

**Location**

Bentonville Public Library (BPL)  
Rotary Conference Room

**Call to Order**

Hadi Dudley, Library Director, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**Attendees**

Michele Stamps Prichett, Megan Bolinder, Matthew Moses, Cynthia Cochran, Kimberly Seay, Teresa Stafford, Octavio Sanchez, Hadi Dudley, Vira Kousol, and Tara Clark. Tanner Martin was present for a portion of the meeting to assist with technology. Guest: Lillian Marcum, Ignite Marketing Intern.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The group reviewed the March 5, 2025 meeting minutes. Cynthia Cochran moved, and Michele Stamps Prichett seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The board minutes for March 5, 2025 were approved as presented.

**Agenda Items**

1. Hadi Dudley provided the Library Report
  - a. Reminder: 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 an award presentation by the Congressman on April 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
2. School Outreach Opportunities
  - a. Apple Glen Elementary International Night  
Friday, April 11 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
  - b. Mary May Jones Culture Night  
Friday, April 11 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
  - c. Vaughn Elementary STEM Night  
Monday, April 17 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
  - d. Centerton Gamble Literacy Night  
Thursday, May 1 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
3. Expansion/Renovation Update
  - a. Hadi shared the financial review/recap of the library project with the group, which will be presented to the City Council on April 7 at 6 p.m.
4. Friends of Bentonville Library – No Report
5. Bentonville Library Foundation Report
  - a. 2025 totals YTD:
    - i. Total donations = 57 (up from 38 in March)
    - ii. Total dollars = \$52,022 (up from \$22,201 in March)
    - iii. Corporate Partner memberships = 11 (3 additional in the queue)
    - iv. Corporate Sponsors = 2
  - b. Events:
    - i. Adult Programs

1. May 8th, Confident Commuting – cycling safety/etiquette, rules of the road, trail systems
  2. Food as Medicine series beginning in August (4 sessions into November)
  3. Small Business/entrepreneurship beginning mid-January 2026 through March
- ii. October 9th Booked for the Evening
    1. Location: Thaden Field
    2. Yeyo’s catering
    3. Presentation – to be confirmed
    4. Library Service Awards
- c. The next BLF board meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Library Advisory Board members discussed the procedure for selecting an Emerging Leader service award. Cynthia Cochran will lead a small committee to review candidates; a report to the board will inform final selection.
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items (Limited Public Forum) – no public comments were made.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 1 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

*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 for comments; public comments should relate to agenda items from the board meeting.