

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 15, 2026

- Present: Cassie Stiehr, 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 reported that the Chicken Hunt has been very popular. A patron posted a collage of all 24 hens collected in the branches. The windows in Merrill will be repaired today. The wi-fi signal in Malin has been extended so that patrons outside the building can access it. The South Suburban branch is closed on Mondays due to staffing issues. This allows for more programming on Saturday. Circulation is steady and all positions are filled.
- Director: The budget hearing went well, and there were no questions. The library has welcomed several new staff members. Two new bike racks have been installed in the hope of preventing loitering and smoking near the Klamath Avenue entrance. We are currently waiting for the bike parking area to be striped and will be using a special vinyl material instead of painted lines. The Library Courtyard project has experienced some permit delays, as well as snowmelt issues, which Glen from Maintenance has resolved. Groundbreaking is scheduled for August, with project completion anticipated in November. Circulation remains about the same as last year, while attendance has increased. Use of the digital collection continues to grow each year. The Museum and Library are collaborating on a Time Capsule project. The Community Quilt Project has begun and has been very popular with the community. The 4-H Club assisted with the Petting Zoo and was happy to answer questions from children. The library has also introduced a new dyslexia-friendly font to assist patrons with reading both print and online materials.
- Old Business: Cassie had to reschedule her appointment to provide an update to the B.O.C.C. and hopes to complete it within the next several weeks.
- There are currently four vacancies on the committee. Jennifer and Joe's terms have expired, Elizabeth missed three meetings and has since moved, and Chris is relocating to Alaska. Haley plans to schedule interviews in September.
- Nathalie will send the committee members the website link to share with individuals who may be interested in serving on the committee.
- New Business: Margaret, Rigo, and Tim's terms are being extended to align with the rest of the committee. Margaret and Rigo are ok with their terms being extended to June 30th, 2028. Tim was absent.
- Adjourned: 12:43 p.m.
- Next Meeting: October 21, 2026, Noon. In person and zoom.