

LOGAN LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2026

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: Chelsea Bitner, David Welch, Crescencio Lopez, Brenda Daun, Christopher Scheer, Jeannie Simmonds (City Council)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frank Stewart

LIBRARY STAFF: Michael Sauers, Joseph Anderson, Jaylene Blair

VISITORS: Melissa Dahle (City Council), Robert Brunn (Friends of the Library), Linda Johnson, Aaron Ritchey, Emily Fletcher, Valerie Byrnes, Mohamad Abdullahi (City Legal), Rebecca Sparks (City Legal)

BUSINESS:

- The meeting was conducted by Chelsea; roll call was conducted by Jaylene; the minutes for January were reviewed and approved.
- Public comments on the Logan Library focused on the new book club for adolescents (aged 14–18). Aaron Ritchey opposed the club, claiming it falls outside the library's mission and manipulates minors. Linda Johnson supported the club as a safe space and suggested adding movement and a culture club. Valerie Byrnes questioned whether parental permission and observation would be required for the book club. Michael stated he would distribute information to Valerie about the book club via email.
- The City Legal Department conducted the annual Open Meeting Act training.
- Michael delivered the director's report, which included an update on statistics. The report noted an increase in both the number of programs offered and the reservations for study and conference rooms.
- The library secured a CLEF grant, which is designated for the acquisition of new shelving for music CDs. The music CD collection will be relocated to the second floor, while the magazines and newspapers will be moved to the third floor upon the arrival of the new shelving. We were unsuccessful in receiving the LSTA grant, and Michael is currently investigating the reasons for the denial.
- The library has initiated the protocol for reporting all technical issues directly to Gencomm's support team. A meeting was conducted last week with Michael, Debbie, and a City representative to discuss Gencomm. Michael will withhold the project sign-off until a minimum of seven days have passed without any reported issues. Furthermore, a laser printer requires replacement, and the new unit has been ordered.
- Dana Keller's employment concluded today. The open Page position has received 59 applications so far. Michael submitted the 2027 budget, which allocates \$5,000 for the makerspace; no funding was budgeted for 2026. The budget was also adjusted to account for increased cell phone usage (partially covering Joseph's work-related expenses) and planned staff raises for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.
- Melissa had no City Council business to report at this time. She stated that she is still acclimating to her role on the City Council and will provide updates on items discussed in future meetings.
- The Friends of the Library did not convene this month. They are currently seeking volunteers to join their board. Robert suggested that the Friends of the Library should have a dedicated booth, or assist

the library with a booth, during the next non-profit day at the gardener's market

- David shared positive feedback received from a colleague regarding the library's policy of not requiring a library card for makerspace use. Christopher reported receiving both favorable and unfavorable comments concerning the potential change in the nonresident card fee. He also mentioned his son's interest in a book club specifically for elementary school-aged children. Melissa inquired about the maximum checkout period for a telescope, noting that one patron claimed a year-long checkout was permissible. Michael clarified that the checkout period is three weeks, and renewals are not permitted if the item has a hold placed by another patron. Joseph summarized the feedback and questions received about the library during the previous week's campus outreach.
- Concerns voiced by members of the public at the start of the meeting prompted Jeannie to inquire whether the Alphabet Soup and Lavender Library book clubs promoted a certain lifestyle or focused primarily on the reading materials being about a variety of lifestyles.. Michael responded that the formation of book clubs is based exclusively on the reading materials.
- The new non-resident fee proposal has been tabled by the City Council until August. Chelsea asked if there's any training for members of the library board beyond the annual training. Michael responded that there is a handbook provided by the Utah State Library to assist with training.
- Michael said in the month of March the staff will be training on the sublimation printer, and the mug press by creating a mug for themselves
- Robert Brunn inquired whether staff members could dedicate a few hours daily to assist patrons in the Makerspace; however, Michael informed him that current staffing shortages preclude this.
- The Library Board meeting set for April 20, 2026 is the library's 110th birthday. Joseph has agreed to deliver a presentation to the Board on the history of the Logan Library that night.
- Chelsea moved for adjournment, and Christopher seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and approved. The public meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.