



Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library, La RetamaRoom

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A. Call To Order

Pat Craig called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Pat Craig, Carrie Moore, Jennifer Anderson, Joan Carrillo, Melinda De Los Santos, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, Dolores Rabon, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

C. Public Comment

- Marilena Garza said that Animal Control is better funded than the libraries and that the Library Board has negative connotations in the community. She said that now is not the time to spend money on new cards since the libraries are used as heating and cooling centers and that she is looking for private funding.
- Christina English said that definition of "sexually explicit" under the first amendment is expected to make it to the supreme court. These books are written because kids have these experiences. Sex education will be blocked since there is no exception for sex education. The board looked at a sex education book and decided it was fine to stay in the library. She also said we are falling to fascism.
- Tom Tagliabue said that documents related to action items on the agenda, like item 6, Board-Fy 2026 Discussion should be given sooner. Laura Garcia clarified that no action will be taken.
- Carolyn Koilyula thinks the library should not spend money on new cards when there will be cuts to the budget. She stated that there have only been ten complaints from parents compared to the large number of kids who use the library. She thinks the library should abandon the idea of wasting money to please a handful of people.
- Mark Edwards spoke on sexually explicit material in the library. He said the Spanish word for library, Bibliotheca, has the root word of Bible. He said if you go to a

convenience store, certain magazines are behind the counter, and you have to be a certain age to purchase them. He said what is happening in the library is political and designed to uproot the foundation of the US.

- Eli McKay spoke before Item 6, Board Fy-2026 Budget Discussion. She is happy to see that the board is discussing the budget. She is highly concerned that a council member mentioned library as an area where budget can be cut. She thinks that our quality of life services shouldn't be cut, and we shouldn't see workers as infrastructure.
- The following citizen submitted the written public comment received May 5, 2025 at 11:53pm.

My name is Margot Moczygemba. I reside at 6105 Jessica Drive, Corpus Christi, TX. I have lived here for over 20 years. I live a couple of blocks from the Dr. Clotilde P. Garcia Library. I am extremely concerned about the frivolous spending on library cards that the city intends to impose on people who use this city's libraries. The Corpus Christi Library Board is already facing more funding cuts from the city, but wants to waste thousands of our tax dollars on these needless cards. I do not want my tax dollars to be allocated to this type of frivolous spending. Instead of spending on unnecessary library cards, the city could invest in digital resources that offer broader access to residents. Additionally, the library board could explore partnerships with local businesses or community organizations to create sponsorship opportunities. This approach would help to alleviate the funding issue without burdening taxpayers.

The Corpus Christi Library Board's plan to spend thousands of tax dollars on new library cards is seen as wasteful, especially when the board is already dealing with funding cuts. Instead, the money could be better used for digital resources that would provide more benefits to the community. Partnering with local businesses or community organizations could also help solve the funding problem without placing an extra burden on taxpayers. The Board should not dictate what a child should read. That's the parents' job. The library could organize reading workshops where parents and children can explore books together and discuss their interests. Additionally, the library might host family reading nights, allowing parents to engage with their children's reading habits in a communal setting. Offering parent-child book clubs could also encourage shared reading experiences and foster a love of literature within families.

What is the ultimate goal of the Library Board? The ultimate goal of the Library Board is to ensure that the community has access to a wide range of educational and recreational resources. (Not spend it on new library cards.) However, they face challenges such as limited funding, which restricts their ability to maintain and expand services.

In conclusion, the Library Board should aim to provide diverse resources while addressing funding challenges and respecting parental roles in children's reading choices.

On another note, my family and I might as well buy our books at the Half Price Book Store. Nobody bothering us, the store is a safe setting for all. Or anyone can go online (AbeBooks) and buy the books they want to read.

Margot Moczygemba

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-0665](#) April 1, 2025 Minutes

Attachments: [April 1, 2025 Library Board Minutes](#)

A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Carrie Moore and seconded by Melinda De Los Santos. All voted to approve except Dolores Rabon who abstained. The motion passed. Dolores Rabon asked that her previous absence be excused. A motion to excuse her absence was made by Jennifer Anderson and seconded by Carrie Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

2. 25-0666 Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends of CCPL- It was previously asked if the Friend financially supports library programs. Jennifer Anderson clarified that the director needs to ask for funds before they can be provided. She also provided a form to join and donate to the Friends. They are currently reviewing their bylaws and constitution.

F. Staff Presentation

3. 25-0667 Summer Reading Presentation

Attachments: Summer Reading Program Presentation 2025-3

- Marlena Ferretiz, Youth Services Librarian at Owen Hopkins Public Library, presented an overview of the Summer Reading Programs. Topics included the theme components, and details of the Youth and Adult programs.

4. 25-0684 Three Library Card Options for Minors Update

Attachments: Library Card Options (4) (1)

- Jayne Atokuku-Vitz, Reference Librarian at La Retama Central Library, gave an overview of the library card options for minors. Topics included the current unrestricted card, juvenile restricted, and teen restricted options. Details were provided on materials available with each option, and an updated timeline for when they would be available.

G. Director's Report

5. [25-0668](#) Director's Report

- McDonald Library closed on Saturday, May 3rd and will reopen Wednesday, May 7th. An AEP transformer failure on Wednesday, April 30th damaged a board on the AC unit.
- Later this month, we will be unveiling the new look for our brochure. The new newsletter will highlight some of our events.
- An update of separation of Young Adult collection (18-25) and Teen collection (13-17). All material will physically remain in the Young Adult collection until at least two librarians review each title before a placement decision is finalized.

If a decision is made to relocate the title to the Teen collection, several changes are required; changes to the MARC record to reflect Teen designation can only be done at La Retama Central Library. Each location which owns the book will change shelving location in the catalog to either Teen Fiction or New Teen Fiction. Once those changes are made, the labeling on the book will be changed to Teen and physically be moved to the Teen section of the library.

So far, about 1,790 titles have been reviewed by at least one Librarian, 1,228 titles have been reviewed and approved by a second Librarian. So far, 1,088 will be placed in the Teen section.

H. Unfinished Business

- None

I. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

6. [25-0669](#) Board- FY 2026 Budget Discussion

- Board Member – Proposed Budget for FY 2026 Discussion.

A discussion was held on areas to increase the budget and how to do so. Sony Peronel, Assistant City Manager, clarified the budget making process and how to support the Library's requests. Pat Craig suggested drafting a memo to be approved by the board and sent to City Council and asked for suggestions on what to include.

J. Future Agenda Items

- Letter to City Council regarding the budget.

K. Adjournment

Adjournment at 12:33 am.