



Library Board Aug 13 2025 Meeting

Aug 13, 5:30 pm
Literacy Room 618 Beaser Ave

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1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes July 2025
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renovation Update/Progress Report
5. New Business
 - a. Air Quality Alert Policy
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

The shoring on the 2nd and 3rd floors is now replaced with the LVL beams supporting both floors which gives us some wide open spaces. Rooms are being framed in and electric wiring is being installed. You might have noticed the Main St sidewalk is closed off with a temporary covering so work on the new entrance and windows can proceed safely. We have begun working with the design team for furnishings and shelving. Stop by anytime between Aug 18 - 25 to try out the sample chairs! We were also successful in our request for additional funds from the state through the FFP award to the tune of \$715,773. This will help restore the contingency fund and cover costs for the west wall work.

Programs

Hannah and Cole continue to offer some fun and educational activities for our community. Since June, 360 kids have made "stuff" in the maker space – these are passive craft activities families engage in when they are in the library. Also, the many "grab & go" activities continue to be popular with families visiting the library. This week Cole is trying a new program for adults - sensory bins! A variation of one of Hannah's popular stations at the monthly family night programs.

On the Horizon

Lisa & Sam are working on the fiction collection. As a library team, we decided to eliminate the genre distinction and locate all fiction authors alphabetically. Radical, I know. But the genre field has exploded over the last few years, adding new ones and blending existing ones. The standards the VPL has traditionally represented in the library are becoming hold-outs in a dynamic system of classifying books. Impossible to categorize in such a way to meet the diversity of styles, lead us to embrace the simplicity of alphabetization! So, if an author writes in more than one genre, finally, all of her titles are lined up next to each other. We will be featuring new and traditional genres in curated displays and through social media to help with the transition.

Book Recommendation

I am only a chapter into this title by Omar El Akhad, but it is very powerful.

El Akhad believed in the freedom of the West when he immigrated here as a young man in the 1990s. Now as a veteran reporter and a father, El Akhad sees what's happening in the US and in the Middle East as the West's failure, even broken promises of freedom.

Sarah Adams, Director

