



CITY OF LAS CRUCES

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, May 28, 2026

1. Call to Order – Vice-President Jason Ferguson called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.
Library Advisory Board (LAB) Members present: Vice-President Jason Ferguson, Secretary Erin Wahl, Members Nancy Claypool, Denali Wilson, and Randi Himelgrin. Members absent: President Stephen Jones, and Member Jessica Streeter. Also, in attendance: Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director.

- A. Erin Wahl, LAB Secretary, read the *Land Acknowledgement Statement*.
 - B. Acceptance of April 23, 2026, Agenda – Vice-President Jason Ferguson called for a motion to approve as presented; Member Denali Wilson voiced a motion to approve; Member Nancy Claypool seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried.
2. Review and Approval of April 23, 2026, Minutes
 - i. Due to an unfortunate circumstance that the Administrative Assistant couldn't fully complete the April 23, 2026, draft minutes, these minutes will be reviewed at next LAB meeting. NOTE: To be in compliance with the New Mexico Open Meeting Act on uploading board minutes for the public, a short summary of the April 23, 2026, draft minutes were completed and uploaded on the City of Las Cruces Meeting Agenda website beforehand.
 - ii. Vice-President Jason Ferguson called for a motion to defer the review and approval of the April 23, 2026, minutes; Secretary Erin Wahl voiced a motion to approve; Member Randi Himelgrin seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried.

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

1 following:

2 A. Library Statistics

- 3 i. As we are coming to the close of the fiscal year, we can reflect on how busy
4 we have been. Our April total circulation was 239,837 items. This is a 26%
5 decrease from last fiscal year, but we still have two months to catch up.
- 6 ii. We currently have 57,753 library cardholders. We had 4,012 people
7 register for new library cards this year and have had 6,203 renewals.
- 8 iii. Meeting rooms and computer use continue to skyrocket. There have been
9 524 programs in our meeting rooms with 10,928 attendees. There have
10 been 711,660 minutes of computer use. To put this in perspective, this is
11 494 days of patron computer use.

12 B. Library Budget Update

- 13 i. During the May 18, 2026, City Council session, the Council approved the
14 FY2027 Budget. Carol Brey, Quality of Life Director; Steven Bingham,
15 Parks & Recreation Director; and Kyle Arend, Interim Public Works
16 Director; spoke about the impact these drastic cuts will have on the
17 community.
- 18 ii. The Friends of TBML have generously offered to cover the costs of security
19 to keep the Library open during regular evening hours. We will still close
20 on Sundays due to staffing. The plan is to continue to be open evenings
21 until 8 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and to open 1 hour earlier at 9 A.M.
22 on Fridays and Saturdays.

23 C. Library Programs and Events

- 24 i. On Friday, May 1, 2026, Mindy Del Campo, Librarian I, and Taryne
25 Heredia, Librarian I, hosted a BTS pre party celebrating the BTS Arirang
26 album world tour. 113 participants enjoyed a K-Pop sing-along, crafted
27 photocard holders, and friendship bracelets.

- ii. Our volunteer who is teaching the U-Can Uke Junior class is doing such a great job, the program is expanding. The volunteer will start a second Ukulele Jr. class for intermediate players. Also, the girls in the class will be performing at the Ukulele Workshop at the Festival on May 29-31, 2026.
- iii. Summer Reading is almost here. The Summer Reading Kick-Off is Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. Community partners, including Thera Paws and Dion's Pizza, will be attending. Special Guest Rex the Dinosaur will also be attending.
- iv. Taryne Heredia, Librarian I, is partnering with the Museums for Teen Tuesdays. This group will alternate meeting at the Museums and the Library.
- v. Kat Alexander, Librarian II, is planning to share a Storytime at Barnes and Noble in June 2026.
- vi. Nancy Prince, Library Information Systems Tech, and Vicki Simkins, Library Manager (Support Services), are working to install the new public printers and coin machine. This will provide patrons with a second location to print items. This printer should be up and running soon.
- vii. Congratulations to the hardworking Support Services Team consisting of Library Assistant II's Jesus Vidrio, Patty Gayton and Trinidad Jasso. Since January 2026, this small team catalogued 3,065 titles. As a comparison in 2023, they cataloged 1639 titles for the entire fiscal year. There were 2,366 titles cataloged in 2024, and 2,366 in 2025.
- viii. I will be joining the Children's Reading Alliance as a Board Member.

D. Library Renovation and Expansion

- i. At the May 11, 2026, City Council Work Session, there was unanimous support for the Library Renovation and Expansion project to be the sole project on the 2026 Go Bond. The City Council will officially vote on this

1 during the July 18, 2026, session. The Go Bond will be voted on in
2 November.

- 3 ii. Thinking positively about the approval of the GO Bond, Carol Brey, Quality
4 of Life Director, and I, will be looking at possible locations where the Library
5 can relocate during this project.

6 E. Acceptance of Library Director's Report

- 7 i. President Stephen Jones called for a motion to approve report; Member
8 Jason Ferguson voiced a motion to approve; Member Nancy Claypool
9 seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried.

10 4. Old Business – The Following was Presented

- 11 a. Review/Approval of the Following Policy: POL-LIB-2016-08 Use of Public Access
12 Computers and Internet, Issue 4.0

- 13 ii. President Stephen Jones called for a motion to approve Library Policy:
14 POL-LIB-2016-08 Use of Public Access Computers and Internet, Issue 4.0,
15 as presented; Secretary Erin Wahl voiced a motion to approve; Member
16 Randi Himelgrin seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion carried.

17 5. Announcements/Other Information – The Following was Shared

- 18 a. Lynda St. Clair mentioned the following:

- 19 i. Linda St. Clair has invited the LAB to attend the film screening of *The*
20 *Librarians* at 5:30 P.M. This film screening is in cooperation with KRWG.
21 After the movie, Linda will have Cookies and Conversations with State
22 Legislators.

- 23 ii. I would like to thank the LAB for supporting the library, it really means a lot.
24 I know this is a tough time and I appreciate everything the LAB does.

- 25 b. LAB Member Nancy Claypool mentioned the following:

- 26 i.

1 6. Public Participation

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

3 7. Adjournment – Member xxx entertained a motion to adjourn meeting; meeting adjourned
4 at approximately 3:57 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026,
5 at 3:00 P.M. in the Staff Conference Room on the 2nd floor of TBML.

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8 **PRESIDENT or VICE-PRESIDENT**