

**NORTH LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026  
Library Community Room**

**Present:** Allen Bone, Maggie Newman, Valerie Rogers, George Simpson

**Absent:** Brooke Wegner

**Others:** Abbi Dooley, Stephanie Dale, Dave Michie

**OPEN REGULAR MEETING:** Chairman Allen Bone Called the Meeting to order at 5:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Maggie moved and Valerie seconded the *motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2026.* **The motion passed unanimously.**

The minutes of the Executive Session of Tuesday, February 24, 2026 where passed to the trustees who attended that meeting for signature.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT:** Abbi reported that the Friends of the Library took in approximately \$950.00 at the book sale last month. Royalee Bishop has joined the Friends as a board member. The next meeting is April 17 at 1 p.m. at the library. The next book sale is May 15-16, 2026.

**FOUNDATION REPORT:** Maggie reported that Brittany Simonich has termed out as president and has left the Foundation. Dave Michie is the newly elected president with Heather Knutson as vice president, and Brynn Dellwo remains as secretary. Treasurer has not been confirmed yet. Dave reported that he will be going to MLA in April where he is hoping to get fundraising ideas. He mentioned that the Foundation is looking into bringing in an author, but the speaker fees are quite high. They have some other ideas that they are also looking into.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Highlights of the written report include:

- Abbi will be attending PLA in Minneapolis next week.
- The Library will be closed April 4, 2026 for Easter Weekend.
- Mission Valley Live is partnering with the Polson Library to present El Javi Eclectic Acoustic Fusion on Wednesday, April 15. There will be two free concerts held at 1:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. There will be 50 tickets available for each show.
- George, Dave, Jenn and Stephanie will be attending MLA in Great Falls April 15-18, 2026.
- The library is partnering with Partners in Home Care starting April 22<sup>nd</sup> to offer a grief support group for adults coping with the death of a loved one. The goal of this partnership is to offer a neutral, safe space for adults in our community.
- The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be taking place on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room.
- Tamarack will be taking place on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Polson Library. Trustees will attend to complete the CE requirement for the Public Library Standards.

- The Library and Abbi were served by US District Court in the Michael Ross lawsuit. Abbi is communicating with the assigned law firm (HagEstad out of Missoula) who will file all necessary documents.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Financial:** George moved and Maggie seconded the *motion to accept the February 2026 Financial Report as presented*. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Monthly Stats Report:** View dashboard online: <https://lookerstudio.google.com/s/qlszxWihWqY>. The duplication error has been fixed. Abbi is aware that the social media statistics graphs do not appear correctly. She will try to get this fixed with the coder.

**Public Library Standards Road Map Review:** As per the Public Library Standards requirements, the group reviewed the current road map. The Trustees chose to focus on developing a board evaluation process. Abbi will check with the state library to see if a form and format already exist.

**Annual Review of Strategic Plan:** As per the Public Library Standards requirements, the group reviewed the Library's Strategic Plan that was approved in January 2025. Abbi gave an overview of the status of each strategic priority. Priorities 1, 2 and 5 are moving along nicely. Abbi's goals to achieve Priority 3 include installing an outdoor 24/7 holds pickup locker system at the library. She also hopes to expand programming to other locations within the library district. Abbi and Stephanie will work on a maintenance and upkeep schedule to accomplish Priority 4 and will consult with the Trustees on how and when to budget for these items.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the North Lake County Public Library District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abbi Dooley, Library Director

Minutes taken by Stephanie Dale, Assistant Director