



CITY OF LAS CRUCES

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, February 26, 2026

1. Call to Order – President Stephen Jones called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M. Library Advisory Board (LAB) Members present: President Stephen Jones, Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson, Secretary Erin Wahl, Members Jessica Streeter, Jason Ferguson, Denali Wilson, and Nancy Claypool. Also, in attendance: Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director; and Dan Carrillo, Administrative Assistant.

a. Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson read the *Land Acknowledgement Statement*.

b. Acceptance of February 26, 2026, Agenda – President Stephen Jones called for a motion to approve as presented; Member Jessica Streeter voiced a motion to approve; Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried. NOTE: Secretary Erin Wahl wasn't available for this vote.

2. Review and Approval of January 22, 2026, Minutes – President Stephen Jones called for a motion to approve as presented; Secretary Erin Wahl voiced a motion to approve; Member Jason Ferguson seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried.

3. Library Deputy Directors Report – Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director, presented the following:

a. Library Statistics

i. Library statistics were handed out to the LAB. This is attachment 1.

ii. We are now halfway through FY2026. Our checkouts are a little behind.

This is not surprising due to the bankruptcy of Baker and Taylor. So far

this year, we have checked out 171,316 physical items. Last year at this

time we had 189,721 checkouts.

- iii. People are continuing to visit the Library. We have had 136,715 visitors so far this year. This includes 8,313 people who attended 575 programs.
- iv. The study room has been reserved 772 times for 1,153 people.

b. Personnel Updates

- i. Library Manager (Support Services): This position has been posted. It closes on March 9, 2026. As of February 13, 2026, we have 26 applicants for this position.
- ii. Outreach Co-Op: We have received approval to fill this position.

c. Library Programs and Events

- i. Jenny Chatwin, Librarian I, has started a new program. She is presenting a Storytime on Thursdays at 11:30. Jenny's audience has already grown from 6 to 20 participants in just 4 weeks. We now offer this event three days a week.
- ii. GECU VITA Tax Assistance has resumed for the third year. We are offering assistance at Branigan Library on Mondays and Saturdays. There is also tax assistance available at Munson Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is always a popular program, and we are happy to be able to offer it to the community. Thank you to Shuly Serrano, Library Manager, for her leadership of this huge event.
- iii. Interim Support Services Manager Vicki Simkins has done an excellent job of managing our e-rate funding. Vicki found out that our contract with Conterra, who provides the public internet for the library, will be expiring this year. Vicki is working with the New Mexico Office of Broadband and Expansion Project Manager Richard Govea to submit our application. The Request for Proposals is now posted. We will need to make a provisional decision by April 1, 2026.

1 d. Library Renovation and Expansion

2 i. Thank you to Lynda, Sandy, Jessica, Erin and Denali, for coming with us
3 to Santa Fe. We had a busy but successful visit with legislators. I appreciate
4 the time and involvement everyone is taking to advocate for our renovation!
5 As many of you know, our Legislators contributed \$1.7 million to our
6 renovation and expansion project.

7 ii. We have heard from the City that this project will be on the November 2026
8 Go Bond ballot. We do not know how much they will ask for this project.

9 4. Announcements/Other Information

10 a.

11 5. Public Participation

12 a. Lynda St. Clair, Friends of TBML President.

13 6. Adjournment – Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson entertained a motion to adjourn
14 meeting; meeting adjourned at approximately 3:43 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled
15 for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. in the Roadrunner Room on the 2nd floor of
16 TBML.

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19 **PRESIDENT or VICE-PRESIDENT**