Leach Public Library
July 23, 2026

Judy Oren, Library Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Judy Oren, Simone Sandberg, Jeena Kompelien, Andrew Davidson
Members Absent: Jason Goltz
Also Present: Melissa Bakken, Leach Public Library Director

Conflict of Interest: None
Additions to the Agenda: None

A motion to accept the June 2026 minutes with one correction was made by Ms. Sandberg and seconded by Ms Kompelien. The motion passed.

Andrew Davidson (1st term) and Simone Sandberg (2nd term) took the Oath of Office for their positions on the Library Board. The Library Board elected Judy Oren as President, Jeena Kompelien as Vice President, and Andrew Davidson as Secretary.

1. **Friends of the Library-** The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2026 at 10:00 am. This ill be their annual meeting which will include electing officers and looking at bylaws. The Chocolate Chocolate Sale is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026.

2. **Physical Plant-**
    - Ms. Bakken received an estimate of $60,000 from Gast Construction for the front step replacement project.
    - The gazebo riser project was completed by July 4th. The project included filling the gaps between the risers on the base to avoid twisting of the risers. The city crew modified the railings to fit the changes made.

3. **Library Operations-**
    - The June Monthly Report was reviewed and showed an increase in circulation. and The June Expenditure Report was reviewed and showed an average month.
    - This is the last week of the Summer Reading Program. Ms. Bakken noted there was good program attendance overall. The “Sonflower” puppet show was well attended and received by the children. Final numbers will be shared at the next meeting.

4. **Old Business-**
    - Ms. Bakken is continuing to work on accessing the Wells Fargo safe deposit box.
    - ECI distributed library bookmarks during Chalkfest. Many people were interested in learning about the library’s hours.
    - Due to the high heat during Chalkfest, the library supplied water for a misting machine on the lawn.

5. **New Business-**
    - Ms. Bakken is looking to acquire a wheelchair for the library to have on hand if needed.

- The board reviewed the upcoming meeting calendar and list of members with term expiration dates.
- Ms. Bakken has submitted the budget and is waiting for City Council approval.
- The board will receive the evaluation for the Library Director annual review at the next meeting and set up a date and time to complete the evaluation.
- Ms. Bakken contacted elevator/lift maintenance during a June power outage. In the future, she may need to have a maintenance contract.

Ms. Oren adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.

The next board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 4:00 pm.