

LONESOME PINE REGIONAL LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 4, 2025

PRESENT: Mr. Chris Allgyer
Ms. Vickie Barton
Ms. Nancy Britton
Mr. Lindsay Fischer
Ms. Dorinda Holmes
Ms. Charlcia Jones
Ms. Rebecca Scott

ABSENT: Dr. Mark Clark
Ms. Ethel Daniels
Mrs. Earlene Lester
Ms. Carolea Newsome

Others Present: Shannon Steffey, Director
Onedah Stanley, Business Manager
Debbie Yates, Administrative Assistant
Jonathan Burchett, Branch Librarian, Scott County Public Library

The regular meeting of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at the Scott County Public Library. Chairman Allgyer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed the group to the Scott County Public Library.

I. Ms. Holmes made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Scott seconded and the agenda was approved.

II. There were no citizens to speak.

III. Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the August 14, 2025, minutes as presented. Ms. Jones seconded and the motion carried.

IV. 1. Ms. Barton reported that monthly payables have been reviewed. The printout of monthly payables for August was distributed. After discussion, Ms. Holmes made a motion to accept the financial report as presented and it was seconded by Ms. Britton. The motion carried.

The following check numbers were reported:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
General Fund	44868	44914

2. Ms. Onedah Stanley, Business Manager, presented year-end budget adjustments for FY2024-2025. After discussion, Ms. Barton made a motion to accept the budget adjustments as presented. Ms. Holmes seconded and the motion passed.

V. Director's Report –

Grants/Donations

- Library staff have developed technology-based programming in compliance with LPRL's outline for FY2025-2026 RAPHA Foundation grant request. Administrative staff is in the process of ordering and cataloging the enhancements for children's

programming. New items include virtual reality equipment, robots, STEM activities/projects, game consoles, and educational games. LPRL is excited to incorporate the new items into the programming. Ms. Steffey expressed her appreciation to the RAPHA Foundation for the grant funding award.

- Ms. Steffey also expressed her appreciation to the Gibbs Foundation for funding an LPRL request for a 3D printer at the Big Stone Gap Library.

Administrative Highlights

- Ms. Steffey expressed her gratitude to Ms. Stanley, Business Manager, for her diligence in completing LPRL's audit information for the auditor by the deadline.
- Trustees were informed about building maintenance projects for the libraries in Dickenson County, C. Bascom Slemp Memorial Library in Wise County, and the Lee County Public Library. She expressed her gratitude to the counties for their support and maintenance of the libraries.
- LPRL is partnering with Wise ProArt for their 2025-2026 program season. Through the collaboration, tickets will soon be available for patron checkout at all LPRL locations to attend ProArt events at no charge. A season pass will be available for all library staff as well.
- Ms. Steffey updated trustees on the status of repairs to the library-owned vehicles damaged in July by falling tree limbs.
- LPRL was pleased to host the August meeting of the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce at the Big Stone Gap Library. Ms. Steffey reported a successful and informative meeting. She presented new library resources to the group. She spoke about renovations at the Big Stone Gap Library and offered a tour of the new addition.
- Ms. Steffey and library staff continue to reduce outdated reference and paperback collections and reorganize areas for better patron access. The library is partnering locally to incorporate some of the materials back into the community. Ms. Steffey expressed her appreciation to Ms. Holmes and the Department of Corrections for assisting with the project.
- Ms. Steffey reported on staff training and staffing updates.
- Ms. Steffey reviewed the July monthly stats report with trustees. She observed an increase in the usage of some electronic services for the month. Some child-based resources decreased as a result of schools' summer break.

The following items were distributed in trustee folders:

- ❖ Accounts Payable Checks Listing for month of August 2025
- ❖ July 2025 Monthly Stats Report

Library Highlights

Library highlights include back-to-school bashes, meet-the-teacher events, and community outreach activities. Regular preschool programming returned to the libraries in August with Baby Sprouts, Little Pines and Trailblazers Afterschool. Lee County Public Library added a second session for the Baby Sprouts program to accommodate an increase in attendance this fall. In her PowerPoint presentation, photos were shared by Big Stone Gap Library of its outside areas after pressure washing services were completed, as discussed at the August board meeting. Ms. Steffey and the branch manager are pleased with the results, and the trustees agreed. There were photos from family-oriented programming such as paint night, game night, rock painting, and movie night. Adult programming included scrapbooking, String Art and Diamond Art crafts, Bingo and

128 Senior Citizen outreach. These events are popular and well attended. Photos were also shared showing patrons using new programming enhancements made possible by grant funding and donations. Ms. Steffey was pleased to report that adult programming will be offered at Rose Hill Public Library once a month thru December. Administrative staff will monitor the programming statistics to decide next steps.

VI. Reports of Committees – None

VII. Unfinished Business - None

VIII. 1a. Friends of the Haysi Community Library submitted a request to host a book sale fundraiser on October 3 and 4 during operating hours to sell donated books. A copy of the request letter was distributed in board packs. All money raised from the fundraiser will be deposited into the Friends' bank account and used to support library programs and services at the Haysi Community Library. After discussion, Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the proposed fundraiser request. Ms. Scott seconded and the motion carried.

b. Friends of Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library submitted a fundraising request to host a sale of donated books during operating hours on September 18-20. All money raised from the fundraiser will be deposited into the Friends' bank account and used to support library programs and services at the Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library. After discussion, Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the proposed fundraiser request. Mr. Fischer seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. for a tour of the library given by Mr. Burchett, Branch Librarian.

The next regular board meeting will be October 9 at the Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library in Clintwood.



Secretary



Chairman