

## **March 16, 2026 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:** March 16, 2026 @ 12:00pm

**Location:** Council Chambers Municipal Building 601 Colorado Ave. LJ

### **Agenda:**

1. Audience
2. Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2026
3. Monthly Reports
  - a. Directors Report
4. Other Business
  - a. Report to Council
    - i. The Board shall make a written annual report to the City Council not later than July 31 in each calendar year, in which the Board shall:  
Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the library's service to the community; Make recommendations on short- and long-term goals that will improve library service; Make prioritized recommendations on capital improvements needed to improve the library; and recommend such other policies, programs, procedures or guidelines which, if adopted, would enhance the operation of a local community library.

Next meeting April 20, 2026 @ 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  
Terry Smalling – 12/31/2027  
Sara Holt – 12/31/2028  
Nickolas Burdick – 12/31/2028  
Maureen Rikhof – City Council Rep

WOODRUFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES  
Monday – February 9, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

BURDICK, Nickolas  
HOLT, Sara – Chairperson  
SMALLING, Terry – Vice Chairperson  
WORLEY, Julie

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

HUERTA-HUDAK, Holly – Secretary - Excused due to a work training  
RIKHOF, Maureen – City Council Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

Heather Maes – Library Director

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairperson Holt in the La Junta City Council Chambers.

- Minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting were approved as submitted on Motion by Nickolas Burdick, second by Sara Holt.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

- Heather reported that the Library now has a new color copier, acquired through the Capital Outlay budget.
- The Teen Activities Group (TAG) group has moved their meeting date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings in the hope of getting better participation from the teens
- A group of homeschool families toured the Library on January 15, 2026, with 22 students and adults taking part in the activity. Kimberly Gallegos was the staff person conducting the tour
- Winter Adult Reading Prep (WARP) began on February 1, 2026, and will run through March 31, 2026. The theme of this year's program is "Unearth A Story". The Library is partnering with Klein Maker Space for some of the prizes. Several different events are being planned for the WARP participants in February and March, 2026.
- Fieldprint brought in \$48.00 this month – with ten (10) appointments.
- There were 40 new little "readers" registered in Otero County who will be receiving a free book each month from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Colorado program. There are now 516 active registrations in Otero County – and since July, 2022, 353 young people have graduated the program.

Other Business:

Heather shared that the Six-Word Contest will be conducted in April, 2026 – if a sponsor can be found.

Julie shared with the group about the upcoming Rural Startup Days – a first-time event to be held at Otero College for entrepreneurs, start-up businesses, established small business owners, and community members interested in business development. The event will be held Wednesday – Friday, February 25 – 27, 2026 – and is sponsored by Startup Colorado. Registration is free and the public is invited.

No other business was brought before the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be March 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Worley – Secretary