

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 15, 2026

- Present:** Cassie Stiehr, Jennifer Cole, Joe Spendolini, Tim Sexton, Chris Neterer, Rigo Cisneros, Margaret Adam, and Linda Warner, Nathalie Naveau, (Director), Cindy Williams (Recorder).
- Call to order:** 12:03 p.m.
- Minutes:** M/S/Approved.
- Safety Reports:** Nathalie reviewed the safety report that was sent out to members. No branch issues were reported. Nathalie will submit to the county newsletter in June an article praising the staff in Crescent. Shawn is doing a wonderful job with programs and K.B.B.H. will be presenting their Aging Journey series in Crescent on April 30th. Amanda has been very successful in promoting programming on Facebook and Instagram.
- Director:** The author event was very successful, and another one will be scheduled later this year. Dr. Decker's Doc Talk is also very popular with patrons. The Garden Club will be holding their Flower Show at the main library on May 1st and May 2nd. Next week Nathalie, Amanda, and Gloria will be attending the Oregon Library Conference in Portland. Nathalie will also be attending a Smoke Readiness training course in Ashland. Branches have air-conditioning and air filters to deal with any air quality issues. All libraries are cooling and warming centers during open hours. Richard, (Chiloquin Branch) we be retiring at the end of May. We will be celebrating National Library Week with a proclamation by the B.O.C.C. on April 19th. During the month of April patrons can get a free replacement for their library card. Circulation is slightly better than last year with an increase in digital materials. Patrons are attending in larger numbers, but not all are checking out materials. They are attending programs, using computers, and printing. Dvd's, cd's, and iPods are popular now and heavily used. Nathalie asked Rigo to review our Libros collection and make suggestions on how to increase usage. Jennifer asked if it were possible to send out the newsletter in English & Spanish. Nathalie will try to use Chat GPT and ask Spanish speaking staff to review for accuracy. Summer Reading ads will air on the local Spanish radio station this summer.
- Old Business:** The B.O.C.C. approved the contract with Modoc Construction yesterday. The groundbreaking is scheduled for June and completion in October. Geothermal will be installed in the sidewalks as well as the courtyard. Cassie will contact Elizabeth, who has had two unexcused absences and Jennifer has resigned and will submit her letter of resignation to the B.O.C.C. Jennifer is an avid library user and will be traveling with her family. The members thanked her for her service on the Committee.
- New Business:** There have been staffing issues with our South Suburban branch and Nathalie would like to close the branch on Mondays. We have two full-time staff and one splits her time between Bonanza and S.S., and one part-time staff person and we are having to cover with Circulation staff when staff are absent. The Committee approves closing on Monday's and staying open Tuesday through Saturday. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for April 28th at 10:15 and members are encouraged to attend both the Proclamation and Budget Hearing at the Government Center. There were only slight changes in the budget, insurance, utilities, and rent increases. One-third of the computers will be replaced next year.

Commissioner Minty recommends that the summary for the bi-annual update to the B.O.C.C. be between 5 to 10 minutes. Cassie and Nathalie will schedule a time with Haley.

Adjourned: 12:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 15th, 2026, Noon. In person and zoom.

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