

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library

Library Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2025

Library Board Meeting Attendees:

Mr. Josh Blackburn, Chairman

Ms. Tricia Keenan

Ms. Tonya Allen

Ms. Jaimie Fox

Ms. Rachel Muzzarelli

Ms. Andrea Delap

Ms. Audra Bradford

Ms. Faye Hill

Ms. Meghan Murr, Library Director

Call to Order/Welcome

Mr. Blackburn opened the Library Board meeting at 5:35 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025.

June Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the special meetings held in June were reviewed and Ms. Keenan made a motion to approve. Ms. Delap seconded and all approved.

Old Business

Ms. Murr updated the status of the HVAC system. The library had to close early last Tuesday and all day on Wednesday following the extreme temperature procedures. The English Company came out and added freon. The library returned to regular temperature and has been opened regular hours since. They have met with TRANE for the plan for the HVAC installation and a new date of September 9th was given for an estimated air handler shipment.

New Business

Ms. Murr distributed the FY 25-26 budget. The library received the same allocation of funds as last year from the city and received an increase allocation of funds from the county. She highlighted changes from the original budget plan distributing the additional funds and accommodating changes in costs. These included the increased price for the yearly audit and the ancestry subscription, giving the Tiny Tales program a budget line and additions to the summer reading program. There was also an addition to the continue education and training line item which was considered a valuable

expense for the library team. Remaining funds were listed in Other Programs. Ms. Bradford made a motion to adopt the FY 25-26 budget and Ms. Hill seconded. All approved.

Ms. Murr also provided the Projected Salaries for FY 25-26. Payroll has decreased with the retirement of Ms. Jacks. She was replaced by Ms. Emily Alexander. The Story Time librarian position has been filled by Ms. Sandy C. and she has transitioned in successfully. Ms. Ashley W. is the Program Coordinator and has taken on additional roles including outreach and director support responsibilities. Ms. Murr recommended a \$1/hr increase for her raising her pay to \$17/hr. Ms. Delap made a motion to accept the payroll and Ms. Muzzarelli 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 summer statistics including 3150 visitors. The summer program was very successful with 195 registered. There were 66 programs conducted with a total participation of 1846. She provided insight into upcoming events including the highly successful Library Halloween Truck or Treat on October 23rd. Plans are to have the EMS, the fire department, the police department and others with their trucks for the kids to learn about and touch.

Other things Ms. Murr is working on are starting a "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program and looking into forming a Library Perks Program with local businesses where people could use their library card for discounts or specials at local businesses.

Closure

Ms. Muzzarelli made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Hill seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.