

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes

Thursday May 28th, 2026; 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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

Staff, Commissioner, and Others Present:

Don Allgeier, Katrina Bailey, Jenn Wells, Luke Kralik, Jordan Larkin, Commissioner Mary Faith Bell

Call to Order: Sayde Walker called meeting to order at 12:03 pm

Public Input: Written public comment received without follow up questions from the board.

Meeting minutes, no edits suggested, approval was moved by Madeline and seconded by Tim before unanimous vote to approve.

Library Spending Review and Approval:

HVAC replacement project and bookmobile purchase will be happening in the next fiscal year, and the 25/26 budget is fully on track for the final stretch of this fiscal year. A tour of the new bookmobile was requested by the board, and plans will be made to accommodate this.

Summer Reading Program expenses are split between two fiscal years, and the remaining program costs will land in the upcoming 26/27 fiscal year.

Approval of spending was moved by Madeline and seconded by JB before unanimous vote to approve.

Director's Report

New system's librarian, Jordan Larkin, and a returning employee in a new Library Assistant 2 position, Anna Owens, were introduced and welcomed.

- Stats and Data
 - o Overdrive is having a significant rise in usership which is helping to mitigate additional spending in Hoopla resources to meet patron demand for digital materials.
- Operations
 - o Teen library position has closed, and interviews will be underway in June.
 - o A fix to the courier van means it is now ready to be used and rotated with a backup van which will be utilized for outreach and maintenance going forward.

- On June 4th all library locations will be closed for our annual In Service day. Staff will have training on multiple subjects including the 2026 Summer Reading Program.
- Programs and Outreach
 - Multiple projects are underway currently.
 - A new water bottle filling station, electronic blinds, and a glass door for the children's area here at Tillamook Main.
 - Out of compliance lighting is being replaced and will finish up soon.
 - HVAC replacement is scheduled out and temporary coolers will be installed on June 8th to alleviate heat discomfort until the HVAC project is completed this summer.
 - Don has met with the Rockaway Beach Library Friends to discuss the needs of the library branch building for the future. Going beyond circulation and developing space for community projects is the main priority.
 - There has been a change in Clatsop library leadership which may lead to renegotiations of library system loans.
 - The 20th anniversary of the library building is upcoming in September and celebrations are being planned.
 - Library card design contest has received many great entries and closed on the 31st of March.
- Foundation Updates
 - Next meeting is June 18th with a main focus being Summer Reading support.
- Commissioner Updates
 - Commissioner Mary Faith Bell has been reelected and is looking forward to continuing at the county librarian liaison.
 - She welcomed the new systems librarian to our library and county.
- Old Business
 - One Book One Coast has seen great circulation with book club programming continuing throughout the county with a special shoutout to June from Garibaldi for her book club leading throughout this event.
 - In answering a question posed by the board: If the opportunity presents itself, Tillamook County Libraries may participate again in the future.
 - Special thank you to LA Public Library, Seattle Public and San Diego County for providing cost effective book copies, marketing materials, and access to the author event.

- Beaver Library Branch is under development and attention is being concentrated on the playground and kitchen spaces as planning moves forward currently.
 - The HVAC system will be completed by the end of summer.
- New Business
 - Summer Reading 2026 kicks off June 15th and will run through August 1st.
 - Don presented an overview of the program with the announced theme: Plant a Seed, Read.
 - Focus is on ease of sign-ups through registration forms and initial start prizes in the form of books (0-18) and bookmarks (adults).
 - The t-shirt design for children was shown off and grand prizes for teens, (fair tickets), were announced.
 - Community support for prizes has been greatly appreciated and recognition window clings have been distributed to supporters for visibility around town.
 - Crafts will be available throughout the summer for children and there is full programming for all branches all summer long.
 - Grub Club, complimentary lunches provided to children at multiple library locations, will begin with the program on June 15th and run through until September 2nd.
 - End of Summer Reading Party is planned as well as the Summer Celebration Movie.
 - Thank you to Tillamook Coliseum Theatre for hosting.
 - Vacant board position has closed applications.
 - New applicants have been received, a nomination committee was requested and scheduled. A recommendation from the committee will be provided to the full board at the next board meeting.

Library Board meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.