

Bastrop Public Library Board Agenda
Bastrop Public Library Pressley Meeting Room
1100 Church Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-8880



September 14, 2026
Agenda - Public Library Board at 6:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to the City Manager for research and possible future action. Profanity, physical or other threats are not allowed and may subject the speaker to loss of the time for comment, and if disruptive to the conduct of business, could result in removal of the speaker.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3A. Recognition of Library Board Members' Service presentation.

4. MINUTE APPROVAL

[4A.](#) Consider action to approve Bastrop Public Library minutes from August 3, 2026, regular meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5A. The 2026 Boards & Commissions Banquet will take place on Monday, November 9th at the Convention Center.

5B. Due to popularity within the community, the library has changed operational hours and will be opening at 10:00 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

5C. Announcements from the Library Director.

5D. Announcements from individual board members.

5E. Announcements from Planning & Zoning liaison.

6. REPORTS

[6A.](#) Director's report.

[6B.](#) Statistics report.

[6C.](#) Financial report.

7. WORKSHOP

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

[8A.](#) Consider action to approve the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for fiscal year 2027.

[8B.](#) Discuss and approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Library Board meeting calendar.

8C. Individual requests from Library Board members for items to be listed on future agendas.

9. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, www.cityofbastrop.org and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 2:45 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/Bonnie Ueckert Pierson

Bonnie Ueckert Pierson, Library Director

Bastrop Public Library Board Minutes
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August 03, 2026
Minutes - Public Library Board at 6:00 PM

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Library Board Members Present

Chair Meagan Webb
 Vice Chair Rebecca Bennett
 Secretary Nancy Wood
 Board Member Rachelle Caviness
 Board Member Ashley Johnson

Guests, Liaisons, and Staff Present

Library Director Bonnie Pierson
 City Council Liaison Perry Lowe

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

- 3A. Consider action to approve Bastrop Public Library minutes from June 1, 2026, regular meeting.

A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Wood to accept the minutes from the June 1 meeting as submitted; the motion was seconded by Board Member Ashley Johnson and approved by members present.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4A. The Bastrop Public Library's annual Volunteer Dinner will take place on Monday, August 24th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- 4B. The library will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day. As such, the next library board meeting will take place on Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m.
- 4C. The 2026 Boards & Commissions Banquet will take place on Monday, November 9th at the Convention Center.
- 4D. Announcements from the Library Director.

Library Director attended the City Volunteer Fair and met two possible candidates for vacant board positions

The Mobility Hub grant submission passed the City Council and has been submitted to CARTS.

BISD's Library Access for All grant runs through December or when money is depleted; response to applications is faster now.

- 4E. Announcements from individual board members.
- 4F. Announcements from Planning & Zoning liaison.

5. REPORTS

- 5A. Director's report.

Silver Solutions continues into the Fall on Saturdays. The program was well received this summer.

- 5B. Statistics report.
- 5C. Financial report.
- 5D. Library Interest Survey Results Summary.

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. WORKSHOP

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A. Discuss and approve the formation of a Nominating Committee for executive positions elections.

A motion to approve a Nominating Committee consisting of Board Chair Meagan Webb, Board Member Rachelle Caviness, and Secretary Nancy Wood to recommend executive positions for the coming year was made by Vice Chair Rebecca Bennett and seconded by Board Member Ashley Johnson. The motion was approved by members present. The committee is to present the slate for approval at the September meeting.

- 8B. Individual requests from Library Board members for items to be listed on future agendas.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wood, Secretary

Meagan Webb, Chair



MEETING DATE: September 14, 2026

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

On Tuesday, July 28th, the library participated in Bastrop ISD's Back to School Bash at Cedar Creek High School, staffing an informational booth for the community. Youth Services Librarian Eva Bunker and Adult Services Librarian Rozanna Bennett represented the library at the event, where 556 attendees stopped by to pick up programming calendars and branded swag. The outreach event gave the library a chance to connect with families ahead of the new school year and raise awareness of upcoming programs and services.

On Thursday, August 18th, Youth Services Librarian Eva Bunker led Teen Thursday's Cardboard Battle, a program that drew fifteen teen participants. Attendees spent most of the session designing and building their own cardboard armor, then tested their creations in a series of Capture the Flag battles during the final quarter-hour of the program.

The library's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner took place on Monday, August 24th from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The Friends of the Library secured a donation of twenty pounds of sausage links from Southside Barbeque, and the library provided additional entrées, refreshments, sides, and desserts. Some staff and volunteers contributed to the spread as well. A total of thirty-three adult and teen volunteers attended. Library staff is beyond grateful for all the help the volunteers are constantly contributing to make the library a better place.

Knitting has become such a popular program for us! A selection of regulars wanted to develop a fiber arts program that expanded beyond knitting and crochet to include other crafts, and it was decided that there was enough community interest need to develop this expansion. Now, in addition to the previous Knitting and Crochet groups—which have now rebranded to Stitchcraft Society, which meets Friday afternoons and Tuesday evenings, as well as Knitters Nook, which meets Tuesday afternoons. So far it has been going very well, and both groups are excited for the direction and growth of the programs. After the first three sessions since making changes, the library welcomed eighty-four attendees across the fiber arts programs

Coffee & Friends was all about First Aid in August, thanks to a Coffee & Friends regular possessing a vast history and education on the topic that volunteered to lead it. The first session was about accidents and basic first aid. She ran a scenario where volunteers pretended to have certain things wrong with them, and she walked the group through how to handle each

emergency. The second session was on burns, how to recognize which level of burn you may have, and how to treat them. The series was well received, and everyone seemed to learn a lot. Forty people attended the four sessions throughout the month.

NOTEWORTHY:

AARP Worker Dale Young's last day at the library was Wednesday, August 5th.

Nicole Davenport began working at the library on Wednesday, August 19th as the Children's Services Associate.

Executive Administrative Assistant Veronica Nunez celebrated five years with the library on Sunday, August 23rd.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Personnel

Important Library Board Dates

- Thursday, October 1st: New terms begin
- Monday, November 9th: Board and Commission Banquet at the Convention Center for service recognition

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:

"[The Escape Room] was so much fun. We had a great time last year and just had to come back. Our friends were so surprised when we told them this was something our library did."

- Patron

"I love the pacing [of the Saturday Sewing Class]"

- Sewing Class attendee

Hi Bonnie,

Thank you again for allowing us to film at the Bastrop Public Library. We truly appreciate your kindness, flexibility, and help in making everything possible. The library was a wonderful location, and we're so grateful to you and your team for welcoming us.

Best,
Elizabeth Lloyd

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Statistics - July 2026

Item 6B.

Community Engagement	Q1	Q2	Q3	JUL	AUG	SEP	Q4	YTD 26	YTD25	TOTAL 25
Circs By Patron Type										
Juv	982	1,250	1,725	927			927	4,884	4,244	5,075
Teen	252	329	367	119			119	1,067	344	552
Adult	6,126	5,889	7,445	2,943			2,943	22,403	20,325	24,546
Staff	238	234	303	88			88	863	1,070	1,226
NR Juv	732	549	705	185			185	2,171	2,696	3,281
NR Teen	178	59	303	145			145	685	731	840
NR Adult	16,685	16,995	18,813	7,068			7,068	59,561	50,488	63,272
TexShare	160	158	279	91			91	688	464	564
Spanish Circs	18	6	0	7			7	31	46	52
Total NR Usage	17,755	17,761	20,100	7,489			7,489	63,105	54,379	67,957
% NR Usage	70%	70%	67%	65%			65%	69%	68%	68%
% Spanish Usage	0%	0%	0%	0%			0%	0%	0%	0%
Programming										
Early Childhood - # of Programs	27	34	35	13			13	109	104	123
Early Childhood - Program Attendance	1,184	1,549	1,499	578			578	4,810	4,488	5,454
Youth - # of Programs	10	8	22	10			10	50	68	74
Youth - Program Attendance	151	159	581	126			126	1,017	2,509	2,616
Young Adults - # of Programs	33	37	35	13			13	118	93	118
Young Adults - Program Attendance	315	309	362	122			122	1,108	831	1,077
Adults - # of Programs	61	71	82	25			25	239	232	277
Adults - Program Attendance	548	681	568	166			166	1,963	1,731	2,151
General - # of Programs	3	0	9	30			30	42	55	57
General - Program Attendance	342	0	436	401			401	1,179	1,661	1,710
Outreach - # of Programs	3	5	1	1			1	10	13	13
Outreach - Program Attendance	1,358	354	44	556			556	2,312	2,654	2,654
Passive - Coloring Sheets	1,359	2,371	1,433	315			315	5,478	5,129	6,046
Total # of Programs	137	155	184	92			92	568	565	662
Total Program Attendance	3,898	3,052	3,490	1,949			1,949	12,389	13,874	15,662
Membership - Cards										
City	105	116	166	57			57	444	411	522
City Renewals	176	228	250	101			101	755	696	860
Faculty	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0
Faculty Renewals	0	0	5	2			2	7	6	6
Friends	0	0	0	0			0	0	3	3
Friends Renewals	4	2	2	0			0	8	7	9
Staff	2	2	3	0			0	7	8	10
Staff Renewals	3	9	6	3			3	21	12	15
Nonresident	143	156	202	80			80	581	556	677
Nonresident Discount	51	66	52	16			16	185	105	132
Nonresident Family	2	2	1	2			2	7	15	18
Nonresident Renewals	247	290	353	126			126	1,016	926	1,141
TexShare Visitor	6	8	5	0			0	19	24	28
TexShare Visitor Renewals	6	2	7	0			0	15	18	19
Total New Registrations	256	282	376	137			137	1,051	1,002	1,390
Total Renewals	436	531	623	232			232	1,822	1,665	2,050

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Spanish	2	2	3	3			3	11	12	14
Spanish Renewals	0	1	0	0			0	1	0	2
TexShare Home New	1	0	2	4			4	7	2	2
TexShare Home Renewals	10	20	5	4			4	39	27	33
<u>Facility</u>										
Door Count	19,382	22,777	23,668	8,408			8,408	74,235	70,773	85,792
Hours Open	546	589	612	216			216	1,963	1,984	2,407
Study Room Use	440	487	480	194			194	1,601	1,582	1,960
Pressley Use - Library	77	95	98	27			27	297	273	323
Pressley Use - Nonprofit	25	32	18	3			3	78	91	112
Pressley Use - Other	14	23	13	1			1	51	47	52
Maynard Use - Library	69	44	56	30			30	199	285	349
Maynard Use - Nonprofit	10	20	12	2			2	44	72	83
Maynard Use - Other	4	15	8	1			1	28	14	19
Total Meeting Room Use	639	716	685	258			0	2,298	2,364	2,898

History & Culture	Q1	Q2	Q3	JUL	AUG	SEP	Q4	YTD 26	YTD 25	TOTAL 25
Partnerships	6	16	34	16			16	72	29	36
Special Displays	1	0	0	0			0	1	1	1
Documents Digitized	0	0	0	0			0	0	282	422

Lifelong Learning	Q1	Q2	Q3	JUL	AUG	SEP	Q4	YTD 26	YTD 25	TOTAL 25
<u>Database Use</u>										
Portal to Texas History - Bastrop Advertiser	8,268	12,262	9,185	7,721			7,721	37,436	25,433	31,526
Heritage Quest	191	309	252	188			188	940	406	840
Learning Express Library	15	15	20	7			7	57	54	67
Gale Databases	562	567	486	188			188	1,803	1,970	2,339
Mango Languages	141	106	112	39			39	398	562	654
Total General Use Databases Sessions	718	688	618	234			234	2,258	2,586	3,060
<u>Technology</u>										
Kids Computer Use	110	156	223	95			95	584	430	508
Teen Computer Use	10	18	50	19			19	97	92	114
Adult Computer Use	1,673	2,113	1,808	624			624	6,218	5,754	6,993
Wifi Use	4,841	5,074	5,504	1,862			1,862	17,281	16,412	19,697
Website Visits	12,791	15,689	16,936	5,711			5,711	51,127	46,766	56,320
Total Public Computer Use	1,793	2,287	2,081	738			738	6,899	6,276	7,615

Books & Reading	Q1	Q2	Q3	JUL	AUG	SEP	Q4	YTD 26	YTD 25	TOTAL 25
<u>Material Use</u>										
Check-Outs - Kids	8,533	8,086	9,574	3,523			3,523	29,716	26,763	33,049
Check-Outs - Tween	7,071	7,344	9,315	3,925			3,925	27,655	24,829	30,541
Check-Outs - Teen	1,468	1,246	1,807	751			751	5,272	4,835	5,775
Check-Outs - Adult	8,171	8,731	9,196	3,318			3,318	29,416	29,944	35,988
Honor Paperbacks	44	30	33	7			7	114	102	175
Renewals	10,238	9,515	10,340	4,090			4,090	34,183	31,900	38,880

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In-House Use	5,358	6,024	6,908	2,591			2,591	20,881	17,678	21,542
Self-Check	4,665	4,951	5,730	2,387			2,387	17,733	16,101	19,843
Electronic Devices	79	61	76	31			31	247	280	330
OverDrive eBooks - Kids	394	346	354	138			138	1,232	848	1,089
OverDrive eBooks - Teen	236	162	193	44			44	635	607	782
OverDrive eBooks - Adults	1,818	1,996	2,011	728			728	6,553	6,486	7,854
OverDrive eAudio - Kids	287	299	287	95			95	968	811	934
OverDrive eAudio - Teen	202	211	267	70			70	750	610	730
OverDrive eAudio - Adults	2,230	2,592	2,701	911			911	8,434	6,767	8,217
eRead Texas	188	0	334	118			118	640	504	665
Total Checkouts	36,079	37,128	43,056	16,250			16,250	132,513	118,241	147,684

Interlibrary Loan

ILL Borrowed	21	36	35	12			12	104	99	111
ILL Lent	41	43	35	18			18	137	123	153

Collection

Items Added - E, 1st Readers	50	122	164	52			52	388	584	787
Items Added - Board Books	0	0	46	9			9	55	21	103
Items Added - J	74	268	413	46			46	801	760	874
Items Added - Teens	19	75	115	24			24	233	192	224
Items Added - Adults	183	338	497	326			326	1,344	1,312	1,575
Items Added - Magazines	92	89	107	23			23	311	267	332
Items Withdrawn	747	383	623	127			127	1,880	2,512	2,934
Missing Items	41	5	2	0			0	48	124	132
Total Items Added	418	892	1,342	480			480	3,132	3,136	3,895

Culture of Service	Q1	Q2	Q3	JUL	AUG	SEP	Q4	YTD 26	YTD 25	TOTAL 25
Reference Transactions										
General Reference Questions (ENG)	2,932	3,517	3,435	922			922	10,806	11,095	13,228
Directional Questions (ENG)	563	740	866	300			300	2,469	2,441	3,001
Tech Support Questions (ENG)	2,216	2,639	2,905	986			986	8,746	8,082	9,986
Tests Proctored (ENG)	3	0	2	0			0	5	6	7
Tech Tutor (ENG)	47	79	63	15			15	204	179	201
General Reference Questions (ESP)	70	29	38	17			17	163	160	201
Directional Questions (ESP)	9	5	3	5			5	31	32	45
Tech Support Questions (ESP)	40	18	25	12			12	100	99	123
Tests Proctored (ESP)	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0
Tech Tutor (ESP)	0	2	2	0			0	4	7	8
Total Reference Transactions	5,880	7,052	7,339	2,257			2,257	22,528	22,101	26,800
Total Spanish Reference Transactions	119	77	68	34			34	298	298	377
% Spanish Reference Transactions	2%	1%	1%	2%			2%	1%	2%	1%

Volunteers

Volunteer Hours	487.70	385.60	424.82	170.50			170.50	1,468.62	1,774.68	2,051.43
FOL Volunteer Hours	155.35	169.00	221.25	61.25			61.25	606.85	803.97	913.37
Teen Volunteer Hours	162.40	122.25	160.95	44.00			44.00	489.60	840.33	942.38
Total Volunteer Hours	805.45	676.85	807.02	275.75			275.75	2,565.07	3,418.98	3,907.18

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Social Media

Facebook Page Likes	4,595	4,234	4,560	4,644			4,644	4,491	3,874	3,902
Facebook Engaged	890	2,771	2,409	245			245	6,399	6,012	6,253
Facebook Reach	17,468	48,580	52,537	24,501			24,501	162,360	112,057	123,405
Instagram Followers	1,498	1,517	1,544	1,562			1,562	1,527	1,361	1,378
Instagram Profile Activity	137	221	142	69			69	534	739	849
Instagram Reach	1,172	1,302	1,147	413			413	5,275	6,325	7,432

Savannah Stats

# of Emails Composed	69	47	41	13			13	172	335	377
# of Messages Sent	18,910	23,856	23,954	5,984			5,984	84,553	79,455	80,450
Opens	9,115	12,168	11,416	2,999			2,999	46,989	44,245	44,822
Open %	49%	48%	47%	50%			50%	53%	54%	54%
Clicks	587	653	786	142			142	2,344	2,177	2,334



FINANCIAL REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2026

TITLE:
Financial report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:
Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

1. The library's total non-donation revenue from October 1, 2025, through August 20, 2026, is \$53,492.99
 - a. Nonresidential: \$40,900.00
 - b. Material fines, fees, and replacement cards: \$3,292.37
 - c. Printing: \$8,179.42
 - d. Paypal: \$1,121.62
2. The library's total non-donation revenue from July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026, is \$6,134.24
 - a. Nonresidential: \$4,960.00
 - b. Material, fines, fees, and replacement cards: \$225.89
 - c. Printing: \$948.35
 - d. Paypal: \$0.00
3. Notable library donation revenue from July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026, is \$0.00



MEETING DATE: September 14, 2025

TITLE:

Consider action to approve the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for fiscal year 2027.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

SUMMARY:

The nominating committee will present proposed Library Board officers for fiscal year 2027.



MEETING DATE: September 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:
Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

RECOMMENDED MEETING DATES:

1. October 5, 2026
2. November 2, 2026
3. December 7, 2026
4. January 4, 2027
5. February 1, 2027
6. March 1, 2027
7. April 5, 2027
8. May 3, 2027
9. June 7, 2027
10. No Meeting In July
11. August 2, 2027
12. September 13, 2027
 - a. Second Monday of the month to avoid Labor Day