



# BPL STRATEGIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SIGN UP  
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT VIA THE CHAT TAB BY 4:30 P.M.

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*Joyce Linehan, Committee Chair*

4.7.22

# BPL OPENING STATEMENT

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**The Trustees of The Boston Public Library reaffirm our commitment to racial equity and to principles of diversity equity and inclusion, more broadly.**

**The Library is formally committed to becoming an anti-racist organization** in response to systemic racism, inequity, and injustice prevalent in our society.

**We acknowledge also that the Boston Public Library's Central Library stands on land that was once a water-based ecosystem providing sustenance for the indigenous Massachusetts people *and is a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations.*** We are committed to land acknowledgements for all locations at which we operate.

***We reaffirm this commitment to set the context for our planning, deliberations, and public engagement so that they take place from the spirit of welcome and respect, found in our motto 'free to all.'***

*Taken from the Institutional Statement Ratified by the Board of Trustees for the Boston Public Library on September 29, 2020.*

# STRATEGIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Joyce Linehan, Committee Chair

- Welcome Remarks
- Roll Call of Committee Members
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2021

# Principles

Reviewed, refined,  
& reordered

- Becoming an anti-racist organization and building a culture of respect
- Programs & services that build and maintain equity
- Build, maintain & activate collections
- Expand our reach, awareness and impact; with fiscal sustainability
- Inspiring spaces, well maintained and modern infrastructure
- Create patron and staff connections & services through technology
- Expect the unexpected

# Programs & Services Focus

- Youth Engagement
  - Early Literacy
  - STEM/STEAM
  - Homework Assistance/Educational Support
  - Career Preparedness
  - Outreach
- Workforce Development
  - ESL
  - Digital Literacy
  - Workforce Preparedness/Development
  - Career/Vocational Counseling
  - KBLIC/Community Learning

# Strategic Partnerships

- Major Affiliates
- Statewide Library Relationships
- Key Sector Partners:
  - Arts & Culture
  - Education & Universities
  - Civic Engagement & Human Services

## **A.R.T.**

- Past: Arboretum Experience
- Present: 1776 support

## **Pine Street**

- Drop-in hours at Central on Tuesdays for referral assistance, support at branches.

## **Boston Globe**

- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration programs

## **Museum of Science**

- Summer Reading Program support.
- Passes for Staff – Possible Librarian Night at the MoS to educate our staff about new exhibitions
- Passes for the public

## **Simmons College**

- Work Study Program

## **Company One**

- Production of *Black Super Here Magic Mama* at Rabb Hall
- Workshops at the branches

## **Grub Street**

- Writing workshops

## **Benjamin Franklin Institute**

- Office hours at Roxbury

## **Tech Goes Home**

- Tech classes at branches and Central

## **Massachusetts Trial Court – Access to Justice Initiative**

- Providing equal access to the court system for the public

# **Neighborhood Services & Branches**

- Local Programs
- Local Outreach
- Aligning Friends Groups with the Branch Librarian & Team



# Local Programs

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- Storytime at the Brighton Branch



# Local Outreach

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- Outreach at the YMCA in Oak Square







**Friends Groups**  
Parker Hill Friends Celebrated staff for Valentine's Day



# Outreach

- Outreach as services outside the buildings
- Outreach as localized Marketing/  
Relationship Building
- Outreach as targeted to specialized populations

# New Business

**BOSTON  
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LIBRARY**



*Joyce Linehan, Committee Chair*

# Public Comment

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