

November 17, 2025 Meeting of Library Advisory Board

Purpose: Monthly Meeting

Anticipated Attendees: Sara Holt, Julie Worley, Terry Smalling, Holly Huerta-Hudak, Nickolas Burdick, Maureen Rikhof, Heather Maes

Date/Time: November 17, 2025 @ 12:00pm

Location: Council Chambers Municipal Building 601 Colorado Ave. LJ

Agenda:

1. Audience
2. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2025
3. Monthly Reports
 - a. Directors Report
4. Other Business

Next meeting December 15, 2025 @ 12:00pm

Responsibility for tasks:

Mission Statement:

Vital and dynamic, an open door to opportunity,
Where people come to be inspired, informed, connected,
And leave delighted.

Tag Line: More than you expect!

Board Terms

Julie Worley – 12/31/2026

Holly Huerta-Hudak – 12/31/ 2026

Sara Holt – 12/31/2025

Nickolas Burdick – 12/31/2025

Terry Smalling – 12/31/2027

Maureen Rikhof – City Council Rep

WOODRUFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
Monday – October 20, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

BURDICK, Nickolas
HOLT, Sara – Chairperson
HUERTA-HUDAK, Holly
RIKHOF, Maureen – City Council Representative
SMALLING, Terry – Vice Chairperson
WORLEY, Julie – Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Heather Maes – Library Director

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairperson Holt in the La Junta City Council Chambers.

- Minutes of the September 15, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted on Motion by Terry Smalling and seconded by Holly Huerta-Hudak.

Director's Report:

- Heather reported that the Library received an employer award from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The Library partnered with the Colorado Workforce Center/La Junta office and provided employment for Jayden, a teen, who worked part-time during the Summer, 2025. Jayden also received an award at the event held at the Governor's Mansion Carriage House in September, 2025.
- Kimberly is once again spreading the word about After School Programming, and she needs assistance in relaying the information, which includes the Teen Activities Group (TAG); Lego Club; Friday Fillers; and the Movie Afternoon – the third Friday of each month.

Heather did mention that Kimberly is concerned that the attendance at the movie afternoons is way down, and if the attendance does not pick up, they will have to discontinue the free movie. The movie is free to both adults and kids.

- The Fieldprint process brought in \$8.00 in September, 2025 – with two appointments.
- There were 11 new young people registered in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in the month of September, 2025. There are now 474 active memberships in Otero County – receiving a free book each month.

Other Business:

There was discussion about the July – September, 2025 Quarterly Report and Heather shared with the Board how some of the numbers have recovered – or are recovering – from the 2020 shutdown – but some remain stagnant. The members of the Board were pleased with the numbers as a whole.

No other business was brought before the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Worley – Secretary