MINUTES

September 22, 2026
5:15 p.m.
Hybrid
Approved: October 27, 2026

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present:	Steve Borst, Jaci Eiquihua, Douglas Hambley, Linda Hart, Amy Roberts, Jane Sandberg
Staff present:	Eric Ikenouye, Library Director; April Spisak, Supervising Librarian; Elise Schuh, Administrative Services Coordinator

Approval of August 25, 2026, Minutes **5:16 p.m.**

MOTION: Board member Linda Hart moved to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Jaci Eiquihua seconded it, and it passed, with Board Members Douglas Hambley and Jane Sandberg abstaining (4-0).

Business from the Commission **5:17 p.m.**

Roberts provided an update on the recent Albany Public Library Foundation meeting and shared information about upcoming programs.

Hambley shared that he will be presenting on the Albany Civic Theater at an upcoming Friends of the Library program.

Staff Updates **5:19 p.m.**

Supervising Librarian April Spisak provided an overview of the completed Summer Reading Program, which saw a record number of registrants, numerous popular programs, and the introduction of a new mascot and trading cards.

In response to questions from the Board, Spisak shared that partner agencies for this year's program included GAPS, the YMCA, the Boys & Girls Club, and Jackson Street Youth Services. In the Children's Department, approximately 8% of participants are non-

residents. Spisak noted that no discussion or decision has taken place regarding potential restrictions on participant eligibility in future years.

Sandberg congratulated Spisak on an amazing year of Summer Reading.

Library Director Eric Ikenouye provided an update on recent and upcoming programs, including Festival Latino, Comic Book Day, the Model Train Show, and the Fall Seed Swap.

In response to questions from the Board, Ikenouye reported that the Library of Things remains very popular.

There were no new updates regarding the vacant Library Board position.

In response to a question from Board Member Steve Borst, Ikenouye shared that a decision has not been made regarding the recent $10,000 grant from the Carnegie Foundation. One consideration is using the funds for facility repairs.

Roberts reminded the Library Board of the upcoming Citizens Advisory Group Appreciation event.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on October 27, 2026.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Roberts adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Schuh
Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by,

Eric Ikenouye
Library Director

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