

## LOGAN LIBRARY

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

5:30 PM

(Recordings of library board meetings are public record and can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Zsiray, David Welch, Chelsea Bitner, Frank Stewart, Christopher Scheer, Amy Anderson (City Council)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Annie Waddoups

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**LIBRARY STAFF:** Michael Sauers, Joseph Anderson, Morgan Capitan

**VISITORS:** Ernesto López (City Council), Frank Ascione (Friends of the Library)

### BUSINESS

- The meeting was conducted by John; roll call was conducted by Morgan; the minutes for August were reviewed and approved.
- Frank Ascione, as a member of the public, expressed appreciation for the Library's affirmation of the privacy of its users and for standing up for the rights of citizens.
- Michael presented the statistical report. There were 479 new library cards set up in August, an increase which could be a result of the influx of new USU students. The Library attended an event for incoming freshmen to help get them signed up for library cards. In addition, Michael plans to begin looking at the website traffic to see how some changes made to the website affect the traffic.
- The State Library has gotten the 2026 LSTA grant money, and the Library is planning to apply. At the recent event for USU freshman, someone asked if there were any queer book clubs in town, and later at the pride festival, the Library put out a sign-up sheet, which indicated a lot of interest. The Library plans to use the LSTA funds to start up a queer book club similar to the Library's other existing book clubs. Frank Stewart asked what the money would be needed for, and Michael said it would be used to buy the books.
- Two budget categories are currently showing as overbudget, the makerspace supplies budget and the ILL budget. This is because the makerspace supplies budget is newly created and the supplies will be covered as the public purchases the supplies for use in the makerspace. The ILL budget is grant funded, and the grant has been received but still needs to go through City Council, which will happen shortly.
- The HVAC system has been certified. According to Mike Miller, there are still some minor issues with the boiler, but the equipment is now in the warranty period. John asked for clarification on the time period, and Michael said the warranty is one year. There are still minor issues with the AV systems, so that document hasn't been signed. A tech is scheduled to do more work on it on Thursday. The furniture still hasn't been fixed, but they have reached out to the company about it.
- The Library interviewed 9 people for the recently opened position, and offered the job to one. They initially said yes, but later declined. The position has been offered to another candidate, who has said yes. John asked about the number of people who interviewed

and what that means for the future. Michael explained that the Library is allowed to hire from that interview pool if a similar position were to open up in the next six months, which would make the hiring process a little faster if needed.

- Michael shared some other news and goings on, including upcoming training sessions for staff and management, recent interviews in the newspaper and on the radio, a new bimonthly newsletter, the resolution of the privacy situation discussed last month, and an upcoming event featuring author Craig Johnson. Johnson has offered to do a dinner with board members and senior library staff before the event at the Library, and Michael asked if any board members were interested. He said he would get more information about the dinner and share it. In addition, Michael highlighted the document of community events that had been provided to the Board in the packet and shared information for a Library Trustee Training Workshop on October 23 at the Hyrum Library. Michael thanked the Board for volunteering at some of the events already and invited them to attend the workshop.
- A patron has spoken to several staff members and the mayor to express his dissatisfaction with how much the Library has reduced the collection in the last few years. He has not yet spoken with Michael, but he has been encouraged to talk to the Board. Michael then encouraged the Board to put a time limit on public comments at Board meetings since there isn't a limit currently. John mentioned that since it isn't in the Board Bylaws, it didn't need to go through the full policy change process and could be added to all agendas going forward. Chelsea moved to amend the meeting agendas to include a three minute time limit for the public. It was voted upon and approved. John instructed Morgan to use the language already used in city council meeting agendas when making the change.
- Amy reported that City Council will be voting on the funds for the ILL grant at tomorrow's meeting. It is an election year, and Amy encouraged everyone present to make sure they're registered to vote and to learn about the candidates and vote in November. She congratulated Ernesto on the success of Saturday's Latino Festival. Ernesto spoke about the fear among the Latino community of calling attention to themselves, family and loved ones due to the current climate and recent events in cities like Los Angeles and Chicago.
- Ernesto shared some feedback he has received from the community. He spoke with former board member Zinthia Acevedo recently, who had asked him if the library still did Spanish story time. Michael said that as of last week, the Library has started doing a regular bilingual storytime. There are a few volunteers who have started working with the Library on the program. Ernesto also ran into someone at the Gardener's Market who asked to get a few more parking spaces made into accessible parking spaces, as the existing ones are always full when she's here. Michael said they had received that feedback from others as well, and the city is aware of it. John asked if the current parking lot was ADA compliant, and Michael said it was. They had had an inspector come and inspect the building, and he assumed that included the parking requirements.
- Frank Ascione reported that the Republican Party was planning an event for Constitution Day featuring Riverton Mayor Trent Staggs, who was the first mayor in Utah to collaborate with ICE, the FBI, and Homeland Security to arrest immigrants. He was unsure whether the scheduled event would be affected by the recent killing of Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University, but said the fear in immigrant communities was understandable.
- Ernesto reported that the Fine Arts Committee recently selected and approved four cultural grants. There were more applicants this year than in previous years, so they had to be more selective than before. The Public Arts Committee selected four finalists for a

mural planned for a building near the softball fields at Willow Park. John asked when that was scheduled. Amy said it would likely be painted in the spring and that all the finalists were local artists.

- Frank Ascione reported that at the last meeting, Joseph, the Friends liaison, presented some of the Library's needs, including better signage for the restrooms, browsing carts and outdoor trash cans for the plaza. The Friends Board voted to provide funds for those projects and to start a fundraising campaign asking for donations to help provide for those needs. John asked if there was a target dollar amount, and Frank said it would be around \$3000-4000 dollars between the three projects. Information about the fundraiser will be sent via email to those on the mailing list and posted on the Friends website. Amy asked if members were removed from the email lists if they stop renewing. Frank said no, they just send a few reminders. The budget for the train display was also presented. It is estimated that the project would need around \$2500, and they will be reaching out to companies that donated to the group in the past. For those who donated \$500 or more, the Friends will offer to put the business, organization, or individual on the signs of the miniature Laub Plaza in the display. John suggested also using the vinyl cutter in the makerspace to make names that could be stuck onto the trains themselves. Other details of the train display were discussed, including the volume and how often the trains run.
- David shared the progress he had been making on the 360 virtual tour of the library. He explained some of the advantages and drawbacks in the process. A number of potential ways to host the tours were discussed, such as having the Friends pay for the webhosting and self-hosting. Frank Ascione suggested including the roof in the tour to show people the solar panels. Michael said it was great and would love to find a way to not have to pay for it if possible, whether that be self-hosting or getting a local company to host it or pay for it.
- The Board discussed feedback they had received from the community. Chelsea shared feedback she had received about how crowded story time felt to some patrons, and possible changes were discussed. Christopher had had someone ask for more standing desks, and remarked on how many people were upset about the Library not being part of a county system. David has been spending time in the Makerspace and had received a lot of positive feedback from those he talked to in it. Amy had talked to the Warming Center, and they had expressed appreciation for the Library for providing a space for them to go for some of their outreach services.
- As a training exercise, John asked the Board to think about the ways they answer people's questions and feedback about the Library when they are out in the public talking with people, and how they can encourage people to engage with the Library through those conversations. The Board suggested creating sheets with talking points or FAQs for the most common feedback, emphasizing the value of the Library in monetary terms, and highlighting the various events that are open to the public. Discussion of the services available at other libraries in the county followed.
- Joseph informed the Board that John would be speaking at the Library about free speech during Banned Books week on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 PM. John plans to include some of the students he works with at USU.
- Chelsea moved to adjourn the meeting. It was voted upon and approved. The public meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.