

Wilsonville Public Library
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Orel Smith, Chair; Gay Walker, Vice-Chair; Natalie McNown; Dick Spence; Sarah Ebersole

STAFF PRESENT: Shasta Sasser, Library Director; Haley Spaeth, Board Secretary

Orel Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The minutes of the June 25 meeting were approved with one correction.

ONGOING BUSINESS/CALENDAR ITEMS

- 1. Director's Report** – Shasta explained that the library was finishing up their Summer Reading Program. That there had been over 500 participants so far this year and that there were over 700 people in attendance for the programs final “Thursday Fun Show” with the Reptile Man. The library was closed to the public on August 18th and the 27th for parking lot maintenance. There will still need to be some work done, but the library will not be closing for a third day. Applications for artist submissions are open until the 10th of September for the mural going into the childrens room. A poll was taken with patrons that included suggestions for what to put in the mural and how the library makes them feel overall. The top answers were that patrons would like to see animals/cats, stories/characters and nature, and that the library made them feel calm, excited, and happy. Computer Classes will be starting in September through a partnership with Goodwill. The library will be getting new catalog computers. Four new self-check machines will be replacing the three currently being used in the library this fall. The library will be offering new cards with LINCC's updated design around September. A handful of staff were trained to use the Book Bike in July with additional training on Blue Cloud earlier in August. The library has a new “Sit & Sitch” program on Mondays that has been doing well. Normal fall programming will resume in September with the addition of a new “Saturday Series” program.
- 2. OLA Membership Renewal** – Shasta informed the board that the library can supply OLA memberships for board members who wants one, if there is room in the budget.
- 3. Year End Budget Review** – Shasta explained that finance did not have the final numbers for the 24/25FY ready yet and that the numbers she was sharing were updated on July 10th. She then broke down what percentage of some of the budgets had been used. Overall, the library came in under budget with around 90% used.
- 4. Library Fines Discussion** – Shasta explained how it has been a long-time goal of the library to go fine free. She explained how some libraries have already made the push and that she had talked to West Linn Library about following suite. Shasta explained how

the libraries budget will only be minimally impacted and that studies have shown an increase in returns when moving to fine free. She asked if the board would be willing to vote on sending this change for council consideration. Gay and Natalie made a motion to send to council. The vote was unanimous with Orel Smith, Gay Walker, Natalie McNow, Dick Spence and Sarah Ebersole all voting “aye”.

5. **ALA Standards Review** – Shasta asked the board to review the ALA Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read Statements which were included in the meeting packet.
6. **LDAC Updates** – Gay explained how the task force LDAC created is made up of 10 members including two directors and two city managers. The group has had multiple discussions, but nothing has been opened to the floor for public comment yet. At the moment there are four recommendations that the task force can take to the city councilors.
7. **Friends of the Library Report** – There was no meeting in July so there is nothing to report.
8. **Library Foundation Report** – The Foundation met on July 12th and included one new member. Dick explained how the Foundation funds a book club at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and September’s book will be *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. The Foundation met its goal of over half a million dollars in their endowment, and their new goal is to reach a million. The Foundation’s Donor Appreciation event has been moved from September 20th to the 27th. The Rotary supplied food and games for the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility’s Family Day, where DPIL gave out 110 books and signed up 8 children for the program.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 24 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Spaeth

Board Secretary

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