

North Logan Library Board Meeting
January 8, 2026

Attending: Trent Bateman, Jenn Albrecht, JaAn DeLange, Cathy Larsen, Holly Bethers, Kate Ballard

Good News Minute

Good news/bad news: Mia Bethers, a long time clerk, has accepted a job in Salt Lake and is leaving. She's been with the library for 5 years and will be missed.

The library books are mostly packed up and moved to the atrium of the new building. With the move, they found a lot of leaks that will need to be fixed. This will mostly be done with the new construction.

The board has officially purchased a Bird for the donor wall. Everyone that makes a donation gets a tax letter and a handwritten note, which is really nice.

Minutes

Cathy motioned to approve the November board meeting minutes. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Directors report

Budget: 50% of the fiscal year is gone. Everything is looking on track. State grants have not come in yet. Thorne endowment and Friends' money come in April/May.

Fines: Do we go fine-free? Currently have \$22,000 outstanding fines. One account has \$1700 because of a glitch in the system. \$14,000 is currently owed on lost items. Some of the fines and lost item fees have been there for years. Staff is planning to go through the accounts and clean up the data. The board decided that this is probably not a good time to go fine-free, the library needs the money and it is an incentive to return books. Trent is always willing to work with people if they come in to talk about fines.

Construction: Staff and public works department has been very helpful. It's pretty tight - it will be a good idea not to let the public browse when the Library re-opens. Staff will be safe, but not good not to have kids playing. Still a few weeks out from opening to the public, they need to get occupancy, which includes running lines to get the fire alarms activated. Staff has been cleaning and repairing books, and answering phone calls. Going to use the Pages as janitorial staff temporarily, to give them something to do. The first wave of furniture is hopefully coming at the end of January. Heidi has put together a schedule for programs.

Software: The library and recreation department was going to change to a new reservation system, but the recreation department decided to stay with what they have. However, the Library is still going to switch. We should be able to use it for a minimal fee and it shouldn't cost too much.

Policies: Trent looked up the policy on checking out large items, which have an age restriction of 18 years. Since the policy documents are somewhat hard to search, Trent was able to input all of the policy documents into a Google Gemini Gem, which enables staff to quickly search for specific details. The board decided that it needs to review and update old policies, so in two or three months the board will start revising/reviewing old policies, hopefully at a rate of one a month.

Pennies are no longer in circulation. Typically, the only time this really affects library patrons is when they need to replace lost items, since copies and most fines are already in 5 cent increments. The city is implementing a new policy, and the library plans on rounding to the nearest 5 cent for the rare occasions it arises for patrons.

The board agreed to meet again on Feb 12th, there was a motion to dismiss, and the board dismissed to go get a quick tour of the new space.