



## Library Advisory Board

*Minutes*

September 11, 2025

Members of the Library Advisory Board met on this day in regular session at the Brownsville Library in the Kirk Room, Brownsville, Oregon, at 4:40 PM.

**\*Present:** Chairperson Melissa Selby, Barbara DeRobertis, Barbara DeRobertis, Sandy Saltzer, Jennifer Ashcraft, Librarian Sherri Lemhouse, and City Administrative Assistant \*

**Absent:** Linda McCormick

**Public:** None

**Presiding:** Melissa Selby

**Minutes:** Mrs. Selby called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Ms. Saltzer made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2025, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Mrs. Selby seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

**Library Report:** Librarian Sherri started with a moment of silence to remember Patriots Day. A National Day of Remembrance for the nearly 3,000 lives lost in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. She then Of the 112 Reading Logs handed out over the 5 weeks of July, we received 98. This translates into 686 days of reading. If each child read only 20 minutes that was 24,080 minutes or 382.6 hours. The rain did not help our early programs. The performances were both poorly attended. The Stuffed Animal Sleepover had more animals than last year! I am expecting 40 stuffed overnight guests at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover. The Ready 2 Read Grant has been submitted for next year's Summer Reading Program. The State Librarian, Wendy Cornelisen, sent out a message that IMLS Funding passed House Appropriations Committee. This is very good news. The 2025 Oregon Public Library Statistical Report has been filled in. She is waiting on ODLC statistics for our Library. We have a great lineup of programing this year Estate Planning – Making a Trust on September 18, 2025; World Cultures & Travel: India's Fabled Rajasthan on Thursday, October 16, 2025; France's La Belle Provance November 20, 2025; Turkish Treasure February 19, 2026, and Florida's Wild Everglades March 19, 2026. Estate Planning Wills, Advanced Directive and Making a Trust will be repeated in spring. Display Cases currently hosting some of Library Volunteer Miss Meryl Walton's bookmarks. Do you have a collection you would like to display? The Library is booking for summer 2026. Brownsville Times is back! I have the past 3 years newspapers ready to go to Cyrano's Book Binding. Added a separate column detailing books purchased, with small bit about the item. It would be nice to have a volunteer type down what I say in box opening video about each book. This would be used in Brownsville Times. Book Sale December 4 – 13. Volunteers will be setting up on Wednesday, December 3 beginning at 10 AM. Save the date for the Festival of Trees December 5 and 6.

**City Administrator Report:**

**New Business:** Our Topic of Conversation this month is National Library Card Month/Library Promotions. Barbara DeRobertis wrote an article adapted from an American Library Association Press Release for the Brownsville Times and was much appreciated. We currently have a Banned Book display on card catalog and above Children's Books. Librarian Sherri is writing an article about these for the 9/25 edition of the Brownsville Times.

**Guest Comments:**

**Board Member Comments:** Ms. Saltzer asked if the patron count has increased with the new development and move ins. Librarian Sherri said overall the Library patrons and circulation are increasing. Ms. Ashcraft said the schools are not allowing cellphones in classrooms and the benefits are already being seen. She has also welcomed two more granddaughters to her family. Mrs. Selby mentioned the Calapooia Food Alliance is hosting a Harvest Party on Sunday, September 19 at 6 PM.

There being no further discussion; the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:05 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 9, 2025, in the Kirk Community Room at the Library.

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Melissa Selby,  
Chairperson

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Sherri Lemhouse,  
Librarian