



PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

May 27, 2025

5:15 p.m.

Hybrid

Approved: June 24, 2025

Call to Order

Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Bob Brown, Jaci Eiquihua, Linda Hart (virtual), Scott Kniefel, Amy Roberts, Jane Sandberg

Members absent: Steve Borst (excused)

Staff present: April Spisak, Supervising Librarian; Kora Daelyn, Librarian I; Elise Schuh, Administrative Services Coordinator

Approval of April 22, 2025, Minutes

5:16 p.m.

MOTION: Board Member Bob Brown moved to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Scott Kniefel seconded it and it passed (6-0).

Business from the Commission

5:17 p.m.

Brown inquired about any response to the letter of support presented at the May 14, 2025 City Council Meeting. Roberts noted that there was some support expressed immediately following the meeting, but she will be following up to determine if there are any additional questions or comments.

Board Member Jaci Eiquihua thanked Roberts for writing and presenting the letter.

Staff Updates

5:20 p.m.

Roberts welcomed Librarian I Kora Daelyn, who introduced herself and provided an update on the Tween services offered by the library.

In addition to a designated tween space and a dedicated middle grade collection, the library hosts two tween-specific programs each month: Tween Thursdays, which has become a popular hangout featuring a variety of activities throughout the year, and the Tween Book Club, which has consistently reached full capacity.

In response to questions from Board Member Jane Sandberg, Daelyn shared that the library is collaborating with an artist to create a balanced art display that is both fun and engaging for the tween

age group. She also noted plans to expand the middle grade section, with a focus on growing the graphic novel, manga, and nonfiction collections.

Roberts and Eiquihua thanked her for her work with the tween group.

Supervising Librarian April Spisak shared several updates on the Summer Reading Program.

The program officially kicks off on Saturday, May 31. Promotional materials and reading logs—many featuring a whimsical, book-hoarding dragon—have been printed and are ready for distribution. Throughout June, the library will host an ongoing event inviting patrons to help name the dragon.

This year, the library is also partnering with three satellite locations to expand access to the Summer Reading Program for children who may not be able to visit the library during the week. In response to a question from Roberts, Spisak noted that while these locations do not have permanent collections for check-out, she will visit each site periodically over the summer to distribute prizes.

Spisak also provided a brief update on the State Library budget. State Ready to Read funds are secured for one more year; however, there will be no state grants available for the 2025–26 fiscal year, including the Summer Intern grant the Albany Public Library had planned to apply for. Funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) remains uncertain.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on June 24, 2025.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Roberts adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elise Schuh
Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by,



Eric Ikenoye
Library Director

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@albanyoregon.gov.*