



# LIBRARY BOARD

City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 180 NE 2nd Street

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September 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM

## AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. READING OF MINUTES
  - [A.](#) July 24, 2024
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. LIBRARIANS REPORT
  - [A.](#) September Report
7. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD
8. NEXT MEETING
  - [A.](#) October 23, 20
9. ADJOURN

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# HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD

Regular Meeting

July 24, 2024

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Lisa Depew, with Casey Hinkley, and Lori Davis present to form a quorum. Also present was Mark Rose, Library Director.

## 2. READING OF MINUTES

A. June 26, 2024

The minutes were approved written.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

## 6. LIBRARIANS REPORT

A. Annual Statistics Report

The report shows an increase in e-book circulation like the decrease in overall circulation. Mr. Rose stated that the library will need to begin understanding more about this circulation increase as it may portend the future of library service.

B. Directors Report

Mr. Rose presented the timeline for moving out of the library. The board expressed concern that signs posted in the library are small and may not be noticed.

Members of the board asked to understand the departure of Mr. Peterson from the board. While his health difficulties make his experience other than he would like, his input and comments are appreciated, his absence will be felt.

## 7. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Mrs. Depew noted that a family celebration falls on the next scheduled meeting of the library board. It was recommended that if a meeting space was available one week earlier, we make that change. Mr. Rose will investigate that availability and set the meeting time for the next meeting to reflect the desired change.

## 8. NEXT MEETING

A. September 18, 2024 (change in date as requested)

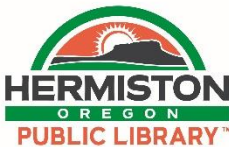
## 9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm. philosophical

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# Directors Report

September 2024



**SRP** – The result of the summer reading program is as follows:

Desert View	15261
Highland Hills	8457
Loma Vista	10241
Rocky Heights	2467
Sunset	3441
West Park	6364

To energize Summer Reading for next year we plan to bring back a kickoff party. We are planning a Hermiston Summer Resource/Reading Fair. I’ve spoken with the City Manager and the Director of Parks & Recreation to hold this in the Senior Center on the Friday immediately after school ends. We plan to involve as many community organizations as possible, 4-H, FAA, the bowling alley, theater, and many more.

**Staffing** - The staff is getting settled in the Carnegie building, having the summer intern/page positions was a big help. Leeann, our cataloger, is on sick leave for the rest of this month due to an emergent hernia condition. I’ve asked one of the pages familiar with some of her duties to continue for one additional month.

## Renovation Project

- Demolition has not begun as certain details continue to be fine-tuned, materials and costs, as well as contracts.
- Move went well,
  - Fortunately, our storage space was able to accommodate our need for some additional space
  - The staff biggest complaint of the actual move was having to wait

- The hired crew were very appreciated and really worked very hard
- Carnegie
  - We are a functioning library, borrowing from other libraries is now happening.
  - 2 chairs are now in the space for the public.
  - We could have accommodated a slightly larger collection; this offers room for growth during renovations.
  - Some issues with equipment have occurred and are being resolved.
  - Programming at city hall is working
- Renovation planning now addresses furnishing the interior of the library. I am working with a firm out of Spokane that assisted in the furnishing of City Hall.
- Byron recently informed me of a significant donation from AWS to fund our maker space