

3/19/25 minutes

Attendees: Braygan Hutchison, Paul Daybell, Lacey Dahlgren, Shae Hansen, Stephanie Nixon, Erin Campbell,

Director Shawn Bliss was also present, as was Rachel Lenahan, Utah State Library consultant for a training.

Motion to pass minutes from previous meeting 1/22/2025

Shae motioned to approve, Paul seconded, approved unanimously.

Directors report:

Children's area has been closed while the carpet is replaced. While it's been closed, library staff has been weeding through the children's section. Almost all tripping hazards have been repaired, with the exception of one that will be repaired in the future. Bookcases and books were moved back on 3/19, and children's area will be opened again on 3/24.

Summer program preparation has started. The library is working on leveling out the activities, as last year involved a lot of planning.

Karen is taking over planning for all library programs.

Summer theme this year will be "Color Your World."

Lauren Jones is leaving, and will have her replacement for the teen section trained before her departure.

Staff levels have increased from 3 people 10 years ago to 11 people today - 2 being full time employees. There has been an increase in teen volunteers as well.

Budget presentation recently took place. Shawn and Karen presented a small increase in the library budget to assist with replacing the rest of the flooring downstairs. Also looking at regular carpet and window cleaning to maintain the appearance of the library. Shawn and Karen are conscious of what is being asked, and are keeping overall asks small.

Shawn stressed the importance of board members attending city council meetings in order to stay connected in the community. May be a good idea to have one board member attend each month.

The library is working on a Michael Nielson Community Seed Library. Michael has donated to the library, and this will be a good opportunity to show our appreciation for his donations and support. The library is repurposing items that are no longer needed (such as card catalogues). The seed library will tentatively be ready on April 1st. The idea will be for community members

to take seeds, and bring back seeds once their plants have fruited. Seeds that will be successful in the area will be available. There will be a ceremony when this is opened.

The library will host a waterwise event in April.

IMLS was discussed. The library is currently on a “wait and see” basis. The majority of funding is not currently affected, but this could affect grants.

The importance of board members advocating for the library was discussed. Including talking to friends and neighbors about library events.

The library is working on Read posters that will include staff members, board members, the Lees Badger, and other local people.

Stephanie gave the motion to adjourn, Paul seconded, approved unanimously