

Lawton Public Library Board

Wednesday November 5, 2025

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted in accordance with Oklahoma law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Michael Wilson, Member; Kristin Herr, Library Director; Tina King, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Sherene L. Williams, City Council Liaison (Absent); Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager

A motion was made to approved the Library Board minutes for the October 1, 2025 meeting as presented. (Couch/Kremmer)

Reports:

- No customer comments or correspondence was presented to the Board.
- The Financial Report was given.
 - Kristin stated that the salaries look to be on track in regard to this point in the fiscal year.
 - Kristin informed the Board that the Library has received the County money of \$52,500.00.
- The Director's Report was given.
 - Kristin reported about the various outreach events that have occurred over the past month. These include many partnerships with organizations including FISTA.
 - Kristin presented a report from the Community Engagement team detailing their recent work.
- The Friends of the Library Report was given.
 - Fermin informed the Board that Clifford Takawana, Family and Local History Librarian, would be the speaker at the next Friends quarterly meeting.
 - Patty announced that Janice Fritsch is the new Chautauqua chairman.
 - Kristin spoke about the STEM grant and the LEGO league.
- The Family and Local History Report was given.
 - A report detailing the recent happenings in the Family and Local History area of the Library including the various work he has done to promote people's interest in the area.
- No City Council Report was given.
- The Grant Report was given.
 - Kristin gave an update on the status of various Library grants.
 - The Library has applied for another Heritage Preservation Grant.
 - The Library has received a grant from the Carnegie Corporation and will receive the money in January.
 - The Library has received two E-Rate grants.

- The Lawton Adult Literacy Center has received a \$14,000.00 Citizenship Grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.
- Kristin applied for a \$500.00 grant with FOLIO.
- Kristin informed the Board that the Priddy grant was being wrapped up with replacing the brick flooring in the Library and replacing the windows in the meeting rooms.

Business:

- Kristin gave an update on the Library Ceiling Project.
 - She informed the Board that City Council had postponed construction on the Library ceiling while a committee is formed to look at the future of the Library.
 - There was a discussion about what would happen next with the project.
- Speaking about the alteration of the Branch Library hours was on the agenda, but did not need to be discussed after the postponement of Library construction.
- Speaking about the alteration of next year's Board meeting dates was on the agenda, but did not need to be discussed after the postponement of Library construction.

Comments from the Floor:

- Dewayne spoke about the various CIP projects in the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM./ Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III