

Library Board Agenda

May 05, 2026

5:30 PM

Chairperson: Alexandria Bennett
Vice-Chairperson: Lori Pelkey
Board Members: Pat Rufo and Vacancies (2)
Meeting Location: Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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2. *The City Hall Council Chambers are handicapped accessible. Persons with disabilities wishing accommodation, including assisted listening devices, sign language assistance or interpreter services, are requested to contact the City Recorder, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date. If a meeting is held with less than 48 hours' notice, reasonable effort shall be made to have an interpreter present. The requirement does not apply to an emergency meeting as per ORS 192.630(5).*
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE. (Please limit presentation to two minutes per issue.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2026**

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTING AN EXPIRING LIBRARY BOARD TERM**

STAFF REPORT:

Exhibit A: Application for Alexandria Bennett

ACTION: MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THEY REAPPOINT ALEXANDRIA BENNETT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2030.

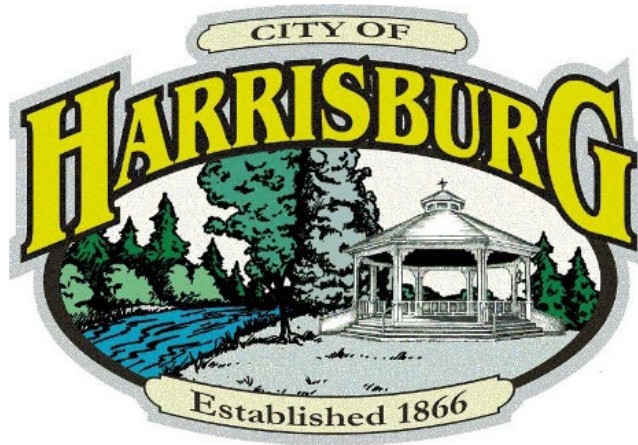
- 3. THE MATTER OF DISCUSSING LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

STAFF REPORT:

Exhibits: None

ACTION: DISCUSSION ONLY

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Library Board Minutes
March 3, 2026

Chairperson: Alexandria Bennett
 Board Members: Madison Stepherson and Pat Rufo
 Board Members Absent: Danielle Pedersen and Lori Pelkey
 Staff Members: Library Supervisor Cathy Nelson, Librarian Amanda Pelkey, and Librarian Edith Carter
 Meeting Location: Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Chairperson Alexandria Bennett at the hour of 5:31pm.

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE: None present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No comments or concerns.

- Stepherson motioned to approve November 4, 2025, Library Board Minutes and was seconded by Rufo. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0. (Yes: Rufo, Bennett, and Stepherson. No: None.)

THE MATTER OF DISCUSSING LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The following programs were discussed:

Crafting Club: Program is going well. They have some new members.

Teen Book Club: No longer being held due to lack of involvement.

Story Time: The FFA came and did a story time activity. Lori Pelkey is the main volunteer and leading the program.

Baby Story Time: Growing nicely, they have 8-17 participants.

Lego Club: Still going and still looking for a volunteer to help lead.

Movie Night: Movie license was approved, and the board discussed a soft opening during Spring Break.

Grief Support: The Board discussed the letter that was sent from Cheryl Spangler regarding the changes in Grief Support Group. The group has added an additional meeting in Junction City, has accepted monetary and physical good donations, and has been asking for sponsors from businesses without prior approval. The group is growing and the board feels that at this point, it no longer qualifies as a library program. Nelson will draft a letter and send it to the board for approval.

Others:

- Summer Reading Program will be from June 12th through August 7th. The theme is “Plant A Seed, Read”. Volunteers need to run the end of summer carnival.
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2026.

With no further discussion, the Library Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:03pm.

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Harrisburg Library Board
Harrisburg, Oregon

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THIS AGENDA BILL IS DESTINED FOR: Regular Agenda May 5, 2026

BUDGET IMPACT		
COST	BUDGETED?	SOURCE OF FUNDS
NO	N/A	N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

For the Library Board to recommend applicant Alexandria Bennett to the City Council for reappointment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

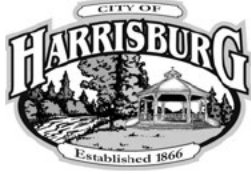
The Library Board has a term ending on June 30th, 2026 held by Incumbent, Alexandra (Ali) Bennett. Bennett is interested in serving another four-year term and has submitted her application (**Exhibit A**).

Bennett was first appointed on March 14, 2023, to the Library Board. She has been an instrumental part of several programs and is currently the Board Chairperson. Bennett states in her application that the Board has been a wonderful way to be more involved in the community and she wants to continue to do her best to serve the community and to assist the Librarians.

The Library Board currently has two vacancies after the resignation of Board Members, Danielle Pederson and Madison Stepherson.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

<i>Cathy Nelson</i>	4/24/2026
Cathy Nelson/Library Supervisor	Date



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BOARD & COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORM

Planning Commission, Budget Committee, and Library Board

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Are you a Harrisburg resident? Yes No

Employment:

In which position are you interested?*

Tell us why you would like to be included on the Board or Committee of your choice and what you will contribute:

I would love to continue on the library board, because the last few years on the board have been a really wonderful way to be more involved with my community. I think that our board has changed in the last few years and has become more inquisitive, gaining more knowledge to help our librarians. I enjoy helping create ideas and adding on to the great ideas others have. I want to continue doing my best on this board to serve my community and help the Harrisburg librarians!

Please list any schooling, hobbies, prior experience or any other information that would indicate how you would contribute to the Board or Committee.

I have two degrees and wanting to get into school at LBCC for Diagnostic Imaging. I teach yoga in Junction city. I like to stay busy and help as much as I can!

Please list a personal/professional reference that we may contact:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Relation to you:

By providing your signature below, you acknowledge that you are the applicant for the committee position and authorize the City to contact your references.

*Please be aware that candidates for Planning Commission are subject to State Ethic Law Requirements. For further information on ethics laws and what the requirements are, please ask for Lori Ross, City Recorder.

**Please submit completed applications to PO Box 378, Harrisburg, Oregon 97446 or in person at 354 Smith St or by emailing to lross@ci.harrisburg.or.us.

