

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 16, 2024

- Present: Scott Siracusa (K.F.), Spyder (SR), Joe Spendolini (K.F.), Christine Neterer (Bonanza), Rigo Cisneros (K.F.) Margaret Adam (KF), Jennifer Cole (Keno), Del Fox (Merrill), Katie Walker (Malin), Nathalie Johnston (Director), Cindy Williams (Recorder).
- Call to order: 12:00 p.m.
- Membership: Margaret Adam introduced herself. She has been a basin resident for 28 years and is semi-retired and interested in becoming more involved with the library. She replaced Renee Hernandez on the board. Scott has someone that he would like to recommend for the Chemult/Gilchrist vacant position.
- Branch Reports: Chris reported that Bonanza staff were looking for an update on the passport program that staff had started researching several years ago. Kids would travel to all our branch libraries for book giveaways and prizes. Nathalie said that she will look into it to see if it is a possibility. Ann Secoy (Bonanza staff) visited the Sprague River Library and noticed the sign needs to be painted. Nathalie said that a new metal sign will be installed in the spring. Chris asked how to sign up for the library newsletter. A link is posted on the website and new library card holders can opt in or out.
- Jennifer reported that things are going well in Keno. Staff have received positive community feedback, and 30 kids attended the S.R.P. Staff are continuing their efforts to increase adult programming and they would like to add more open hours.
- Scott congratulated Nathalie on how clean and well maintained the main library is. It is a welcoming spot for the community. Nathalie added that staff and volunteers clean the books daily.
- Margaret added that the S.R.P. had great programs and asked how many book clubs the main library has-3.
- Joe asked if the library has a link to the library calendar on the county website. The Advisory Board would like to see a link on the County website. Nathalie will ask if it is possible to add the link.
- Katie reported that the pumpkin giveaway went well and all were handed out. Children's author Jo Ann Jeffries will read one of her books this Saturday during the Potato Festival. Storytimes are on Thursday mornings and the preschool kids are attending.
- Rigo reported that the library is clean and very quiet. Very easy to find books and recommendations from the computer kiosk. He also liked the Library of Things.
- No report from Del. He left the meeting early.
- Joe had no report.
- Spider had no report.

Director: Library Amphitheatre: Nathalie met with the County Grant Manager who stated that the library could apply for more grant funding if we rented the space to the public. A public restroom would need to be installed. The board recommended that Nathalie should be cautious due to concerns about insurance and the high cost of installing a restroom. Nathalie will meet next week with Southern Oregon Library Federation members at the library and will ask for their opinions and concerns about renting library spaces to the public.

Chemult/Gilchrist branches: Nathalie discussed the new building in Crescent which is a former sporting goods store. The building has a bear on the roof holding a salmon and we could add glasses or a book to the design to make it more welcoming. Rick Vaughn, County Tax Collector, negotiated the lease and it will start December 1st if the lease is approved by the B.O.C.C. Nathalie has it scheduled on the agenda. The library will have to consolidate two branches into one and hire movers. Nathalie is planning to open the new branch in February. She is hoping for a Valentine Day 2025 Grant Opening

Strategic Planning: Nathalie is planning on budgeting for this next fiscal year. The costs of moving the branch libraries were not included in the budget, and we do not want to overspend.

New Business: Chris requested that the board meet every other month instead of quarterly. After discussion the board decided to keep the schedule as it. The dates for the meetings are as follows: 01/15/2025, 04/16/2025, 07/16/2025 and 10/15/2025. For an extra get together Nathalie will invite the Advisory Committee to the Spring staff in-service held in May or June. The meeting will be optional for those who can attend.

Scott would like the board to prioritize safety for library staff and patrons. He has had several calls concerning people using the library grounds as a restroom. Rigo added that patrons should feel safe using the library. Nathalie reported that the police had previously made rounds through the library, but suddenly stopped coming by. Margaret offered to accompany Nathalie to meet with the Police Chief and the City Council to see if we could have a police presence in the library again. Spider made a motion to add safety concerns to the agenda for the meetings. Seconded. Approved.

Adjourned: 12:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2025, Noon. In person and Zoom.