

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 16, 2025

- Present:** Cassie Stiehr (K.F.), Joe Spendolini (K.F.), Christine Neterer (Bonanza), Rigo Cisneros (K.F.), Jennifer Cole (Keno), Linda Warner (K.F.) and Scott Siracusa (K.F.), Due to technical issues Tim, Katie, and Elizabeth were unable to join the Zoom meeting. Nathalie Naveau, (Director), Cindy Williams (Recorder). Kate Murphy (Guest).
- Call to order:** 12:10 p.m.
- Minutes:** M/S/Approved.
- Membership:** The Committee has a new member, Linda Warner. She is a former public-school teacher and is retired. She is the former owner of Periwinkle. Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed Linda to the committee. A thank you card for Spyder was signed by members.
- Director:** Nathalie reported that the Passport Program will run from May through July. There are ten animal tags to collect—one representing each branch.. Statistics are slightly lower due to the severe winter weather; however, attendance in March was higher compared to the same time last year. The Crescent Branch Library will host an Open House this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with Story Time scheduled for noon. Cookies and punch will be served. A new sign has been installed on the roof, and restroom issues have been resolved. The landlord paid to repair the sanitary pump, and the porta potty has been removed. Nathalie also shared that Officer Terry Amos of the City Police Department has been very helpful in addressing several incidents this month. Both patrons involved in a recent altercation have been issued trespass notices. The **budget hearing is scheduled for April 22 at 10:45 a.m.**, and members are encouraged to attend. No concerns were raised during the budget workshop. Notable increases in the budget include funding for office and computer equipment to replace ageing copy machines and A.W.E. computers in Youth Services. Rent and electricity costs have also risen significantly. Nathalie discussed the potential impact of federal budget cuts on State Library funding. The library's S.R.P. (Summer Reading Program) grant totals \$24,732.00 and supports performers, t-shirts, prizes, and craft supplies. If funding decreases, the library may need to rely on donations to sustain the program. Joe suggested adding a link to the Friends of the Library donation account on the library's website. Nathalie plans to request permission from the Friends group to include donation options for both the S.R.P. and the D.P.I.L. (Dolly Parton's Imagination Library) on the site. In May, Nathalie and the County Grant Manager will present a proposal to Oregon State Parks requesting funding for the courtyard project. A decision is expected in July. Today is National Library Day. Next week, Nathalie, Amanda, and Jacob will attend the Oregon Library Association Conference in Eugene. The recent "Awake at 8" Chamber of Commerce event at the Bookie Joint was a great success, drawing over forty attendees.
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- Safety Reports:** Chris reported that a few members of her hiking group sent in comments. 1/Would it be possible to have a classic book club? 2/How to return e-books early and how to search for books easier online? 3/Do not ban books! Nathalie will check if adding another book club

is possible. Nathalie suggested that Chris refer her friend to the reference desk or call in for assistance about access to Libby and searching the online catalog. The library has not received any book challenges. The Bonanza branch has a new television and sound system donated by Susan Magnone and will start showing Saturday Matinee movies.

New Business: Branches are getting ready for the S.R.P. The dinosaur exhibit from the Museum of Natural & Cultural History is quite popular in the Youth Services department. The Klamath County Museum will be offering free passes this summer to our patrons. Chris would like to invite Wes Stone, Branch Supervisor, to our next meeting to give updates on what is happening in the branch system since members are no longer assigned to geographic areas. Jen and Margaret had planned to travel to several different branches this quarter and members could coordinate travel plans.

Guest: Kate suggested that open committee positions could be included in the newsletter so that more community members are aware and can apply. The B.O.C.C. interviews quarterly for open positions.

Adjourned: 12:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2025, Noon. In person and zoom.