in an 18 month Institute for Museum & Library Services funded research that will create a measure for the effectiveness of library services and partnerships, in terms of social wellbeing. This national research project seeks to create a clearer understanding of the unique role public libraries play within community systems,

and how this role can be maximized for improved social wellbeing outcomes. More information about the project can be found at <https://nnyln.org/about/imls-research21-24/>

Programs

- Summer STREAM & Baby Bookworms, the library's youth summer programs, wrapped up on July 10. 135 kids participated in the program, logging 78,750 minutes of reading and completing 1,423 educational challenges. 171 community members of all ages participated in library summer reading programs this year. Thank you to the community members, businesses and organizations who make our summer programs possible.
- In August the library offered a pilot program for Sealaska Heritage Institute's *Baby Raven Reads* Program. Three story times were offered that featured Lingít culture and language. Jeanette Ness was our cultural specialist and local elders Debra O'Gara, Mary Ann Rainey, Mary Katasse-Miller and Karin McCullough contributed to the program. Nearly 40 community members participated in the story time events. This program will now be expanded to 12 additional communities and libraries in Southeast Alaska.
- Weekly storytime is back and attendance is growing
- 90 tickets were sold for the *Manhattan Short Global Film Festival* which ran for two nights. Next year the tentative plan is to have it at Northern Nights Theater
- *Yoga* with Karen Malcom is being offered on Saturdays
- *Estate Planning* with Juneau attorney Liz Smith
- *Navigating the News* with Jill Lenhard offered tips to help you sharpen your vetting skills for navigating today's news environment
- Orin Pierson returned this summer to teach his popular *Rainforest Writers Workshops*, more are planned for the fall
- *Halloween Rocks!* A guitar class for kids with Dan Sullivan is currently under way
- The *Petersburg Science Series* resumes Oct 21 with a presentation on the Bering Strait region
- *Watercolor Painting* with Pia Reilly is scheduled for Oct 28-20, the class is full
- *Robotics for Kids* starts November 4, this is a 4-session program using iPads and Lego kits purchased with funding from the Petersburg Community Foundation, Kris Norosz and the Rasmuson Foundation. The class will be led by student teachers Adrian Ducat & Nicole Durgan. According to Kari "It has been a delight to work with these teens as they developed a plan for the program, learned about the concept of learning through play, and how to best achieve this with the students they will have."

- The GOAT teens did an on-air interview about their Friday afternoon radio show and the upcoming Robotics program for the KFSK fundraiser.
- This year Head Start is bringing 20 students to the library every Friday before we open for a storytime with fingerplays, singing, dancing, and sign language. They also check out books for the classroom. It has been wonderful to see the kids begin to understand what the library is, have them become comfortable in the space, and anticipate Library time with great excitement.
- Our new Seed Library is available and can be found in the gardening section section. Thank you to Volunteer Stephanie Aikins for organizing and maintaining

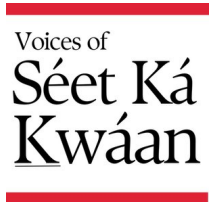
Petersburg Public Library

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Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

sharing our stories is good medicine for us all

A radio program & podcast that seeks to bring awareness of the diverse experiences and contributions by members of our indigenous community to the wider Petersburg, Alaska community.



Chef Rob Kinneen

Chef Rob Kinneen talks with Janine Gibbons and Kari Petersen about the highlights of his career and his particular interest in sourcing locally and seasonally. He seeks to cook within the limitations of village life, place and lifestyle in mind. Rob is currently the Outreach Director for North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NĀTIFS) a non-profit that is dedicated to addressing economic and health crises that affect Native communities by re-establishing native foodways.

Aug 18, 2022



Séet Ká Kwáan Dancers

Annette Bennett and Jeanette Ness sit down to discuss the history and impact of the Séet Ká Kwáan Dancers. Jeanette is one of the founders of the dance group, and Annette participated from a young age and the two remain close.

Aug 11, 2022



Lingít Stories & Songs

Land Acknowledgement

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Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

Elder and Author, Diane Benson, discusses the meaning of stories and songs in Lingit culture. She shares some of her storytelling experience and a poem she wrote about that experience.

Aug 4, 2022



Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

Local Artist: Ross Nannauck III

Ross Nannauck III talks with Hannah Flor about his passion for creating Lingit art in a variety of mediums, and what that work has brought to his life. Ross was born and raised here in Séet Ká Kwáan and is also a longtime volunteer DJ at KFSK.

Jul 21, 2022

Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

Foodways

Mary Katasse-Miller talks with Debra O’Gara about traditional Lingit foodways. Mary is renowned for her legendary frybread that she sells during community events of all kinds, and her use of traditional Lingit foods.

Jul 14, 2022

Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

Weaving

Katherine Monahan interviews Debra O’Gara about her woven work on exhibition at the Clausen Museum in Petersburg for the annual Pride Show. Then Janine Gibbons interviews Evelyn Vanderhoop, renowned Haida weaver, about finding her way to weaving, and the ways that it enriches her life.

Jul 8, 2022

Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

Love of Basketball

High School Coaches and brothers, Rick and Dino Brock, sit down with student player, Devon Guthrie, and Petersburg Indigenous Awareness Committee members, Diane Benson and Kari Petersen, to discuss the pride basketball brings to a community, the history of basketball in Southeast, and what basketball has brought to their lives. This episode of *Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan* was created from a Listening Project interview. The full interview can be heard at the Listening Project link below.

Jun 29, 2022

Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

Harvesting S’áxt’

Join Debra O’Gara, Diane Benson, and Avery Herrman-Sakamoto on a harvesting trip for s’áxt’ (aka devil’s club). Learn about its traditional uses

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and how it's harvested.

Jun 16, 2022

Voices of **Séet Ká Kwáan**

Graduation Stoles

Mary Anne Rainie talks with her grand-daughter Alyssa Guthrie about the regalia Mary Anne makes for graduating seniors, and how she hopes the regalia gives them a sense of pride in their culture.

Jun 2, 2022

Voices of **Séet Ká Kwáan**

Civil Rights Pioneer

In this excerpt from a Listening Project recorded in 2010 Amy Hallingstad's descendants discuss her civil rights activism and how she fought tirelessly for the rights of Indigenous People. Amy was a leader who worked on desegregating schools, voting rights, union formation, advocating for better healthcare for Indigenous people, and the Alaska Native Settlement Claims Act of 1971.

May 27, 2022

Voices of **Séet Ká Kwáan**

Harvesting in Lingít Aaní

Ethelyn Lopez, Ray Dugaqua, and Will Ware share their experiences harvesting with their families in Lingít Aaní.

May 20, 2022

Voices of **Séet Ká Kwáan**

Billy Ware

Billy, son of Will & Christie Ware, talks about being raised in the Tlingít tradition and what the values have brought to his way of being in the world.

May 12, 2022

Voices of **Séet Ká Kwáan**

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Day (May 5th)

Debra O'Gara talks about the relevance of May 5th, about tribal justice systems, and her hopes for the future. Debra is the Senior Policy Specialist for the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center and focuses on laws and policies concerning domestic violence and sexual assault for Alaska Natives.

May 5, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

Food for Your Soul

Herring egg season is upon us! Avery Herrman-Sakamoto tags along as Nathan Lopez delivers the much anticipated fresh herring eggs to local elders.

Apr 21, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

Herring Egg Joy!

Nathan Lopez discusses his love of herring eggs, their cultural significance, and how they are traditionally harvested, prepared and eaten.

Apr 14, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

Cultural Connection to Land

Debra O’Gara and Nicole Hallingstad discuss the meaning of cultural connection to the land and how that connection creates belonging. They also discuss resilience and adaptability moving forward in our modern age.

Mar 10, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

Lingít Pride

Avery Herrman-Sakamoto talks with Brenda Louise & Jeanette Ness about the long journey of arriving at pride in their Lingít heritage and the rewards of community, belonging, and knowing thyself.

Mar 3, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

Lingít Aaní

Diane Benson talks about the formation of the Petersburg Indigenous Awareness Committee. Avery Herrman-Sakamoto, Brenda Louise, and Jeanette Ness discuss Tlingít Aaní, Indigenous land, and what it means to be Indigenous.

Feb 24, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

Naomi Michelsen, Kaasei (Tlingít)

Naomi Michelsen, Kaasei (Tlingít) is Wooshkeetaan, Eagle/Wolf belonging to the Shark House of Berners Bay, Alaska. In this episode Naomi discusses respectful harvesting guidelines for traditional gathering on Tlingít Aaní.

Naomi grew up in Petersburg and now lives in Ketchikan. She is the owner of Kaasei Training & Consulting, a business she started to inspire people to appreciate Indigenous foods, plants, and people. She believes in the power of culture as prevention, intervention, and healing.

Feb 17, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

What's In a Name?

Jeanette Ness discusses the name Séet Ká Kwáan, People of the Fast Moving Waters. Diane Benson talks about the meaning behind the tagline, "sharing our stories is good medicine for us all."

Feb 3, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

Let's Gather Together (Introduction Song)

Woosh Kaanáx Gaxtuda.aat (Let's Gather Together) was written September 2021 for the Native community of Petersburg by Diane L'xeis' Benson, of the Takdeintaan Clan for the purposes of bringing people together in good spirit. My gratitude and appreciation for the early assistance of Jeanette Ness.

Jan 26, 2022

Voices of
Séet Ká Kwáan

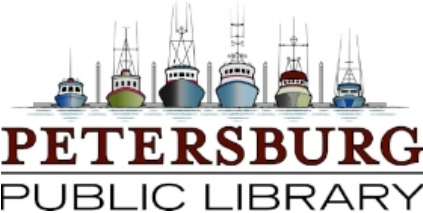
What is Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan?

Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan is a radio show & podcast coming February 2022 on KFSK Public Radio, Apple Podcasts, & Spotify. Learn more about how it came to be and who is part of the show.

Jan 25, 2022

Have an idea to help us improve? We want to hear it! ›

Hours



11am-8pm Monday - Thursday 11am-6pm Friday & Saturday

10/11/2022

Doug,

I was recently made aware through a library staff member that you were concerned that the library no longer held books that you had donated in our collection. The library's policy for accepting gifts is as follows:

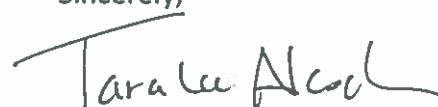
Gifts

The library accepts donations of materials or money to purchase them, with the understanding that gifts to be added to the collection must meet established selection criteria. Gifts not retained for the collection may be given to other libraries, schools, or nonprofit groups, sold, or otherwise disposed of, the choice being the library's entirely.

No condition or restriction on gifts can be honored unless agreed upon by the librarian and donor before delivery of the gift. The library cannot legally appraise gifts for tax purposes. Gifts of money, real property, and/or stock will be accepted if any conditions attached to them are acceptable to the Library Board.

We value your support for our library and I very much apologize if there was misunderstanding with regards to your gift.

Sincerely,



Taralee Alcock, Director
Petersburg Public Library