



CITY OF SWEET HOME LIBRARY BOARD AGENDA

June 12, 2025, 4:30 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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Meeting Information

The City of Sweet Home does not typically utilize a live-stream for its meetings but can upon request; please contact cpretty@sweethomeor.gov to request a link at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Review & Approval of Minutes

- a) [2025-05-08 Library Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Report of the Library Services Director

- a) [Report of the Library Director for May/June 2025](#)
- b) [LACL Conference Summary](#)

Statistics

- a) [Statistical Report May/June 2025](#)

Fiscal Report

Old Business

New Business

- a) [SHPL June 2025 Newsletter](#)
- b) Library needs assessment discussion

Adjournment



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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Eva Journey
Vice Chair Kelsey Hicks
Board Member Jen Castaneda
Board Member Jim Corley
Board Member Caryn Wise

COUNCIL

Councilor Chelsea Augsburger, Council Liaison

STAFF

Megan Dazey, Library Services Director
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager
Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager

Review & Approval of Minutes

- a) 2025-04-10 Library Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Castaneda moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Library Board Meeting. Board Member Corley seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Journey, Hicks, Castaneda, Corley, Wise

NAY: None

Report of the Library Services Director

- a) Report of Library Director April/May 2025

Director Dazey stated that approximately 300 titles had been moved to the new tween section to date. She noted that circulation statistics had improved on tween books following the move. She noted that the picnic table had been restored and was well-used for its intended purposes. She stated that grant funds totaling \$10,000 were received to move forward with a new ADA-compliant door. She added that she intended to host community conversations about additional accommodations that may be desired by the community.

Chair Journey asked of the anticipated cost for the door. Director Dazey replied that they were in the process of securing quotes but anticipated it would be between \$3,000 and \$7,000. Chair Journey asked

of enhancing ADA access to the front door. Director Dazey replied that the age and layout of the building may make such a project cost-prohibitive.

Director Dazey stated that staff anticipated having the summer activity calendar ready the following week and it would include countywide events. She noted that the summer reading theme was "Level Up at Your Library." She stated that funding was recently pulled from a grant program to assist local youth to create a video about combatting misinformation. She noted that she was looking at additional grants to acquire more books for tweens and kids in the summer reading program. She highlighted that she attended the Oregon Library Association Conference in Eugene in April and that she presented on public library/school partnerships.

Chair Journey asked Director Dazey to highlight her upcoming participation in Libraries Advancing Community Learning to Reduce Substance Use. Director Dazey stated that she was selected to receive a full travel stipend to the meeting in Kansas City, at which a select group of librarians would begin writing a workbook advising libraries on substance use reduction through therapeutic use of literature (bibliotherapy).

No action was required for this item.

Statistics

a) Library Statistics for April 2025

Director Dazey stated that statistics were on track to be the same or better than the previous year and noted an uptick in visitors with the temporary Native American exhibit.

No action was required for this item.

Fiscal Report

There was no fiscal report to be heard.

Old Business

There was no old business to be heard.

New Business

a) SHPL Newsletter May 2025

Director Dazey asked for Board feedback on newsletter content.

Councilor Augsburger suggested highlighting library staff and their favorite books.

Chair Journey expressed support for the format and for the inclusion of new book titles in various age ranges. She noted that keeping it limited to two pages was effective. She suggested checking the reading level of the newsletter to ensure it was accessible to the community.

Discussion ensued regarding placement of library newsletters in Free Little Libraries.

Director Dazey asked for feedback regarding the inclusion of new books. Board Member Wise stated that a variety across genres was recommended.

No action was required for this item.

b) Discussion on any questions/ideas that came up during May 7th Open House

Director Dazey requested feedback from the Board resulting from the Open House. Discussion ensued regarding challenges in engaging the community and getting additional attendees at events.

Chair Journey suggested working within the consortium to identify best practices regarding public outreach.

Board Member Corley suggested inviting local authors to offer book signings at the same time as other library events to drive turnout.

Board Member Castaneda asked how many attendees were at the Open House. Director Dazey replied that there were 25-30 who were there specifically for the event.

No action was required for this item.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Chair

ATTEST:

Library Services Director, Secretary to the Board

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Report of the Library Director for May/June 2025 Activities

Collection updates:

Graphic novel circulation numbers have increased for both the new Tween collection and the kid's collection! DVDs are our most popular collection with over 2000 checking out in May.

Building issues:

We are working on getting quotes to replace the handicap access door. The funding for this is from a grant from ALA. Public Works did their semi-annual cleanup of the landscaping.

In building updates:

We continue to move items and get new items for the Tween area. It has proved popular with our target age group. Especially as a space to just hangout and read.

In-person Programming:

So far, we have over 80 programs scheduled over the summer. More to come!

Storytime with 20+ kids every week (plus adults) is at max capacity for our space. The kids have tons of fun! Lego Creators Club continues to be popular with all ages.

New Building:

Discussion in New Business.

Documents related to the history of the Library's buildings and needs assessments are on the Library webpage: <https://www.sweethomeor.gov/library/page/library-documents>. Discussions about Library buildings date back to 1964.

Other updates:

See additional LACL Conference Wrap up

I was one of 50 librarians across the county selected to attend the Libraries Advancing Community Learning to Reduce Substance Use national forum. Contents of the sessions and contributions from participants are being used to create a working paper, followed by a freely available toolkit, which will be available on this site by Fall 2026. This forum and the research are being funded by an IMLS grant at the University of Missouri

Attendees included libraries of all sizes – NYPL to a tiny, mostly volunteer run library in Texas. (SHPL was one of the smallest.)

We had 5 main topics of learning and discussion:

- **Harm Reduction:** A public health approach that can be applied to various risky behaviors to minimize negative consequences. This can include anything from drug use, to gambling, to distracted driving. The main principles are to meet people where they are at, focus on minimizing harms, respect the individual, and utilize evidence-based practices that have been shown to be effective.
- **Bibliotherapy** (using literature alongside therapy): This was not recommended for libraries to offer, but instead to focus on reader's advisory (recommendations for books for a particular patron's needs), recommended reads, and **Reading Groups** for all ages. Reading groups can help with social connections, sharing of stories, and learning new information.
- **Outreach and Marketing:** Outreach and marketing techniques were discussed, especially to groups that do not already use the library. Partnerships with community organizations, employers, and other libraries were all emphasized.
- **Libraries and social connections:** By offering vital resources, education, and social connection, libraries play a critical role in mitigating the impact of the opioid crisis, serving as essential community hubs for support and harm reduction. As we see on a daily or weekly basis, libraries are where community members come for information or a safe space.

I plan on using the lessons learned to offer information and resources at SHPL. I am also in the process of applying for a grant to create a larger program across libraries in Linn-Benton-Lincoln counties (the area the grant covers).



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Sweet Home Public Library

Statistics

May 2025	This month May 2025	Last month April 2025	Previous Year 2024	Year to date 2025
Patron Activity				
Door Count	3,566	4005	45,620	18,738
Program participants (all ages)	347	295	3,697	1,563
Total programs(all ages)	33	27	323	138
Circulation and Renewals				
Checkouts & renewals	6,239	6,719	72,250	31,440
E-audio & E-book checkouts	745	704	8,860	3,584
Total items checked out	6,984	7,423	81,110	35,024
Public Computers				
Logins	217	253	3,016	1,102
Resource Sharing Savings				
Cost savings	6,274.66	5404.46	63,565.22	28,046.79
Items borrowed by consortium libraries	347	391	4,300	1,918
Items borrowed from consortium libraries	442	475	5,127	2,388
Volunteer Hours				
Hours worked by volunteers	27.25	53	450.50	139.25
New Library Patrons				
New patron cards issued	47	44	620	219

Events this month: Our Canning and Preservation class had 15+ attendees, which is excellent for an adult program on a holiday weekend! Our Preschool storytime is averaging over 20 kids each week (plus their adults!). Holley Elementary class came for a visit on the 23rd and had a great time learning about the library.

Items of note: Summer Reading Programs start as soon as school is out. Summer is our busiest time of the year across all categories!

Thank you to the Community of Sweet Home for approving our 5 year operating levy!



SWEET HOME PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

June 2025

A Warm Thank You to Our Community

Thank you to our amazing community for your support in passing our 5 year operating levy. Your vote ensures continued access to vital resources, programs, and services for all. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to literacy, learning, and community enrichment. Together, we're building a stronger future for everyone.

Summer Community Read

Our Summer Community Read is Catalyntje Trico: A New Life In Amsterdam by local author Lana Holden. Stop in now to get a copy of the book and join us on August 14th at 6pm for a discussion with the author.

Beach Reads and Libby

Your library card gives you access to over 200,000 e-books and audiobooks with the Libby app for your phone or tablet. You will need your library card and PIN number to sign in. Stop in or give us a call if you need any help checking out books via the Libby app!

DVDs & BluRays

We have over 4300 DVDs and BluRays available for you to check out! Including TV series, Documentaries, Kid's movies and more! We also have a DVD player and BluRay player you can check out if you don't have a player at home!

Games & Puzzles

Need something to do with the family this summer? At home or out camping, check out one of our board games, puzzles or outdoor games! We have over 150 to choose from, for all age ranges and difficulty!

Find us:

Facebook, Instagram and BlueSky

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Sweet Home Library Summer Reading Program



- June 13th 4pm Kid's Game Day at the Library. Ages 6 +
- June 13th 7:30pm Movies (and craft) at the Park : Luca. All ages welcome!
- June 20th 10am Museum of Natural and Cultural History presents Power Play! at Sankey Park. All ages welcome!
- June 20th 6 - 8pm Teen Game Night at the Library. Ages 13 - 19.
- June 21st Our official Summer Reading Program kickoff at the Jim Bean Safety Fair 9am - 1pm at Sankey Park. All ages welcome!
- June 27th 10am at Sankey Park - Dragon Theature presents Arcade Universe. All ages welcome!
- June 27th 6 - 8pm Teen Movie Night - Summer of Classic Horror - The Ring. Ages 13 - 19.
- July 11th 10am Fun in the Sun Water Fight at Sankey Park. All ages welcome!
- July 11th 4pm Kid's Game Day at the Library. Ages 6 +
- July 11th 6 - 8pm Teen Game Night at the Library. Ages 13 - 19.
- July 18th 10am Oregon Coast Aquarium program at Sankey Park. All ages welcome!
- July 18th 8pm Movies (and craft) at the Park: The Goonies! All ages welcome!
- July 25th 10am Fun in the Sun - Library Field Day at Sankey Park. All ages welcome!
- July 25th 6 - 8pm Teen Movie Night - Summer of Classic Horror - Killer Klowns From Outer Space. Ages 13 - 19.
- August 8th 10am Fun in the Sun - Make your own Board Game at Sankey Park. All ages welcome!
- August 8th 4pm Kids Game Day at the Library. Ages 6 +
- August 8th 6 - 8pm Teen Game Night at the Library. Ages 13 - 19.
- August 9th & 16th 12 - 4pm Intro to Dungeons and Dragons (5e) at the Library. Ages 10 +
- August 14th 6pm Community Read with author Lana Holden.
- August 15th 10am Fun in the Sun - Battle of the Books (book trivia challenge) at Sankey Park . All ages welcome!
- August 15th 8pm Movies (and craft) in the Park: MINECRAFT The Movie. All ages welcome!
- August 22nd 10am Fun in the Sun - Water Fight at Sankey Park. All ages welcome!
- August 22nd 6 - 8pm Teen Movie Night at the Library. Summer of Classic Horror - Critters! Ages 13 - 19.
- August 29th 10am Summer Reading Wrap up at Sankey Park! Games and f

