

209 North Ruby Street, Ellensburg WA 98926

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
4:30pm, Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Council Conference Room/Zoom

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AGENDA

- I. **Call to order, welcome guest(s)**
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**
- III. **Approval of April 14, 2026, 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. Comprehensive Plan Chapter
 - B. Library Survey
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. Medical Mobile Unit
- VIII. **Unscheduled Business**
- IX. **Upcoming Programs/Events**

May 2/16	FOL Book Barn Sale, 10:30pm-1:30pm
May 13	Humanities WA Speaker Yasemin Sari, Together: The Promise of Democracy, 6:30pm, HH
May 16	Children's Day Downtown, Unity Park 10am-1pm
June 24	Summer Reading Kick-off Party, Library 4:30pm

Next meeting June 9, 2026

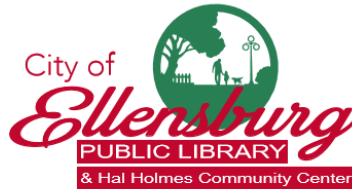
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LIBRARY BOARD

April 14, 2026

4:35 p.m.

Council Conference Room

Richard Moreno, Chair term expires 12- 31-2026

Vikki Carpenter, Co-Chair, term expires 12-31-2028

Mary James, term expires 12-31-2027

Marty Blackson, term expires 12- 31-2027

Josh Aubol, term expires 12-31-2027

Andreina Delgado, term expires 12-31-2028

Emily Brown-Pratz, term expires 12- 31-2030

I. CALL TO ORDER

Moreno called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm

II. ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT (excused): None

COUNCIL LIAISON: Sarah Beauchamp (absent)

GUEST(S): None

OTHERS PRESENT: Josephine Camarillo, staff

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Carpenter to approve agenda with amendments; motion seconded by Blackson.

Motion approved. Motion passed 7-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by James to approve minutes from February 10 and 27, 2026; motion seconded by Carpenter. **Motion approved. Motion passed 7-0.**

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

None

VI. REPORTS

A. Director Report: Staff retreat went very well with all staff in attendance. I presented at Ellensburg Academy with a live action, interactive tour of the library featuring Dina-shore! New staffing model has been presented to staff and will take effect May 1, 2026. Yahtzee tournament was well attended and received. T-Mobile Hometown grant application for large pod was resubmitted. Overall circulation for physical items has slightly decreased.

B. Budget Report: March 2026 budget presented and discussed.

C. Friends of the Library Report: No report.

D. Library Birthday Event: Next celebration will be Wednesday, January 20, 2026.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Library Levels of Service Standards final draft was reviewed. Blackson motioned to approve Levels of Service Standards; seconded by Carpenter. **Motion approved 7-0.**
- B. Comprehensive plan library chapter discussion tabled.
- C. Library survey is currently on hold while City Community Survey finishes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Library reorganization plan presented. Board in support of plan.

IX. UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

- A. National Library Week, April 19-25, 2026.

X. UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Upcoming events presented.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2026

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Moreno at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Camarillo, Director

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

TO: Library Board, City Manager
FROM: Josephine Camarillo, Library Director
DATE: April 2026

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

Director: FOL Book Club Tea was held on April 20th featuring author Sue Christopherson and Isabella Weidert. It was well attended with nearly 60. Sarita Dasgupta, 2026 One Book One County author, presented her book *Seeds of Fate* on April 28th. Four staff members attended the Washington State Library Association April 16-18th. They all learned many great ideas and networked with other library staff from other libraries. Mobile medical unit will be parked on 2nd/Pine, M-F 8am-1pm, Sat 8am-10am.

Adult Services: Sue Hart began working in the Adult Services division as of April 16. Pyper will begin her new duties in the Youth Division on May 1st. Pyper created a vibrant and active environment in the adult division and we are so grateful for her great work. She will do just as well in the Adult Division. Collage Club was well attended with 30+ attendees and continues to grow in participation.

Technical Services: 344 physical items added to the collection, 357 physical items deleted from the collection during the last month. There was a total of 60 Suggestions to Purchase for the May 1 Adult order.

Youth Services: It is a joy to have Ms. Pyper back in the Youth Services department. She brings a lot of care and attentiveness to the work and to the patrons. It will be a bit of a learning time for both Pyper and Sue as they continue to train in their new departments. Spring brings class visits for special storytimes and info about the Summer Reading Program. There is plenty of prep needed before the SRP begins in June.

Hal Holmes: Private-4, NonProfit-2, Sponsored-57, Total-63

In April we help EPD with their Online Predator Awareness event along with WSU's Master Gardeners' presentation. April brought the end of the 2025-26 Contra Dance season that was well attended this year. Our big event was hosting the National Civics Bee with the KC Chamber of Commerce.

Circulation:

Circulation Statistics	April-26	Mar-26	% chg	Apr-25	% chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	% chg
Physical Items	8947	10086	-12%	9628	-8%	39219	42089	-4%
Electronic Items	5238	5078	3%	4829	8%	20581	19913	3%
TOTAL	14185	15,164	-7%	14457	-2%	59800	62002	-4%





FREE PUBLIC TALK

Together: The Promise of Democracy



**MAY
13
6:30 PM**

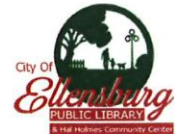
PRESENTED BY

Yasemin Sari

Professor, Seattle University

WHERE

Hal Holmes Community Center



This presentation is part of Humanities Washington's Speakers Bureau program, in which cultural experts discuss history, politics, music, philosophy, and everything in between at venues around the state.

Humanities Washington opens minds and bridges divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. It is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.



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Mobile Opioid Treatment Services Unit Coming to Ellensburg

Expanding Access to Lifesaving Care in Kittitas County

Why Ellensburg Needs a Mobile Opioid Treatment Services Unit:

Opioid Use Is a Growing Problem

- **Fatal overdoses are rising.** With the increase in synthetic opioids like fentanyl, the rate of fatal opioid overdoses in Kittitas County has tripled, increasing from 7.4 per 100,000 (2014–2018) to 26.2 per 100,000 (2021–2023).
- **Emergency responses are increasing.** Opioid overdose hospitalizations in 2020–2021 reached 26.1 per 100,000, higher than the Washington state average of 15.1 per 100,000¹
- In 2024 alone, the county saw 29 emergency room visits and 29 EMS responses for opioid overdoses.

Methadone Access is Limited in Kittitas County

- The three FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder are **buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone.**

Buprenorphine and naltrexone are available locally in Kittitas through local treatment organizations.

- **Methadone**, however, must be administered through a certified **Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)** with **daily dosing requirements**, especially early in treatment.
- There is no OTP in Kittitas County.



The closest is Comprehensive Healthcare's OTP in **Yakima**, requiring a **one-hour drive each way.**

- Currently, about **20 Kittitas County residents** receive OTP services in Yakima.
- Research shows: **The farther someone lives from an OTP, the less likely they are to access care.**

Comprehensive Healthcare Has Proven Expertise

- ✓ Comprehensive Healthcare has provided substance use disorder treatment **since 1972.**
- ✓ Our Opioid Treatment Program has been operational **since 1973.**
- ✓ We deliver **evidence-based**, person-centered care and partner closely with local providers and communities.

What Impact Will the Mobile Opioid Treatment Services Unit Have?

NO Increase in Crime Rates

- Research demonstrates methadone clinics do not increase crime—and may actually reduce local crime⁴

Methadone Saves Lives

- Treatment with methadone reduces the risk of fatal overdose by 50–75%²
- It also reduces non-fatal overdoses by about 60%⁷

Citations:

¹Kittitas County Public Health Department. (2022). 2022 Community Health Assessment (Kittitas County Public Health Dept.). [https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/uploads/documents/health/assessment/2022 Community Health Assessment.pdf](https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/uploads/documents/health/assessment/2022%20Community%20Health%20Assessment.pdf)

²Larochelle, M. R., Bernson, D., Land, T., Stopka, T. J., Wang, N., Xuan, Z., Bagley, S. M., et al. (2018). Medication for opioid use disorder after nonfatal opioid overdose and association with mortality: A cohort study. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 169(3), 137–145. <https://doi.org/10.7326/M17-3107>

³Pierce, M., Bird, S. M., Hickman, M., Marsden, J., Dunn, G., Jones, A., Millar, T., et al. (2016). Impact of treatment for opioid dependence on fatal drug-related poisoning: A national cohort study in England. *BMJ*, 353, i3330. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.i3330>

⁴Ramaswamy, M., Kral, A. H., Wenger, L. D., & Bluthenthal, R. N. (2021). The impact of opioid agonist treatment programs on crime: A systematic review. *Addiction*, 116(12), 3450–3463. <https://doi.org/10.1111/add.15610>

⁵Sordo, L., Barrio, G., Bravo, M. J., Indave, B. I., Degenhardt, L., Wiessing, L., Ferri, M., & Pastor-Barriuso, R. (2017). Mortality risk during and after opioid substitution treatment: Systematic review and meta-analysis of cohort studies. *BMJ*, 357, j1550. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.j1550>

⁶Washington State Department of Health. (n.d.). Opioid and drug use data: Washington Tracking Network (WTN) — overdose dashboard. <https://doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/washington-tracking-network-wtn/opioids/overdose-dashboard>

⁷White, M., Burton, R., Darke, S., Eastwood, B., Knight, J., Millar, T., & Strang, J. (2020). Fatal and non-fatal overdose among heroin users: Impact of treatment and time. *Addiction*, 115(7), 1278–1288. <https://doi.org/10.1111/add.14921>

Mobile Opioid Treatment Services Operations

Clinic Hours:

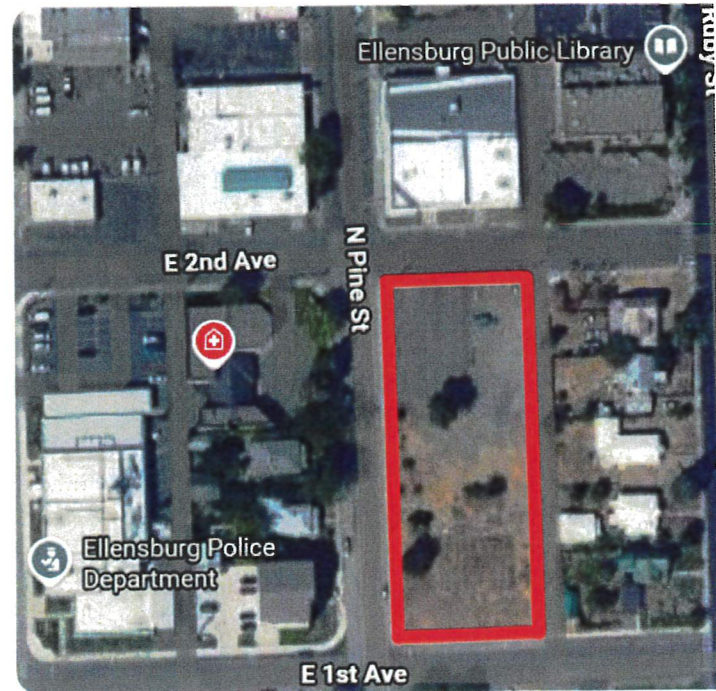
- Monday–Friday: 8:00am – 1:00pm
- Saturday: 8:00am – 10:00am
- Sunday: **Closed**

General Information:

- Client Capacity: **Approximately 60 clients**
- The unit will return to Yakima each night

Services Offered:

- Provider visits
- Counseling sessions
- Methadone and buprenorphine dosing
- Drug screening
- Referrals to community service providers



How to Get Started

Call Comprehensive Healthcare's OTP direct line at (509) 317-2622 to be connected with the Opioid Treatment Program and begin enrollment.