

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
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Mark Spohn - Willow

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



MEETING MINUTES

Wasilla Public Library and Teams

Meeting ID: 289 421 144 590 Passcode: Zw9Cj63Y

REGULAR MEETING

1:00 PM

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 1:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present: Mary Fischer, Chad Scott, Karen Crandall, Georgia Knazovich, Mark Spohn, Sally Pollen, Virginia Robson, Marty Kincaid
B. Absent: Kathy Kysar

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Ms. Knazovich moved to approve the agenda, unanimous consent

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. October 14, 2025 – Marty Kincaid offered a correction as well as staff – Ms. Knazovich moved to approve the minutes, approved as amended unanimously.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie reported back on the Opt In feature for parents, 1 person has chosen to use this feature so far. He explained the process for today's pulled items from October's list.

B. Librarians

1. Cassidy Drake – Big Lake – Reviewed upcoming library programs and activities.
2. Marita Crosby – Trapper Creek – Discussed library events and program offerings.
3. Geri Denkwalter – Talkeetna - Covered details of library programs and planned activities.
4. Juli Buzby – Sutton – Reviewed library initiatives and upcoming events.
5. Julie Mitchell – Willow – Went through the schedule of library programs and activities.
6. Joy Bailey – Palmer – Discussed library events and program offerings.
7. Zane Treesh – Wasilla – Went over library programs and activities and the RFID upgrades coming soon.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (3 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Jackie Goforth – Discussed her opinion on obscenity.
- B. Claire McKay – Expressed her appreciation for the libraries.
- C. Emily Forsner – Discussed the processes of law.
- D. Angie Fraker – Expressed her appreciation for the libraries.
- E. Carol Goltz - Expressed her opinion on parents' responsibilities regarding their children's reading materials.
- F. Melinda Dale – Discussed her opinion on censorship in the libraries.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Items pulled from October list

1. Mate by Ali Hazelwood – 4 votes Do Not Purchase, 3 votes Purchase, 1 abstain
2. White Lotus seasons 1-3 – 4 votes Do Not Purchase, 3 votes Purchase, 1 abstain
3. The Most Unusual Haunting of Edgar Lovejoy by Roan Parrish – 5 votes Do Not Purchase, 3 votes Purchase
4. Heart the Lover by Lily King - 4 votes Do Not Purchase, 3 votes Purchase, 1 abstain
5. Immortal Consequences by I V Marie – not voted on, board member who pulled this title rescinded her challenge.

B. Secretary officer nomination

1. Tabled for January

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 Meeting schedule

1. December 9, 2025 meeting date added to the schedule – unanimous consent.
2. 2026 meeting schedule approved unanimously.

B. November library materials list

1. Line 520 – When We Were Monsters by Jennifer Niven was pulled by Karen Crandall.

C. FY27 Library Budgets

1. Presented

D. Reconsideration of Sept materials list (M Spohn)

1. Informed Mr. Spohn that reconsiderations are not allowed at this time per Robert's Rules of Order.

E. ChatGPT format for materials review (M Kincaid)

1. Tabled for next meeting

X. ADVOCACY

- A. None received

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. None received

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

- A. Chad Scott – Thanked the librarians and staff.
- B. Karen Crandall – Thanked Big Lake library and Wasilla library for ordering some of her recommendations.
- C. Sally Pollen – Expressed her appreciation for the board and the experience.
- D. Mark Spohn – Requested clarification on the December meeting location.
- E. Marty Kincaid – Thanked the librarians for their work.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. December 9, 2025 – Big Lake Lions Recreation Center

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourned at 2:54 pm

X Mary Fischer
Mary Fischer - Chairperson

X 12/19/25
Date

ATTEST:

X Sarah Thomas
Sarah Thomas - Staff support

X 12/19/25
Date