

February 12, 2026 North Logan Library board meeting

In attendance:

Jenn albrecht

Cathy Larsen

JoAnn DeLange

Andrea Wachob

Trent Batemen

Sara Dana

Emily Schmidt

Erin Jensen

Kate Ballard

Good News Minute

Jane Austen ball has sold out. Heidi has everything under control.

Minutes

Unanimous approval of Jan 2025 minutes.

Directors report

The new building is not at full occupancy yet, still getting things finished. Had to cancel story time for another 2-3 weeks.

Budget: Everything looking on track. Income from library fines are lower than normal because we suspended fines and forgiven many during the remodel. Not as many people signed up for non-resident cards, which is not surprising since the Library has been closed. They are still figuring out wages and benefits percentages, since Trent is now getting benefits.

As we go into the new community center the budget will be interesting. Will need to figure out the budget for the new area - lights, heating, etc. Trent will need to work with the city on that, since shouldn't all come out of the library budget.

Next meeting the board will go over the yearly proposed budget and approve so Trent can present to the city the next week.

Some people have reached out to use the community area already. An asphalt company has scheduled the conference area, and a piano teacher wants to use a room for a piano recital (we do have an electric piano). Trent is trying to find a price that will be appropriate for the community, but also make money. Trying to decide if and how we give discounts to residents, and do we charge more for individuals versus companies vs non-profits. There will be a lot of learning in the first year. Would rather charge too much and then cut back, then go too low and have to raise.

As a board, we agreed that we need to protect Trent's ability to run the library and not have him turn into an event and construction manager. We will probably need to have a part time person that runs programs, solicits people/businesses to use the space, and is here for events.

The Library is now open! Families can have 25 holds per family, but may increase if we see the need. Judy pulls about 100 holds each morning, which will probably pick up as people start coming back. The check out process is very smooth. Held books are on display for patrons to pick up and bring up to check out, and we appreciate Trent trying to keep it fairly anonymous without full names.

Trent recently posted a job opening, and almost 200 people applied, from all demographics. Going to do interviews next week. The job will start small, but eventually grow as the Library opens more. The City is hiring a cleaning crew for the community center, library, and city office, so we don't have to have a separate contract..

Emily Crane is picking up responsibilities to help take some work load from Trent, which has been very helpful.

Demolition is picking up at the library area. Furniture is also starting to come in. Still working on the main hall, cameras were installed. Looking at getting locks on inside doors so people (especially kids) don't just wander. Concerns about liability issues, wear and tear, and potentially stealing stuff.

Programs: Delayed story time, youth activity tonight.

The library has to do recertification again this year, Trent is working on the steps.

In the next few months the board will talk about the budget, and teen computer use policy. How do we make it a safe place?

The city has been very supportive - Parks department built carts, other groups helped unpack and move.

Friends of the Library are helping with the silent auction at Jane Austen dance.

Community members are still donating to the donation tree. Several big donations have come in in the last month. Going to keep it open potentially indefinitely.

Will message the mayor about potentially adding Erin Jensen and Sara Dana to the library board.

Meeting unanimously adjourned.