



Library Board July 9 2025 Meeting

July 9, 5:30 pm
Literacy Room 618 Beaser Ave

Vaughn Public Library is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Library Board Meeting
Time: July 9, 2025 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
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Call to order: SAA, MA, CC, JC, LG, MJ, MR

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes June 2025
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renovation Update/Progress Report
5. New Business
 - a. Bayfield County - Capital Request
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

The project is on schedule. The supports for the third floor are going in this week. This is an engineering feat. I have a few [photos posted on the website](#). Of course, a photo does not do the process justice. The alley excavation and waterproofing of the south wall will begin July 7th. Neighbors have been notified. The closure should last about 2 weeks. We are close to the point where change orders and budgeting should be stable. This gives the architect a good window to assess the budget and then we can begin planning furniture, shelving and finishes. We are also looking at sprucing up the exterior sign. I will have a few visuals we can review at the meeting.

Programs

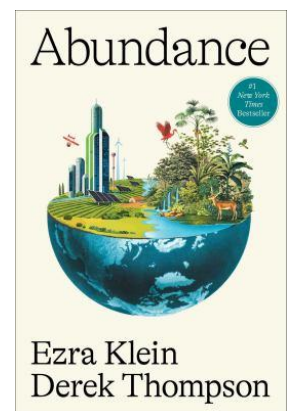
There were about 60 people at the Color Your World Family Night! More summer programming is packed into the month of July. The challenge is getting those teens to participate. We are hoping to do some more direct marketing to teen families so they know there are things like graphic novel book club, learn to draw, yoga and collage - not to mention Harry Potter trivia!

On the Horizon

Budget I am meeting with each staff member to discuss next year's personnel configuration. I will create the 2026 budget after these meetings in July. So, no budget review for this meeting. I have a draft letter and plan to request capital funds from Bayfield County. I will share with you at the meeting. I am going to recruit a few Bayfield residents to advocate with me.

Book Recommendation

I have not read Abundance by Ezra Klein, but it is on my list. Klein has a podcast and is an opinion writer for the New York Times. The premise of the book is everything we need to make the world more sustainable, bountiful and affordable exists, it is just the political and bureaucratic systems that create unnecessary barriers for progress, success. At first, this sounds a little libertarian, but it is more along a common sense kind of approach. I have to say, working under the rules of the FFP grant, I can see how adherence to procedure and double, triple documentation makes projects slower and more expensive. "Abundance is a once-in-a-generation, paradigm-shifting call to rethink big, entrenched problems that seem mired in systemic scarcity: from climate change to housing, education to healthcare"--



Sarah Adams, Director