

The background is a dark, monochromatic photograph of a classical building's facade. At the top, the words "FREE-TO-ALL" are carved in large, bold, capital letters. Below this is a decorative frieze with a repeating geometric pattern. In the center, there is a large, detailed stone sculpture of a woman's head and shoulders, wearing a crown or tiara. The overall tone is somber and historical.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Robert Gallery, Chair*

*9.29.20*

# CHAIR'S REPORT

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➡ **Welcome**

➡ **Roll Call of Trustees**

➡ **Review and Approval of Minutes from 5.26.20**

➡ **Introduce next topic, “President’s Report”**



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MANAGERS

*David Leonard,  
BPL President & Leadership Team*



# Boston Public Library – recent & current status

Open for business!


# Limited In- Person Service Began June 22nd!

Our spaces may have been closed to the public, but the library is still open for business.

*Since March 16:*

- 40260 new e-card registrations
- 129,774 physical holds
- 110,171 physical books picked up
- 1.9 million items borrowed across all digital formats + platforms

# Bringing programming online



All programs have pivoted online;  
nearly 800 since March 16.

Full, sortable calendar available  
at [bpl.org](https://bpl.org)

- Dan Rather, part of the Arc of History series, drew more than 1,000 people – more than could fit in Rabb
- Programs for kids, teens, adults, seniors
- Author talks, yoga, wellness, ESL conversation groups, homework assistance, programs for seniors and far more
- New: Future Readers Club -- online programming to enhance early literacy
- Streaming on Twitch for teen gamers

# Expanded access to materials

## **Larger digital collections:**

- Temporary expansion of digital offerings: eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and music.

## **Recommendation lists**

- Librarians curate lists regularly to help you choose any content you'd like to consume.

## **Shelf Service**

- Personalized recommendations from our staff at [bpl.org/shelf-service](http://bpl.org/shelf-service); live Twitter requests; and children's recommendations live on Facebook.

## **Book groups**

- In-person programs have moved online.

## **Suggest for Purchase**

- Fill out a form to suggest a purchase; librarians will see if we can purchase it for the library.



# Return of core in-person services

## BPL to Go

- Place holds online, via the BPL to Go app, or by phone, and pick them up at the branch of your choice

## Printing to Go

- Upload documents via [bpl.org/printing-to-go](https://bpl.org/printing-to-go); pick up in 72 hours at branches, or 24 hours at Central

## Museum passes to Go

## Computer use

- 10 computers available at Central
- Branches to come
- Reserve in advance at <https://apps.bpl.org/computers>



# Bridging the Digital Divide

## External Wi-Fi Extended at 9 Branches

- Stronger connection, further from the building
- Targeted locations: low broadband adoption rates and suitable space for connecting
  - *Mattapan, Codman, Parker Hill, Hyde Park, Grove Hall, Egleston, East Boston, Honan-Allston, South End*
- Supported through BPL Fund

## Hotspot Lending Program

- New hotspots have been rolled out, significantly reducing current waitlist
- Funding commitment for additional 75 hotspots to keep waitlist low

## Coming up: Chromebook Lending

- In initial stages of planning Chromebook lending
- May pair a portion of the Chromebooks with hotspots to be lent together

# Civic Engagement Support



## **Census**

- Promotion in person and online

## **Elections Support**


- Polling Places
- Early Voting Locations
- Ballot Box Drop off Locations

## **Educational Programming**

## **Digital Programs, local documentation:**

- Oral History Project (NEU)
- Boston Public Art Recording

# We will become an anti-racist institution



- BPL's institutional response to this moment + a formal part of our guiding principles
- Drafted through a multi-step process of vetting, including staff input
- Action plan underway
  - Review of hiring practices + collection development
  - Close alignment with City departments
  - Engaged YW for staff training underway
- Full text: [bpl.org/racial-equity/](https://bpl.org/racial-equity/)

# Key Near Term Priorities



- Youth Engagement
- Workforce Development
- Equity Work:
  - Outreach
  - Digital Equity
  - Get the Word Out
  - Reaching the vulnerable, needy and hard to reach
- Capital improvement
- Fiscal Discipline

# Supporting patrons' economic stability



## Tech Goes Home

- **15 hours** of training via web-based curriculum
- Access to significantly discounted high-speed Internet for qualified participants
- Participants eligible to receive a new Chromebook for optional donation of **\$50**

## Kirstein Business Library + Innovation Center

- Resume review – just email it in to [ask@bpl.org](mailto:ask@bpl.org)
- Skill building classes; salary negotiation workshops; weekly drop in for non-profits; resume writing workshops, and more
- Online resources such as databases to help build your business

# Improving the patron experience through capital projects



## **Roxbury**

- Construction is complete; hoping to open for BPL to Go in late October/November

## **Adams**

- In construction; on track to open for services in spring 2021

## **Roslindale**

- In construction; on track to open for services in Summer 2021

## **Hyde Park**

- In construction; on track to open for services in Spring 2021

## **Faneuil**

- In design; construction to start January 2021

# BPL RACIAL & EQUITY COMMITMENT STATEMENT

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<https://www.bpl.org/racial-equity/>

***VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library for the City of Boston vote to endorse and ratify the Boston Public Library Race and Equity Statement as presented on September 29, 2020.”***



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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## ➡ Fine Forgiveness Extension

## ➡ Art & Architecture Brochure

<https://apps.bpl.org/tourbooklet/>

## ➡ MBLC 2020 Action Plan

*Michael Colford, Director of Library Services*

*VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve to accept the Boston Public Library’s 2020 Action Plan for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.”*

## ➡ The John Adams Library

*Laura Irmscher, Chief of Collections,  
Jay Moschella, Curator of Rare Books*

*Beth Prindle, Head of Special Collections  
Caroline Driscoll, Legal Advisor*



JOHN ADAMS.  
Second President of the United States.



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## FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

*Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Chair*

*Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer*

# FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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## ➡ Review of Boston Public Library Draft Audited Financial Statements for FY20

*Matt Hunt, CliftonLarsonAllen*

*VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the Boston Public Library’s Draft Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020.”*

## ➡ Review of BPL Draft Management Letter for FY19

*Matt Hunt, CliftonLarsonAllen*

*VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to accept the Draft Management Letter for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.”*



# FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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## ➡ Johnson Ceiling Abatement Project

***VOTED: “THAT, THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON VOTE TO DELEGATE APPROVAL OF THE JOHNSON CEILING ABATEMENT PROJECT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) BUT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) TO THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE.”***

## ➡ The Catered Affair Contract Extension

***VOTED: “THAT, THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON EXTEND THE CATERING AND MCKIM RESTAURANT CONTRACT WITH THE CATERED AFFAIR BY A PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS TO NOVEMBER 1, 2022.”***

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- IV. New Business
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Executive Session

*Robert Gallery, Chair*

# VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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*Robert Gallery, Chair  
Caroline Driscoll, Legal Advisor*

- ➡ The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss the legal guardianship of The John Adams Library under Exemption 3 of MA Open Meeting Law.
- ➡ The Clerk will take roll call to vote on entering into an Executive Session; Meeting will be held immediately following adjournment and will not be reconvening in a public session.
- ➡ ***VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to enter into Executive Session.”***



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## VII. Adjournment

*Next meeting held November 17, 2020, 8:30 a.m.*

*Robert Gallery, Chair*