

Ledding Library Board Meeting

Minutes

June 9, 2025

Location: Ledding Library

Meeting called by: Karla Branson, Library Board Chair

Attendees:

 \checkmark Karla Branson \Box Shawne Smith \checkmark Maryruth Storer \checkmark Bea Perkins

Chair Secretary

✓ Jo Tabacek ✓ Krystina Thomas ✓ Brent Hushner

Library Director

Guests: Heather Buchanan

AGENDA TOPICS	LEAD	TIME
 1. Call to order Native Lands Acknowledgement Gratitude Exercise / Current Reads Approval of minutes from 05/12 meeting: approved unanimously with Branson, Storer, Tabacek and Thomas voting aye. 	Karla	5:32 pm
2. Friends Report: Approximately \$30,000 raised year to date.	Krystina	5:40pm
3. Foundation Check In: Planning to table at August 31 Farmers Market and make presentations to Neighborhood District Associations in the fall, to communicate about potential projects.	Krystina	5:43 pm
4. Public Comment: Chair Branson reviewed the procedure for providing public comments. Wendy L. Mednick said she enjoys the monthly heritage book displays, but is concerned that one book included in the April Arab American Heritage display presented a one-sided narrative. She asks Library staff to curate displays more carefully, as she thinks that if a book is included in a display that means that the Library is recommending it to the public. Susan Gardner said she supports Dr. Mednick's concern about a specific book in the April display. Her opinion is that the book's focus was not on the American experience. She expressed appreciation for the Thursday evening book group, which is no longer on Thursdays. She is concerned with adult and family access during the week due to earlier closing times.	Karla	5:45 pm
 5. Old Business Free Fine Update: City Council vote is scheduled for June 17. Nominations Reminder: Elections will occur at July 16 meeting. Members wishing to run for office should notify Brent prior to that meeting. 	Karla	5:53 pm

6. New Business	Karla	6:00 pm
 Public Safety Fee: City Council is considering this proposal to 		
support Police, Court and Library. If passed, it should be		
implemented this fall.		
 Bollards: Library building has been hit by a car twice in past three 		
years. Public Works is planning to install some type of barrier		
between parking spots and the sidewalk adjacent to building.		
7. Director's Report: Brent reported that at City Council's June 3 meeting	Brent	6:15 pm
Shawne Smith, Maryruth Storer and Krystina Thomas were reappointed,		540000
and Grey Tennyson Buo, Heather Buchanan and Emily Louise Lowry		
were appointed as Library Board members, all for two year terms		
beginning July 1, 2025.		
His monthly report shows that much of his focus is on external relations		
(outside the Library itself.) He said that at next month's meeting he'll		
present his response to the two individuals making public comments at		
this meeting.		
The Board discussed a recent act of vandalization of a library book.		
8. Adjournment	Karla	6:35 pm

Next meeting date: 5:30 pm, July 16, 2025, Community Room, Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave, Milwaukie. Please contact Brent Husher at 503-786-7584 or husherb@milwaukieoregon.gov at least 48 hours in advance to request Zoom access or accommodations.