

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LIBRARY BOARD

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Mark Spohn - Willow

Sally Pollen - Palmer
Virginia Robson – Trapper Creek
Martha Kincaid – At Large 2

Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING Big Lake Public Library and Teams

**August 12th, 2025
1:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The Meeting on August 12th, 2025 was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairperson Georgia Knazovich at the Big Lake Public Library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- A. Present were Georgia Knazovich, Kathy Kysar, Chad Scott, Karen Crandall, Mary Fischer, Virginia Robson, Mark Spohn, Sally Pollen and Marty Kincaid. A quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Chad Scott moved to amend the agenda to table the discussion on the letter of support for the LCAC, seconded by Mary Fischer and passed. Kathy Kysar made a motion to add a discussion on the library reconsideration policy to the new business, seconded by Virginia Robson passed. Kathy Kysar moved to accept the agenda as amended, Seconded by Mary Fischer and passed.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- A. Kathy Kysar moved to amend the minutes of the preceding for bias; it was unclear who seconded the motion. Motion failed 5-4. Minutes were corrected to reflect Chad Scott's attendance without objection. Mark Spohn moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Sally Pollen and passed.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

- A. Zane Treesh - Wasilla: Discussed progress and process for library expansion and

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RFID funding. Gave updates on events: concerts, fundraisers, and a summer reading program.

- B. Juli Buzby - Sutton: Gave updates on summer reading and teen programs weekly. in the process of weeding books from their collection. They have a community movie night and community garden programs, as well as homeschool events.
- C. Julie Mitchell - Willow: Discussed the summer reading program with games and prizes and ice cream sundaes.
- D. Cassidy Drake - Big Lake Library: Discussed story time programs, crafting, Literature and Lattes, and a silent auction raising money for kids, a talent show, and Kids Don't Float and Firewise programs.
- E. Mary Fischer - Talkeetna: Gave updates on the summer reading program.
- F. Marita Crosby - Trapper Creek: Gave updates on Summer reading and lunch programs, Sunshine Transit providing transportation assistance, Friends of the Library.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

- A. Cara Lane: Shared concerns about library purchases
- B. Jackie Goforth: Spoke about the importance of protecting children from obscene materials.
- C. Jeanne Troshynski: Spoke about her opinion that the Library Secretary was using the minutes to attack the libraries.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Library Collection Development Policy:
Hugh Leslie laid out the new process for the Library Collection Development Policy, and fielded questions from the board.
- B. Library Reconsideration Policy: It was clarified that the LCAC can choose if they wish to not reconsider adult books if they choose.
- C. MSB Library Strategic Plan FY2026-2030: It was explained that only the information gathered by the Rose Group was considered in the Strategic Plan

there were no conclusions or recommendations received from the group.
Discussion was made about the expansion for the library of things programs.

- D. AI in Libraries: Martha Kincaid shared a handout on the effects of A.I. on libraries to be discussed in the next meeting.

X. ADVOCACY

- A. None

XI. CORRESPONDANCE

- A. None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Mary Fischer: Discussed her proposal to make the Library Collection Development process more localized and inclusive.
- B. Karen Crandall: Spoke about looking forward to working with the new Library Collection Development process.
- C. Kathy Kysar: commented on the LCAC and her opinion that the board is not qualified to determine whether or not a book has literary, artistic, political, scientific, or entertainment value for the many diverse members of the Mat-Su Borough.
- D. Sally Pollen: Introduced herself as it was the first meeting and stated she appreciated all the discussions and that she too had concerns with A.I..
- E. Marty Kincaid: Made comments about Mary Fischer's ideas for the Library Collection Development process and her concerns with A.I..
- F. Mark Spohn: Commented in support of the representation in his district as a member of District 7 on the LCAC board.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. September 9th, 2025, Talkeetna Library 1:00 pm

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm

x Georgia Knazovich
Chair - Georgia
Knazovich

x 9/9/2025
date

Attest:

x Sarah Thomas
Sarah Thomas
Staff Support

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