

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 16, 2025

- Present:** Cassie Stiehr, Margaret Adam, Christine Neterer, Tim Sexton, Katie Walker, and Elizabeth Mabou, Commissioner DeGroot, Nathalie Naveau, (Director), Wes Stone (Branch Supervisor), Cindy Williams (Recorder).
- Call to order:** 12:03 p.m.
- Minutes:** M/S/Approved.
- Membership:** Commissioner DeGroot received a suggestion from the previous committee chair to reduce the number of members from 11 to 9. A smaller committee makes it easier to get a quorum and operates more efficiently. The B.O.C.C. will wait on filling the vacant position and positions will not be eliminated. Members were encouraged to get feedback from the community on how to make the library user experience better. Members will be surveyed and will review the results at the next meeting.
- Director:** The passport program has been very successful and lots of patrons are discovering new branches in our community. The library is very busy with Summer Reading Program. and a bubble performer today had great attendance. The reptile show was well attended in Bly after the first two performances only had one family due to a 4-H scheduling conflict. Staffing: All vacancies have been filled, and we have lots of volunteers and 4 interns from Experience Works (1-Main), (1-Bonanza), (1-Malin/Merrill) and (1-Chiloquin). During the Budget Hearing only one supporter showed up and Nathalie would like to encourage members to show their support and invite others to attend as well. The Ready to Read grant is funded till 2027. Dolly Parton Imagination Library: The Friends of the Library pay half and the state pays half. Library Community Courtyard: Nathalie has been invited to the Oregon State Park grant request meeting along with the County's Grant Manager and Haley Huffman (Administrative Manager) who will present the request. There should be more details available in August. The census shows less children and more elderly in our community, so we need to match our collections and provide more large print, digital access, and more outreach to our older patrons. Attendance is steady and our digital collection is very popular. Hoopla borrowing has been reduced from 6 items to 4 due to the high pay per use cost. Wes added that our Crescent branch is receiving lots of book donations and DVDs are very popular in our branches.
- Safety Reports:** Nathalie sent a questionnaire to branches and only two safety concerns were noted. A lock needs to be installed on our Bonanza staff restroom door. A patron has been using it and making a big mess. Maintenance has been informed of an issue with our South Suburban alarm switch; it needs to be lowered if possible. A staff member fell while standing on a stool trying to turn off the alarm. The Sprague River Post Office annex is renting their building from the library and is asking for an alarm system and cameras to be installed. Nathalie does not think this is a library issue and does not have the room and staff to monitor cameras. Margaret offered to help with a patron library survey. Margaret also asked about a possible Spelling Bee fundraiser. The Library Foundation raises funds for capital campaigns (Community Courtyard) and the Friends of the Library raises funds to support the Summer Reading program. Christy Davis, Silverton Library Director, offered to share

with our board their fundraiser plans. Nathalie will inform the Foundation of the offer of assistance and possibly a sub-committee can be formed for members who want to volunteer their time.

Chris asked her hiking group about what is most important to them, and the top three answers were: The Library, Moore Park, and updated topography maps. Nathalie will ask a volunteer or intern to help update the map index cards and link a Q.R. code to the Forest Service site.

New Business: The members discussed writing a letter of support for the library. The letter will highlight all the positive things the library offers the community. Jen and Linda will bring a letter to the next meeting for the board to review.

Adjourned: 1:09 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 15th, 2025, Noon. In person and zoom.