

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD

Regular Meeting

January 28, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Lisa Depew, Zaira Sanchez, and Lori Davis present to form a quorum. Also present was Mark Rose, Library Director, Josh Roberts City Council Liaison. Aries Woodward, Alcazar, Nayeli Rubio and Maddix Medrano of the Youth Advisory Committee - Library Board were also present.

2. READING OF MINUTES

A. November 19, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. LIBRARIANS REPORT

Mr. Rose reviewed the 2nd Quarter Statistical Report. A question about interlibrary loan was raised, Mr. Rose explained that these are items that come from within the Sage system inbound be items for our customers and out bound be our items go to serve patron in other Sage libraries. In reviewing programs Mr. Rose discussed the effort to create "Little Wiggles" that will begin in February, for newborns to 3 yr olds. Budget is on track for the year.

Mr. Rose then discussed the monthly report, beginning with library staffing. In addition to the positions mentioned in the report, another 10 hour a week page will begin soon, funded by a Federal Grant administered by WorkSource Oregon.

Use of the OCF fund was then discussed. Mr. Rose plans to add \$3,000 to next years budget from OCF for some type of programming. The board will be able to give input on the use of this funding in the coming years.

Mr. Rose announced that he expects to retire at about the end of summer 2026. Because of this he asked for input from the board on the value of conducting strategic planning when another Director comes on board in less than a year. The Board discussed this at length concluding that it would be good for the library and the new director to have this in place. The last two strategic plans were reviewed, and the use of an outside facilitator was also discussed. Mr. Rose will speak with the District Director and a few others he is familiar with about helping us with this task. The Strategic Plan group will include invites to a library staff member, Friends of the Library members, 2 library board members, an invitation to the Youth Advisory Committee, and possibly other members of the community.

7. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

The calendar for 2026 will be sent out.

Ms. Depew noted that the election of board officers was not conducted in July and needs to be addressed.

8. NEXT MEETING

A. February 25, 2026

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.