

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
4:30pm, Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Council Conference Room/ZOOM

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AGENDA

- I. Call to order, welcome guest(s)**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Approval of February 11, 2025, minutes**
- IV. Citizen Comment/Suggestions**
- V. Reports**
 - A. Director Report
 - B. Budget Report
 - C. Friends of the Library Report
 - D. Library Birthday Event
 - a. Goal(s) for the dinner/dance event (advocacy, fundraising, celebrating staff, etc.), our target audience, the balance of expense vs benefits.
- VI. Unfinished Business**
 - A. None
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Library Policy- Fines and Fees
- VIII. Unscheduled Business**
- IX. Upcoming Programs/Events**
 - March 15 FOL Book Barn Used Books Sale, 10:30am-1:30pm
 - March 18/19 Writing Historical Fiction with Jan McGiffin, 6:30pm, HH
 - March 29 Library Spring Cleaning, 2pm-6pm, Library

Next regular meeting April 8, 2025

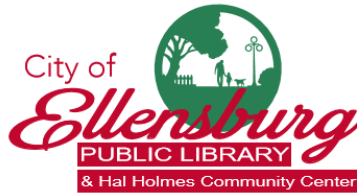
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CITY OF ELLENSBURG

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LIBRARY BOARD

February 11, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Council Conference Room

Richard Moreno, Chair term expires December 31, 2026

Vikki Carpenter, Co-Chair, term expires December 31, 2028

Mary James, term expires December 31, 2027

Marty Blackson, term expires December 31, 2027

Josh Aubol, term expires December 31, 2027

Andreina Delgado, term expires December 31, 2028

Emily Brown-Pratz, term expires December 31, 2030

I. CALL TO ORDER

Moreno called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Josh Aubol, Marty Blackson, Emily Brown-Pratz, Vikki Carpenter, Andreina Delgado, Mary James, Rich Moreno

COUNCIL LIASON: Sarah Beauchamp (absent)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Josephine Camarillo

GUESTS: None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Blackson to approve the agenda, motion seconded by Carpenter.

Motion approved. Motion passed 7-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by James to approve the agenda with edit to James title, motion seconded by Aubol.

Motion approved. Motion passed 7-0.

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

None

VI. REPORTS

A. Director Report: Library birthday event was a great success. Two TV stations interviewed the Director and gave coverage for the event. Natalie Hammerquist from Roslyn was chosen by KCRLB to be the 2025 One Book One County author. Her program of her book *Medicinal Plants of the Pacific Northwest* will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at Hal Holmes. Suggestions to Purchase were high in January with the library purchasing 71 items. Circulation from previous year (Jan. 2024) were slightly lower. Winter Bingo reading program has extended till March 31.

B. Budget Report: Budget continues to be on track.

C. Friends of the Library Report: Book Barn has been renamed back to the original *Tulip's Book Barn*. Book Club Tea will take place on April 21 with featured author Richard Moreno.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Birthday Celebration Debrief:
All went well and accordingly. Nearly 200 people came through with several news outlets in attendance, KIMA, KAPP and CWU. It was noted that an event schedule would be helpful for attendees. Appetizers were well received. Cheese, crackers and veggie tray could be an option for next year. Possible option for 2026 birthday event is to continue with evening drop in with cake and/or a catered dinner/dance event.
- B. Library Board Annual Report for Council was presented. James would like to start working on next years' report now.
- C. Staff Retreat Agenda for Feb. 21st was presented. Board portion will begin at 3:30pm.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2024 Library/HH Year End Statistics was presented and discussed.
- B. Board will continue to work on Library Policies throughout the year.

IX. UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

X. UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Upcoming events presented.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Council Conference Room, City Hall/ ZOOM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Moreno at 5:26 p.m.

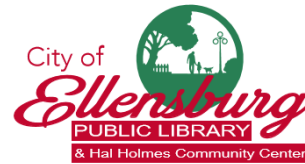
Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Camarillo, staff

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

TO: Library Board, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney

FROM: Josephine Camarillo, Library Director

DATE: March 2025



Meetings: Staff, Supervisors, City Attorney, Morning Rotary, Dept. Directors

Director: Staff retreat was successful. Jillian DeBritz facilitated a self-care and self-awareness session and Eli Carr presented on gangs and graffiti. Library will be applying for a CBDG general purpose grant with Finance and Public Works department. Public hearing at City Council will be March 17, 2025. Facilities Assistant interviews will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025.

Adult Services: Winter Bingo has been extended through March. RJ led RPG Jamboree with 16 in attendance. RPG is an acronym for role playing game(s). Staff attended staff retreat at which Pyper presented annual department report. Pyper applied for and received a professional development grant from the Washington State Library to attend Washington Library Association's annual conference in April. RJ attended Communication Skills to De-Escalate Hostile Customers training. Morgan Middle School class visits over 6 dates in February and March for archives tour and historical research on people and buildings. There were 478 Computer Lab Users; 934 wireless printing; 13 Hotspot checkouts.

Technical Services: 376 physical items added to the collection, 388 physical items deleted from the collection during the last month. Tech services staff began adding special gripping, anti-slip tape to the JNF collections' shelves to keep books from sliding down.

Youth Services: What a full month! It's wonderful having both Cece and Alyssa bringing programs! Cece is bringing storytimes on Tuesdays, weekly teen gaming and once a month Neuro-Friendly Storytime. Alyssa is having fun with the lively afterschool group on Tuesdays, reading Clementine by Sara Pennypacker. Sue is working with an intern on Thursdays from the CWU childhood development program. World Read ALOUD event was a fun program that promised a cute stuffy for those that read aloud or who listen to a Friend of the Library read.

Hal Holmes: 2 Private/Govt event, 4 Non-Profit events, 56 cosponsored: 62 total events
HH is utilizing the services of our HH Subs while we await filling the Facility Assistant position.
Facilities: One of the boilers for EPL is down, we now have 2 rolling podiums for the facility, and we are prepping for Spring clean up to begin soon.

Circulation:

Circulation Statistics	Feb-25	Jan-25	% chg	Feb-24	% chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	% chg
Physical Items	9564	10771	-12%	10771	-12%	20335	21688	-7%
Electronic Items	4830	5256	-9%	4691	3%	10086	10073	0%
TOTAL	14394	16,027	-11%	15462	-7%	30421	25971	15%

Library Visits: 11,012

New Card Holders: 99

Total Card Holders: 14,618



What's new at the Ellensburg Library?

RICHARD MORENO
contributing columnist

The Reference Desk spotlights the newest books in the Ellensburg Public Library's collections.



RICHARD MORENO

ADULT NONFICTION

"Letters" by Oliver Sacks, edited by Kate Edgar

Dr. Oliver Sacks, acclaimed author of books such as "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat"

and "Awakenings," was a committed letter writer throughout his life.

This new work collects the insightful notes he wrote to his parents, friends, colleagues, his beloved Auntie Len and many others from the time he arrived in the U.S. from England as a young man, through different stages of his life (Sacks died in 2015 at the age of 82).

According to The New York Times Book Review, the book reveals "his passion for life and work, friendship and art, medicine and society, and the richness of his relationships with friends, family, and fellow intellectuals over the decades."

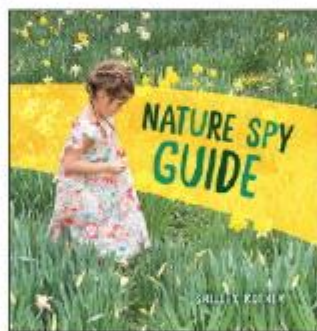
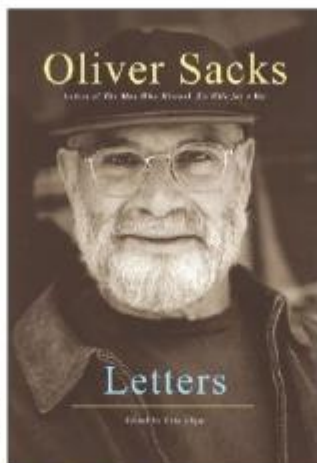
ADULT FICTION

"Orbital: A Novel" by Samantha Harvey

Winner of the 2024 Booker Prize, Samantha Harvey's *Orbital* follows one day in the lives of six men and women traveling through space.

The crew, which includes members from America, Britain, Russia, Italy and Japan, were selected for one of the last space station missions before the program is discontinued.

Harvey shows readers glimpses of their earthly lives, how they form bonds, and how they deal with the solitude, as the crew travels at a speed of more than 17,000 miles an hour. A contemplative work, *Orbital* serves as a moving elegy to our planet and environment.



CHILDREN NONFICTION

"Nature Spy Guide" by Shelley Rotner (ages 4 to 9)

In her newest book, author and photographer Shelley Rotner prompts readers to use their five senses to explore the outdoors.

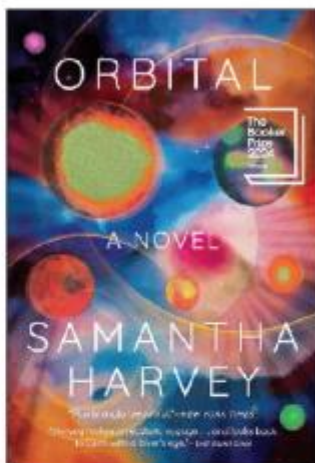
With simple text and photos depicting children in nature, Rotner invites kids to search for colors, shapes and more in the world around them. Back matter includes easy-to-use activities to enhance the outdoor experience.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"Dragon's Promise" by Elizabeth Lim (ages 12 to 17)

This new book by Elizabeth Lim is an exciting sequel to "Six Crimson Cranes," her successful fantasy YA novel released in 2021.

In this work, Lim tells the story of Princess Shiori, who makes a deathbed promise to return a dragon's pearl to its rightful owner. To do so, she must journey to the kingdom of dragons, survive political intrigue among



humans and dragons, and fight thieves attempting to liberate the pearl from her.

The trick is that the pearl emanates a malevolent power of its own, which threatens to betray the princess at any moment.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ellensburg Public Library offers Neuro-Friendly Storytime programs?

Neuro-diverse youth and their families are welcome to participate in a fun, interactive and well-supported storytime that includes a variety of sensory engagement tools and activities.

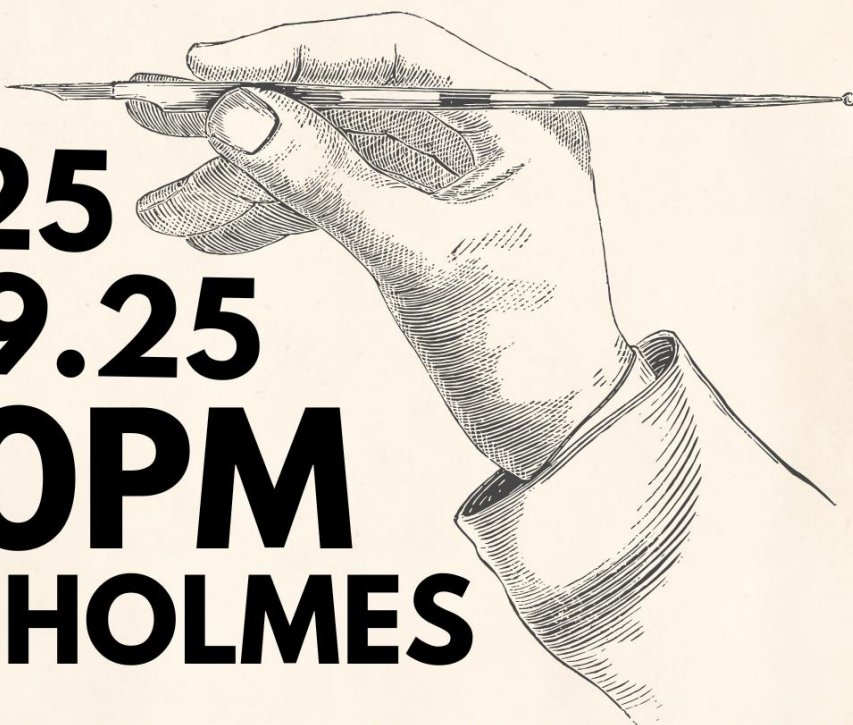
Contact the library at 509-962-7250 to find out when the next one is scheduled.

WRITING HISTORICAL FICTION

ELLENSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

A TWO DAY EVENT!

**3.18.25
& 3.19.25
6:30PM
@ HAL HOLMES**



WITH AUTHOR JAN MCGIFFIN

[THE JOYS OF RESEARCH, THE ANGUISH OF DECIDING WHAT HISTORY TO LEAVE OUT, MAKING
CHARACTERS ACCESSIBLE TO A MODERN READER WITHOUT FORGETTING THEIR PLACE IN
HISTORY, AND WORKING WITH AN EDITOR AND ILLUSTRATOR ASSIGNED BY A PUBLISHER.]

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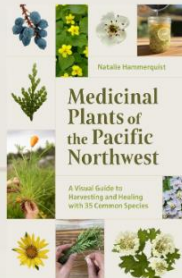


Author Presentation

NATALIE HAMMERQUIST

Tuesday,
April 29, 2025
7:00pm 
at Hal Holmes

*books will be available for purchase



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