

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
4:30pm, Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Council Conference Room/ZOOM

***** MEETING CANCELED DUE TO NO NEW BUSINESS *****

AGENDA

- I. Call to order, welcome guest(s)**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Approval of September 9, 2025, minutes**
- IV. Citizen Comment/Suggestions**
- V. Reports**
 - A. Director Report
 - B. Budget Report
 - C. Friends of the Library Report
 - D. Library Birthday Event
- VI. Unfinished Business**
 - A. None
- VII. New Business**
 - A. None
- VIII. Unscheduled Business**
- IX. Upcoming Programs/Events**
 - Oct. 4/18 FOL Book Barn Sale, 10:30pm-1:30pm
 - Oct. 20 FOL Meeting, 3:30pm
 - Oct. 28 Author Natalie Hammerquist, Hal Holmes, 6pm

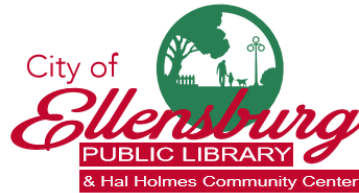
Next regular meeting November 11, 2025
Location: City Council Conference Room/ZOOM

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting:

Time of Meeting:

Place of Meeting:



LIBRARY BOARD

September 9, 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 4:31 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT (excused): none.

COUNCIL LIAISON: Sarah Beauchamp, absent.

GUEST(S): None

OTHERS PRESENT: Josephine Camarillo (Staff), Regina Tipton-Llamas (staff)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Blackson to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Brown-Pratz.

Motion approved. Motion passed 7-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by James to approve the July 2025 minutes; motion seconded by Blackson.

Motion approved. Motion passed 7-0.

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

None

VI. REPORTS

- A. Director Report: Library will be participating in the Collaborative Access for Rural Empowerment project based out of the University of Montana to develop a curriculum to help people with disabilities in rural communities. Four libraries in the US were selected to participate. New library card design has been ordered. Patrons can exchange their card for a new one at no cost till the end of October. Summer reading program was a great success with higher participation numbers.
- B. Budget Report: August budget final numbers not yet ready. July budget was revisited and reviewed.
- C. Friends of the Library Report: Fall Fun with Friends has been canceled. They will soon be selling canvas bags.
- D. Library Birthday Event: Date set for January 20, 2026, 4:30pm-6:00pm. Still looking for a music group to play during the event.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. New Library Card Design- Megan Pickerel-Winer was the winning artist for our new library card design. The cards will soon be available. Patrons may exchange their card at no cost till the end of October.
- B. Library user survey- Survey questions were reviewed once more. Final version will be reviewed at next meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Regina Tipton-Llamas, Technical Services Supervisor, presented the process of how a book reaches the shelf. This demonstrates one of the tasks our Technical Services department performs daily.

IX. UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

X. UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Upcoming events presented.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at Council Conference Room, City Hall/ ZOOM.

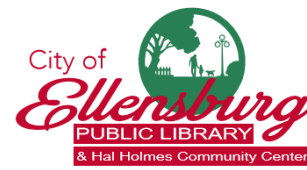
XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Moreno at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Camarillo, staff

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

TO: Library Board, City Manager
 FROM: Josephine Camarillo, Library Director
 DATE: September 2025



Meetings: Staff, Supervisors, City Manager, Morning Rotary, Dept. Directors, FOL, CARE

Director: Annual County budget request packet was submitted on September 15th. Our presentation to the Commissioners will be October 9th. Once again our library participated in the CWU Archives Crawl tour. Mike McCloskey facilitated the tour of about 20 people.

Adult Services: We wrapped up the Summer Reading program: awarded raffle prizes, compiled stats, presented to the Friends of the Library. The raffle winners will meet on Oct. 9 at Gallery One for a clay building session. The poetry workshop was canceled due to unhealthy air quality. Pod People had its first meeting with two in attendance with a commitment to grow the program. Reference helped gather letters of support for the grant application for study/meeting pods. Pyper shared the GovAI policy at the September staff meeting. Mr. McCloskey’s Middle School class is visiting for local history research projects.

There were 2731 eAudio books checkouts; 2337 eBooks checkouts; 477 Computer Lab Users; 1178 wireless printing; 9 hotspot checkouts.

Technical Services: 341 physical items added to the collection, 245 physical items deleted from the collection during the last month.

Youth Services: September wraps up a successful summer of programming with clean-up, stats and reports. We have prepped for autumn activities & programs. AND hosted a full Baby Bounce Bonanza on Friday 9/19/25 with a beautiful gift to each family from the Breakfast Rotary group of a little bag with a baby book, bib, rattle, dance scarf and a baby rhyme/song card 😊 Thanks Rotary!



Hal Holmes: 3 Private/Govt, 2 Nonprofit, 58 sponsored: 63 total events

In September, we were back to events larger in size and attendance. Private and and community focused events required a stretch in our labor to facilitate their success. We hosted space for the usual monthly cosponsored events and brought on KC Field & Stream as a sponsored group. The city hosted an afternoon of Coffee with the Council, Community Development's Open house, the second Community Conversations session and the Ellensburg Academy.

Circulation:

Circulation Statistics	25-Sep	25-Aug	% chg	24-Sep	% chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	% chg
Physical Items	9,903	9974	-1%	9736	1%	90823	94914	-5%
Electronic Items	5058	5234	-3%	4402	13%	45304	43907	3%
TOTAL	14,961	15,208	-2%	14138	6%	136127	138821	-2%

Library Visits: 10,791

New Card Holders: 129

Total Card Holders: 15,391



Author Presentation

NATALIE HAMMERQUIST

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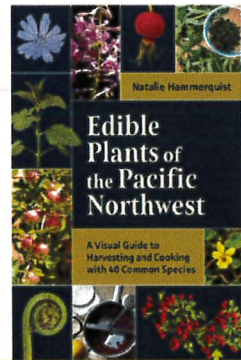
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7:00 PM



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On Our Belonging to Each Other

EPISODE 2: 11.6.25 @ 6:00PM

Snap Judgement/Snap Classic
The Bone Reader (Season 15 -
Episode 34

EPISODE 3: 12.4.25 @ 6:00PM

You're Dead to Me- The
Victorian Christmas

EPISODE 4: 1.8.26 @ 6:00PM

Hello from the Magic Tavern -
Magic Crow (Season 5 Episode
58

EPISODE 5: 2.5.26 @ 6:00PM

Rabbits - Episode 101: Game On
(S1 Ep1)

EPISODE 6: 3.5.26 @ 6:00PM

Smartless - Bill Gates

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@ HAL HOLMES COMMUNITY CENTER

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