

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
4:30pm, Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Council Conference Room/Zoom

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Meeting ID: 841 5136 1418 Passcode: 983931

AGENDA

- I. **Call to order, welcome guest(s)**
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**
- III. **Approval of June 9, 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. Library Survey – Final Review
 - B. Circulation Statistics

- VII. **New Business**
 - A. Director Mid-Year Review

VIII. Unscheduled Business

IX. Upcoming Programs/Events

- July 15 Adult SRP- Humanities WA Speaker Michael Artime, HH 6:30pm
- July 15 Youth SRP- Leapin Louie, HH 11:15am
- July 18 FOL Book Barn Sale, 10:30pm-1:30pm
- July 22 Adult SRP- Ellensburg Then & Now with Mike McCloskey, HH 6:30pm
- August 5 Adult SRP- Chimp Chatter, HH 6:30pm
- August 7 Rock Art Walk, HH 4:30pm-6:00pm
- August 25 Collage Club, HH 6:30pm

Next meeting September 8, 2026 (No August Meeting)
Location: Council Conference Room/ZOOM

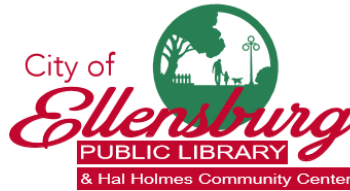


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Date of Meeting:

Time of Meeting:

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LIBRARY BOARD

June 9, 2026

4:30 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 4:31 pm

II. ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT (excused): None

COUNCIL LIAISON: Nancy Goodloe

GUEST(S): Eli Carr, Richard Coleman, Shannon Noel

OTHER PRESENT: Josephine Camarillo

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion approved. Motion passed 7-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by James to approve minutes from May 12, 2026; motion seconded by

Aubol. **Motion approved. Motion passed 7-0.**

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

None

VI. REPORTS

A. Director Report: New Reference Specialist has been hired and will start on June 16, 2026. Library switched to a new hotspot vendor and has increased available hotspots to 5. Library is preparing for its summer reading program for youth and adults. Theme this year is Unearth a Story. Pyper is officially our Youth Services supervisor. Her first big event was Children's Day Downtown, held on May 9 at Unity Park.

B. Budget Report: April 2026 budget was sent to board. May 2026 budget is not yet available.

C. Friends of the Library Report: No report.

D. Library Birthday Event, January 20, 2027: No report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Library survey and City Survey: Eli Carr presented findings from the City Survey pertaining to library. Overall, survey participants are satisfied with the library and its services.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Circulation Statistics: Camarillo presented report showing physical materials circulation comparing April 2026 to May 2026. Eli Carr will help expand report to show trends across a three-year period.

IX. UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

- A. Kittitas Library Board member Gave update that their move into the new building went well. Old library scheduled to be demolished on June 29th.

X. UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Upcoming events presented.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Moreno at 5:19 p.m.

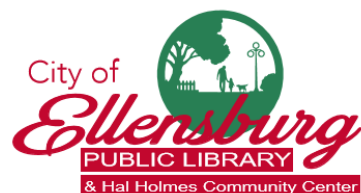
Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Camarillo, Director

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

TO: Library Board, City Manager

FROM: Josephine Camarillo, Library Director

DATE: June 2026



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

Director: Library participated in Community Connect Day on 6/24. Library received three art donations: Richard Beyer sculpture, Bobbie Halpern painting and Ernest Norling painting. It will be added to the library art collection and displayed in the library/HH. Completed drug and alcohol awareness training.

Adult Services: June was a lively month with Libtech attempts to change our public internet service and the computer/printing labs temporarily closing several times. New Reference Specialist, Zoe Rios is doing well. Summer Reading Program officially began on 6/24. 😊 Sarita's Poetry event was accessible and fun for everyone, including the 3 teens that participated.

Technical Services: 357 physical items added to the collection, 160 physical items deleted from the collection during the last month. There was a total of 74 Suggestions to Purchase for the July 1 Adult order.

Youth Services: Pyper is continuing to train in and settle into Youth Services. The entire department is steeped in Summer Reading Program! Pyper and Cece tabled at Touch A Truck with 463 table visitors. The Summer Kick-Off party was a hit, everyone working together to pull it off. Alyssa has assembled the community summer binder featuring youth programs throughout the county. Storytime and Baby Bounce resumed in the library with Outdoor Storytime beginning June 25. Rock paintings program ran June 29-July 2 in the library and will be displayed in August for city artwalk in the Hal Holmes.



Hal Holmes: Private-2, NonProfit-5, Sponsored-62, Total-69

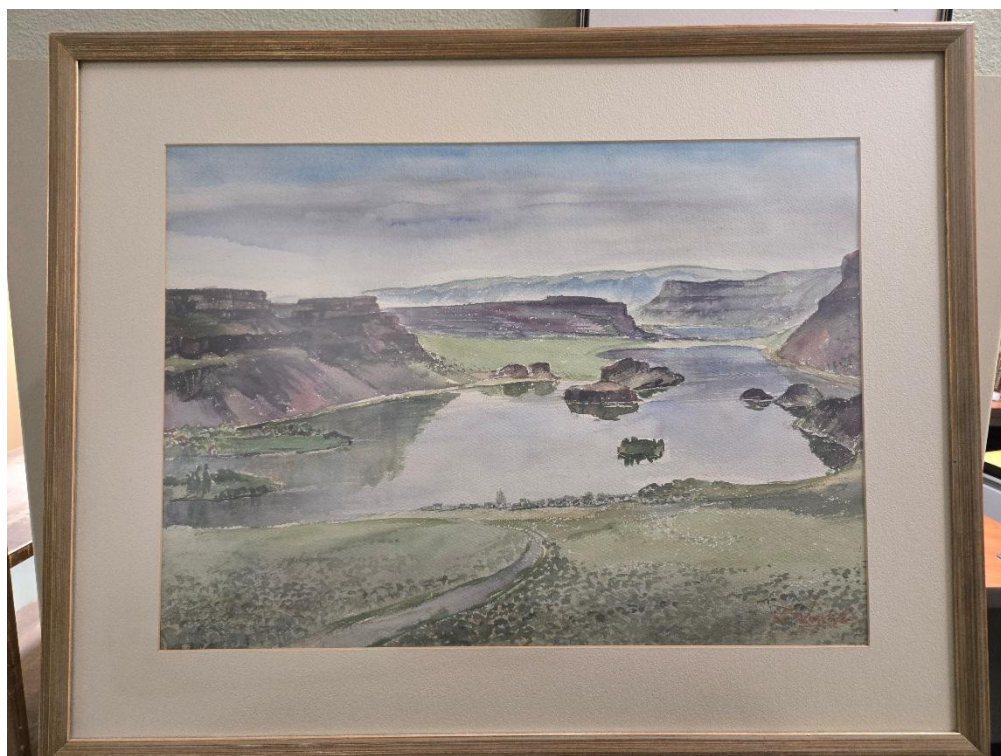
June started with the last of the state testing reservations for K-12, and a graduation for pre-K kids. We cosponsored a new musical "petting zoo" with the CWU violin club offering a chance for kids (or adults) to experiment and try different instruments. We lent out furnishings to other COE departments for Touch-A-Truck and will offer staffing support for the 2026 SRP Kickoff party. This will be the last month of the Ellensburg Big Band using the space weekly on Monday nights due to the original usage of the space changing from a prep for a Big Band Festival in 2025/26 to a free practice space until 10 pm. The original agreement had an ending once the festival occurred.

Circulation:

Circulation Stats	26-Jun	26-May	% chg	25-Jun	% chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	% chg
Physical Items	9371	8424	11%	9672	-4%	57014	59607	-5%
Electronic Items	5126	5331	-4%	4758	7%	33269	29799	10%
TOTAL	14497	13,755	5%	14430	0%	90283	89406	1%



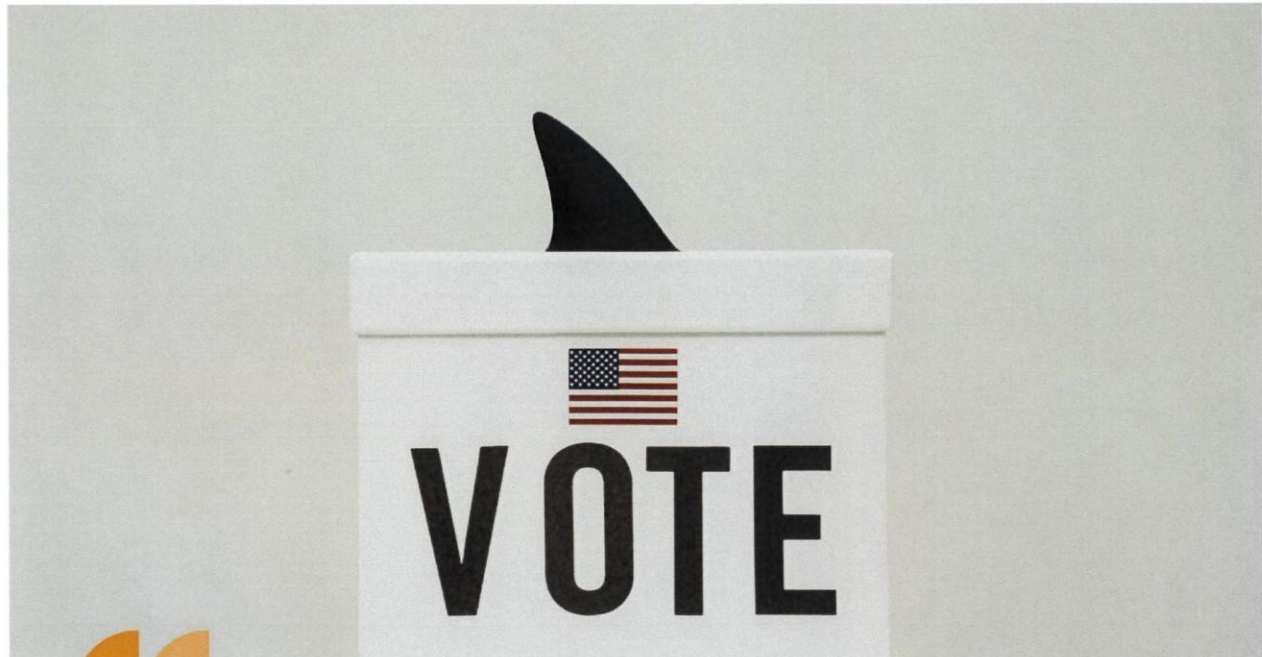
River by Bobbie Halpern
Oil painting, 60" x 39"



Dry Falls, WA by Ernest Norling
Watercolor painting 20 3/4" x 26"



Life, Love, Time, Game
By Richard Beyer
Cast aluminum



FREE PUBLIC TALK

The Strange Link Between Shark Attacks and Voting Behavior

JULY
15
6:30 PM

PRESENTED BY

Michael Artime

Professor, Pacific Lutheran 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.

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ELLENSBURG
THEN & NOW



UNEARTH THE PAST!

Take a trip down memory lane with Mike McCloskey and explore Ellensburg across time.

WEDNESDAY
7.22.26

6:30 PM AT
HAL HOLMES





CHIMP CHATTER

**AUG
05**

6:30PM
Hal Holmes
209 N Ruby St
Ellensburg, WA

Join staff from
Chimpanzee
Sanctuary Northwest
for an evening of
learning and fun!



Experience:

Learn about chimpanzees
and the need for sanctuaries

Make enrichment for the
CSNW chimps

Hear about the volunteer
program at CSNW

