

Location

Bentonville Public Library (BPL)
Walmart Foundation Community Room

Call to Order

Hadi Dudley, Library Director, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

Attendees

Michele Stamps Pritchett, Michelle Evans, Megan Bolinder, Matthew Moses, Nathan Pollet, Cynthia Cochran, Kimberly Seay, Teresa Stafford, Octavio Sanchez, Peggy Snyder, Bonnie Bridges, Hadi Dudley, and Vira Kousol

Guest: Sam Hoisington, Bentonville Bulletin

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The group reviewed the February 5, 2025 meeting minutes. Cynthia Cochran moved, and Michelle Evans seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The board minutes for February 5, 2025 were approved as presented.

Agenda Items

1. Hadi Dudley provided the Library Report
 - a. Author Visit: Ginny Meyers Sain will visit BPL on Saturday, March 15th, at 6 p.m. This event is in collaboration with Two Friends Books. Ginny is a young adult mystery/paranormal author whose new book, *When the Bones Sing*, is set in the Ozark mountains. Thank you to Friends for sponsoring the author event!
 - b. Hadi shared an overview of BPL's accomplishments, goals, and statistics with the group.
 - i. BPL submitted accomplishments, goals, and statistics with photographs to the Finance Department for the City's annual report.
 - c. This year's State of the City Address will be presented to the City Council on March 11, 2025, at around 6:45 p.m. at Council Chambers in City Hall; the option to attend via Zoom—narrative and photographs for the library prepared by Tara Clark.
 - d. BPL is hosting this year's local Congressional Art Competition: a national student art exhibit in conjunction with Congressman Steve Womack. Exhibit dates: April 16 – 23, with award presentation by the Congressman on April 23 at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
2. School Outreach Opportunities
 - a. Willowbrook Elementary Culture Fair
Thursday, March 13, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Signed up: Denise Estrada
 - b. Vaugh Elementary STEM Night
Monday, April 17, 5:00 7:00 p.m.
 - c. Centerton Gamble Literacy Night
Thursday, May 1, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
3. Hadi shared updates on the library's expansion/renovation project
 - a. Linoleum floor rework is scheduled for April 14 - 19

- b. Construction punch list is ongoing
 - c. Furniture deliveries continued
 - d. The remaining shelving was installed on February 25
 - e. Meeting rooms opened for public use on March 1
- 4. Peggy Snyder provided the Friends of the Bentonville Library Report
 - a. Bank balance - \$65,812.00
 - b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Fill the truck on March 29, 9:00 – 3 p.m., outside the front door requesting donations
 - ii. The spring bookstore sale is March 27 – 29
 - 1. Location: Rotary Room
- 5. Teresa Stafford provided the Bentonville Library Foundation Report
 - a. 2025 Totals YTD:
 - i. Total donations = 38
 - ii. Total dollars (cash in) = \$22,201
 - b. Events:
 - i. Donor Appreciation Luncheon – Sunday, February 23
 - ii. Good attendance
 - iii. Presentation on BLF adult programming plans
 - 1. Cycling – May
 - 2. Food as Medicine – Q3 & Q4 (four separate sessions)
 - 3. Entrepreneurship – date tbd
 - iv. Booked For the Evening – October 9 (open invitation)
 - c. Next BLF board meeting is scheduled for March 10, rescheduled to March 24
- 6. Public Comments on Agenda Items (Limited Public Forum) – None were provided.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 1 PM

Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 1:37 PM

About Public Comments on Agenda Items

Library Advisory Board meetings are open to the public. Guests may make public comments at the end of the agenda. To make a public comment, you must register with your name, address, phone number, and email address. Each person is limited to 3 minutes of comments; public comments should relate to board meeting agenda items.