



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

September 10, 2026

Members of the Library Advisory Board met on this day in regular session at the Brownsville Library in the Kirk Room, Brownsville, Oregon, at 4:32 PM.

***Present:** Chairperson Linda McCormick, Melissa Selby, Jennifer Ashcraft, Lisa Jager and Librarian Sherri Lemhouse.

Absent: Sandy Saltzer

Public: None

Presiding: Linda McCormick

Minutes: Mrs. McCormick called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Ms. Ashcraft made a motion to approve the May 14, 2026 Minutes as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Mrs. Selby seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Library Report: Librarian Sherri reported that We were fortunate to have a terrific kick off performer in 'Dan the Magic Man' out of Lebanon. He was very engaging – with the kids and the audience. The Bike Rodeo had about 30 children and adults who participated. One little girl was very intimidated by the course and all the other children. She did not want to ride on her bike through the course. By the end of the activity, she had ridden through three times! The Brownsville Fire Department volunteers are awesome. They gave a terrific impromptu talk and even the Librarian was able to spray the hose and 'put the fire out'. The Fairy/Gnome Gardens was even more popular than I expected! 24 children made a garden. The last family spent over 1.5 hours at the Library! Cool! If you haven't attended a UOMNCH event, please plan on attending the next! This year was exceptional in the fact that it was about bees and the two interns made connection with the children right from the start. These programs have an intern lead gathering at the beginning followed by at least 8 interactive exhibits and/or activities. Mrs. Carol's pot decoration activity using modge podge was brilliant. She was able to obtain from the OSU Extension Office a pair of garden gloves and a packet of seeds for each child in attendance. Library also donated a bee activity book for each family. Finally, the 3rd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover was such fun. I think I finally fell asleep around 12:30 AM the next morning. All little animals had a terrific time. We still have one stuffy that hasn't been claimed. Little Bear will join the Library Animal Club. Fridays of July, I got to lead Story Time AND craft time. We made Lady Liberty Crowns, American Eagle puppets, Liberty Bell, Tic Tac Toe sets, and our versions of the Captain American Shields. I was very happy to see Mrs. Thea come back to craft time in August. Apollo joined Soutron – no major changes are expected. Literary Arts sent us a large box of books from the 2026 Oregon Book Awards. These were donated by the publishers.

New Business: Members welcomed new board member Lisa Jager. Our September Topic of Conversation is Library Promotions – September National Library Card Month. This year the

American Library Association has chosen the theme as ‘A Library Card Hits all the Right Notes! On the Library Facebook/Instagram page, Librarian Sherri has added a couple posts. Have you seen them? Are you following our page? What other ideas do you have. Other ideas included posting flyers on the Community Gardens bulletin board and at Randy’s Main St Coffee.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 2026 in the Kirk Community Room at the Library.

ATTEST:

Linda McCormick,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian