

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library

Library Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

Library Board Meeting Attendees:

Mr. Josh Blackburn, Chairman

Ms. Tricia Keenan

Ms. Jaimie King

Ms. Rachel Mazzarelli

Mr. Brandon Kolle

Ms. Audra Bradford

Ms. Faye Hill

Ms. Meghan Murr, Library Director

Ms. Anne Osborne, Buffalo River Regional Service Coordinator

Call to Order/Welcome

Mr. Blackburn opened the Library Board meeting at 5:34 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025 with a roll call.

August Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held in August were reviewed. A correction was noted of the name of board member Jaime King. Ms. Mazzarelli made a motion to approve with correction. Ms. Hill seconded and all approved.

Regional Library Report

Ms. Osborne provided copies of the September regional library report for everyone. She stated they have started on the training calendar and noted there will be some changes including more virtual offerings. The Middle Tennessee Tri-Regional Trustee Workshop was held in Brentwood on the 10th and was very informative. There is still one available, namely, the East Tennessee Workshop that will be held in Crossville, TN.

Ms. Osborne highlighted numerous new construction and expansion projects going on in the region and that they had a record number of participants for the next round of the Public Library Managers Institute which began this month. She also gave a reminder about the Library Survey due September 30th and inquired about any review or updates to our bylaws. Ms. Murr will send her our current bylaws with any updates.

Friends of the Library Update

There were no representatives from the Friends of the Library present at this month's meeting. Ms. Murr has met with the family of the large donor at the library and

discussed things that are needed and where the use of the gift could be beneficial. The family would like something to be completed sooner rather than later and there could be some movement on utilizing that gift.

Old Business

Ms. Murr updated the status of the HVAC system. The contractor, English Services, has received half of the equipment last week with expectations to receive the remainder this week. Since all the walkthroughs and coordination with the Trane representatives have been completed, the work may start before the end of the month.

New Business

Ms. Murr distributed copies of three library policies for review. The first was the Book Donation policy. She has updated this to include that there is a 15 book limit for each donation and that they should be in new or almost new condition. There have been many "drop-off" of boxes of books and some in unusable condition. Also, the material should have a copyright date within the past 10 years and not be any type of reference material. Ms. Bradford made a motion to accept the policy as written and Ms. Keenan seconded. All approved.

Secondly, Ms. Murr provided the Internet Safety Policy. There were no updates to the policy but a review was needed. Mr. Kolle made a motion to accept the policy as written and Ms. Hill seconded. All approved.

Finally, Ms. Murr provided the Library Card Policy. The only section of the policy that has been updated is the proof of employment or residency. Employment through a delivery or temporary agency that doesn't have a local office in Lincoln County is not eligible. Ms. Muzzarelli made a motion to accept the policy as written and Ms. Keenan seconded. All approved.

Director's Report

Ms. Murr gave her report covering all the stats for the past month including programs and the number of participants. She reported the August statistics including 1875 visitors with 1419 items checked out. There were 13 programs held with 125 attendees. In addition, there were 76 library cards issued. This is a large uptick which is spurred with the Library Perks program where patrons receive a discount at local businesses. Currently there are 15 participating businesses. The library hosted the regular monthly programs, celebrated water balloon day and held a book sale raising \$300 for the Memorial Fund.

There is also growing needs of the activities already in place particularly with the growing homeschool programs. The Tiny Tales group is growing and will need to be expanded to different groups. They are also expanding the Dungeons and Dragons to include a junior club and there is a new board game club.

Ms. Murr provided insight into upcoming events including the highly successful Library Halloween Truck or Treat on October 23rd. There will also be a Costume Swap event. The Library will participate in the Host of Christmas Past this year on Friday instead of Saturday. The theme is Mrs. Claus's Reindeer Training Camp.

Closure

Ms. Hill made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Bradford seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.