

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting

Attending: Violet Olszyk, Heather Millehrer-Huerta, Myra Breen, Roy Burling, Curtis Wyant, Rebekah Weed, Angela Stout, Emily David (Library Director) Robyn Loudon, Ofelia Guzman and Sean VanGordon (Council Liaison)

Call to Order / Changes in the Agenda

Violet Olszyk called to order at 5:32 PM. Changes to agenda included updating the minutes taker and noting it was Library Director's report.

Approval of the Minutes of October

Motion to approve made by Angela and seconded by Rebekah. Motion was approved. Yes - Violet Olszyk, Heather Millehrer-Huerta, Myra Breen, Roy Burling, Curtis Wyant, Rebekah Weed and Angela Stout. No - none

Business from the Audience

There was no business from the audience as there was no audience present.

Communications

See announcements

Library Director's Report

Emily discussed Ethan, a new on-call staff member who grew up in the library, and provided updates on Oregon Public Records law training, its impact on LAB operations, and personal liability. She reminded LAB members that elections for the 2026 chair and vice chair will occur at the December 2, 2025 meeting.

Unfinished Business

Minute takers for next few months:

December – Curtis

January -Heather

Debrief of the Town Hall Follow up with Mayor

LAB members discussed the \$500,000 budget reduction proposed by the Fiscal Stability Committee with Mayor VanGordon. Robyn presented talking points, council questions, and a draft statement for the Mayor and City Council. The talking points included:

- \$500,000 is a significant reduction to the library budget and operations
- The reduction could result in cutting 3 staff positions

- Library operating hours could be cut by 10 hours and a Tuesday – Saturday schedule.

Questions for the council included:

- What is the council's vision for the library and library services?
- What are the other options that the City Council has considered?
- If a library levy is being considered, does the Council have a timeline for the levy?

Heather noted Springfield had the highest event attendance among libraries in Jim Lauinger's comparison. Emily said the library schedules events strategically for maximum impact and efficient resource use.

Mayor Vangorden discussed the funding reduction and how best to support continued library services.

Discussion about “library corners”

Emily updated the LAB about discussions with Willamalane and they are unable to accommodate Bring ‘em Back Books now. Willamalane is open to display flyers about the library (see action items)

Evaluation of the remodel

Discussion was held over to December meeting

New Business

Follow-up to sub-committee on message to Council

Notes from this agenda item are included in the Debrief of the Town Hall Follow up with Mayor item.

Library Patron Survey for 2026 ideas

Discussion was held over to December meeting.

Announcements

In service day is November 6, 2025

Pints for Pages December 15, 2025 at Oakshire

Save the Date Feb 21 Books and Brew!

Action Items

Violet will ask Rebekah about the book share for an upcoming newsletter article.

Robyn will revise the council letter for the December meeting.

Angela will take the library flyer to Bob Keefer Center; Robyn will deliver it to the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM. - Next meeting: December 2, 2025