

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD

Regular Meeting

July 23, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Lisa Depew, with Lori Davis, Casey Hinkley and Kim Tibbals present to form a quorum. Also present was Josh Roberts, City Council Liaison and Mark Rose, Library Director. Councilman Jeff Kelso was also present.

Prior to the call to order Mr. Rose was displaying photos taken of the library construction work.

2. READING OF MINUTES

- A. April 23, 2025
- B. May 28, 2025
- C. June 25, 2025

The minutes were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. LIBRARIANS REPORT

A. Mr. Rose reviewed the Annual Statistical Report. Activity numbers indicate the reduced collection, service hours, and program space. Budget numbers do not reflect a true year end show expenditure is within the limits set.

B. Survey Results/Library Hours Survey Comments

- a. This will be discussed more fully in the future as operating hours are set for the library.

C. Directors Report

- a. Mr. Rose invited Library Board members to join Library and City staff in the Fair Parade coming up on August 2.
- b. SRP The Reptile program was a huge success, with 250 total people attending! We had to turn away approximately 50 people because we had reached maximum capacity inside the Harkenrider Senior Center within the first 15 minutes of opening the door for the presentation. Overall participation is stronger that last year, in 2024, 355 participated, while in 2025, 537. This is credited to

opening up signup prior to the start date and encouraging participant to sign up at our reach events.

c. Leslie Gunther has been promoted to Senior Library Assistant and is now filling that role. The Library Assistant position that she has been vacated has been open the last 2 weeks, some 30 applications have been received.

d. Renovation

i. Mr. Rose indicated that construction is expected to be completed on August 18. The installation of shelving may be a task that continues beyond that date, and as it must be secure seismically it is a safety and certificate of occupancy issue.

ii. The plan for moving in is coming together. At this time we plan to have movers present on September 2 to return books from storage and the Carnegie building. Before we open I hope to have the collection reviewed so that all items can be found as our customers expect. A soft opening involving the library board and Friends of the library is hoped for prior to a grand opening.

iii. Dates are being reviewed for a ceremonial opening to include ribbon cutting with community leaders. It is hoped that a Saturday in late September/early October will work.

iv. Art for our renovated space remains a work in progress.

7. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

8. NEXT MEETING

A. September 24, 2025

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.