

Bolivar - Hardeman County Library Board Minutes

March 6, 2025

Julie Walton - Chairwoman - ab

Jessica Phillips - Director

Debra Fuller

Johnny Weems - ab

Shelly Butler

Carla Clift

Alison Hazelwood

Matt Emerson

Mamie Polk - ab

Chris Williams -ab

The Bolivar - Hardeman County Library Board met on March 6, 2025 at 4:30pm at the library. In the absence of Chairwoman Julie Walton, the meeting was called to order by yours truly, Alison Hazelwood, and the roll was called. A motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 6, 2025, meeting was made by Matt Emerson and a second was provided by Shelly Butler.

The Director's Report was given by Jessica Phillips. These minutes and reports are filed in the library.

The Regional Report was given by Ms. Julie Dahlhauser. She provided an update on the Hatchie River Regional Library Bendable Labs. The app for this project is on track to be fully functional by October 2025. There will be an icon on the library computers in the near future, and training in implementation of Bendable Labs on April 15. National Library Week is April 6 - 12, 2025. Tuesday, April 8, is Library Workers Appreciation Day. Ms. Dahlhauser also mentioned a TEL training last week which was attended by staff throughout the region. In addition, there will be an All Staff training on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at the Jackson - Madison County Library. The speaker will be Merry Brown, a noted mediator, who will discuss "Confident Conversations".

Old Business

1. Reimbursement of the \$1, 572.00 Tech Grant is now in the library's account.
2. Third quarter state funds have been spent. The \$753.66 was used to purchase R. E. A. D. S. , and the federal funds were used to purchase books, audiobooks, and DVDs in the amount of \$1,924.03.

New Business

1. Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) is taking place across the state. Mr. Ronnie Simpson, owner and operator of R & A Services in Middleton, is the liaison for the Bolivar - Hardeman County Library. He will be speaking on our behalf and handling any cybersecurity issues that develop. The library completed the FY State and Local Grant Program Local Government Investment Justification Form, and all other needed surveys. We are now waiting to learn if we qualify for the Cybersecurity Grant Program.
2. The All Staff Training Opportunity on May 6, 2025, was approved with a motion made by Matt Emerson and a second by Debra Fuller. This also means the library will be closed on May 6.
3. The 2025-2026 Library budget was approved with a motion by Matt Emerson and a second by Carla Clifft.
4. The List of New materials for January and February has been added to Verso. A copy for each month is attached to these reports.
5. The monthly comparison for spending shows we have spent 67.74% of the library budget. We should be operating at 66.67%.
6. A Calendar of Events for March 2025 is attached.
7. Director Phillips submitted her resignation to the Library Board, effective March 21,2025. The Board, reluctantly, accepted her resignation. We wish her the best in her future endeavors. Becky White will fill in as Director until another one is chosen.

A motion was made to adjourn.

The Library Board will meet on April 3, 2025 @ 4:30pm @ the Bolivar - Hardeman County Library.