

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes

Tuesday January 22nd, 2025; 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Board Members Present: Sayde Walker, Jennifer Byrne, Jon Orloff, Madeline Olson, Tim Mayne, Bridgette Conn

Staff, Commissioner, and Others Present:

Don Allgeier, Katrina Bailey, Jenn Wells, Commissioner Mary Faith Bell

Call to Order:

Sayde Walker called meeting to order at 12:03 pm on January 22nd, 2025

Public Input:

There were no community members for public input.

Bridgette Conn and Tim Mayne were welcomed as new members to the board.

Meeting minutes, with a phrasing edit suggested, were entertained by Sayde, moved by Madeline, and Seconded by Jon. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Library Spending Review and Approval:

- Director Allgeier reviewed tax revenue with the board.
 - o 62% of the annual budget currently remains.
 - o Software and subscriptions are paid out at the beginning of the year and are now reflected in the budget.
 - o Upcoming capital purchases will be broken up over the course of two fiscal years.

Sayde entertained a motion to approve the Spending and Budget, Madeline moved and Tim seconded with unanimous approval.

Director's Report

- Stats and Data were reviewed.
 - o Wireless sessions and programs are highlighted this month.
 - Both self-directed programs (take home library activities) and Community Room/Library Programs were defined.
 - o A library card drive with the school district will begin soon and there should be an uptick to library card stats.
 - o Hoopla is a top use service by patrons.

- Tutor.com is showing a lack of audience and is under review for renewal in July.
- Ancestry.com services will have associated programming to build up use.
- Novelist is now embedded with the Aspen hold recommendations to better provide available reading options while books are being transferred.

Operations

- Our Teen Librarian, Colin Kearney, will be leaving at the end of February.
 - Clarification was given to the specifics of the Teen Librarian role and responsibilities to services and collections.
- The branch DVD collection is being genrefied and will not be sectioned into Action, Comedy, Drama, Sci-Fi, Horror, and TV.
- The teen collection will also be receiving genre updates.
- Rockaway Beach Writers Rendezvous is currently underway and accepting submissions.
- Jessie Hooker has joined the Tillamook County Library Foundation.
- Don, in his role as president of ALA Core Division will also be attending two upcoming conferences in the coming year.
- A general request was made for board involvement in the development of Beaver as that project further develops.
- The Teen Library Council held its first of three meetings to work on the design of the new teen space at the main branch.
 - Luke Kralik was awarded multiple grants to help build the space in addition to donations by the library foundation.
- The Winter Reading Fest was discussed including the role Aspen will play in the summer based off the winter testing.
- Chat with a Chief was re-dubbed as City Talk and was held once again.

Updates

- Commissioner Mary Faith Bell welcomed new board members.

Old business

- Library budget
 - Nothing majorly new outside of capital costs.
 - HVAC and the bookmobile are noted capital costs.
 - HVAC preliminary planning is set to begin as soon as possible for patron and staff comfort/livability.
 - AFSCME contract has been settled.

New Business

- Board meeting schedule for 2026 was reviewed.
 - o June meeting is to be held earlier in the month to allow for the ALA conference.
 - o December is moved earlier for holidays.
 - o The 20th anniversary of the TCL Main branch building is coming up Winter 2026.

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- Library board officer roles were discussed.
 - o Sayde as Chair and JB as Vice Chair were both willing to continue in their roles with consideration made to possible co-chairing position later in this board cycle.

Madeline moved to reinstall Chair and Vice Chair for both roles, JB seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Library Card design contest
 - o The library is currently running out of adult library cards and has the opportunity to order the next cards with a new design.
 - More information will be shared as the contest gets ready to launch.
- One Book One Coast
 - o Coast wide program centered on a singular book in an “Everybody Reads” style program. Essentially a coast wide Book Club.
 - Free access to the book will be made through Libby, begins in March and runs through May, and simulcast of the author talk will be held at Main with talks to extend broadcast to the branches.
 - LA county and others helping to establish these resources.
 - County Commissioner approval will be sought to participate in the program shortly.

Meeting called to a close at 12:54 pm by Sayde Walker.