LEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday June 25, 2026

Judy Oren, Library Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:58 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Judy Oren, Brett Lambrecht, Simone Sandberg, Jeena Kompelien, and Deb Loberg
Members Absent: None
Also Present: Melissa Bakken, Leach Public Library Director

Conflicts of Interest: None declared.
Additions to the Agenda: None

A motion to accept the May 28, 2026 minutes was made by Ms. Sandberg and seconded by Ms. Kompelien. The motion passed.

1. **Friends of the Library**
   - The FOTL Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2026, at 10:00 am.

2. **Physical Plant**
   - Gast Construction is creating an estimate for the front step replacement/repair project. They are subcontracting with Krump Construction for the concrete work. It is hoped to have this project completed this year or next year.
   - The risers on the gazebo need to be replaced. Don Wall and Aaron Stone have looked at the gazebo. Mr. Stone has agreed to repair them. The fee will be $1500.00. The library will buy the materials. The treads are in good condition and will be able to be reused. Mr. Stone will start Monday, June 29, 2026. He states he can have the project completed by July 4, 2026.

3. **Library Operations**
   - The May Monthly and Expenditures Reports were reviewed and showed an average month. There were no unusual expenditures. There was a $10,000.00 grant from Richland County. No books were discarded this month. There were 289 patrons attending special activities. Also 23 patrons used the Novelist tab (this is like a Goodreads site). The FOTL will pay for the annual licenses for Motion Picture and Swank Movie ($225.11 and $485.00 respectively).
   - The Summer Reading program is going quite well. There has been good attendance at all programs. The "Mixed Nuts" program was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. Approximately 50 patrons attended the event. Kragness funds were used to pay for the event.

4. **Old Business**
   - The Wells Fargo Safety Deposit Box is an ongoing issue. The Board will address this issue later.
   - The library will continue to use Vestis until approximately the end of the summer. At that time, the library will obtain their own soap dispensers, rugs, janitorial supplies, and toiletry supplies. Rugs may be purchased through Amazon. The total cost for rugs is estimated to be about $300-400 dollars. Ms. Bakken will send a separation letter to Vestis when the change is made.
   - The Library Board approved the Bylaws.

5. New Business

- The library has hired Violet Frank for the Library Clerk position. Ms. Frank has been working out well. Ms. Bakken introduced Ms. Frank to the Board.
- ECI has offered to hand out library bookmarks during the Chalk Fest weekend. The Board discussed the possibility of being open during the event but staffing issues and overtime negated the possibility. There will be a Pie and Ice Cream Social on the library grounds during the festival.
- The Board reviewed the open Library Board applications. Mayor Lambrecht stated that the City Council would like the candidates selected by July 6, 2026. The Board recommended their selections. Ms. Bakken will call to see if the candidate is still interested. Mayor Lambrecht has suggestions for a City Council Library Board member. He will follow up with this.
- The Library Board thanked Deb Loberg for her time on the Library Board. Ms. Loberg stated she thoroughly enjoyed her involvement.

Ms. Oren adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 4:00 pm.