

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Amy Stone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Carol Bissett, Kristin Fain, Dana Watson, Amy Stone

Others Present: Cole Johnson, Sara Phippen

3. PRESENTATIONS

A) Update on Adult Services Programming.

B) Presentation on Hobby Haus.

Adult services Programming: Naomi Jader, Leann Weaver

Main/Westside- 5 adult discussion groups, arts crafts and games, Mahjong, sit and stitch, calming collage, Dungeons and Dragons, drop in support groups (device advice, genealogy help, small business support), health and wellness programs, gardening programs, music, budgeting workshop, estate planning, summer weatherization with NBU, first time homebuyers club, rain barrel workshop, summer programming, Swank license for movie programming, workforce partnerships, (workforce one bus), Conversational Spanish, non-fiction book group, nature explorers environmental programs for all ages.

Hobby Haus Presentation – Jo Corbett, Madeline Nezat, James Garetz, Gabe Ruiz, Ray Hanly

Visit to Bibliotech Edu, Mammen Library to find out what works for them regarding a maker space and how we can include it in our programming. Multiphase program concept, Yarn and needle multiweek project, Hobby haus project kits containing consumables and reusables needed for the projects that will be demonstrated in the program. Skills kits: everything you will need to start a hobby, include collection material like books and digital resources. During the program will have books available for check out and promotional

material for online resources. Step and repeat banners with links to register, YouTube videos of each step of the class in case you miss one, or need to repeat the information.

Phase II: try before you buy Gaming

Tabletop games, (DnD, Magic the gathering, Pokemon, create take home kits to help them get involved, Video games on Nintendo switch and Xbox.

Phase III: Computer skills and how to use the library,

training for basic computer skills, programs like word, using a catalog, Princh printing

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Library Advisory Board Meeting from June 24, 2025, was canceled, there are no minutes to approve.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens or board members to address The Library Advisory Board on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Library Advisory Board action at this time.

From Citizens

From Library Advisory Board members

Board members: Kristin- this makes so much sense, **Amy-** I am looking forward to seeing how this grows, **Carol-** Where will these programs be offered? **Madeline-** we will be having them in the meeting room on days when the sit and stitch group is not here.

6. REPORTS

Library Director

-Monthly Operations Update

New Braunfels Public Library Foundation

-Monthly Operations Update

Friends of the Library

-Monthly Operations Update

A. Library Director- Library express now has a wifi router that will allow us to sign up for library cards on the spot. Adding a third route

for home delivery, digital services has launched news bank with over 4000 papers, 89th legislature update- both are currently pending further action. SB18 advanced but did not pass, updated mission and vision statement, design updates on Southeast Library- design will be complete by July 2026. Architects were receptive to ideas we brought to them. Will bring floor plans to the board when it gets further along. Ford, Powell, and Carson will be the Architects,

B. New Braunfels Public Library Foundation- Cole on behalf of Cookie Roarke- Interviewing new members for the foundation.

C. Friends of the Library: Chip Frank- The bookstore is doing really well, \$4500 dollars of sales last month, Annual book sale is in the works for Oct 2, 3, 4, children's booksale on Aug 2 at Westside library, making progress on the IT system, and online systems.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A) Updates to policy 2.2 Borrower Eligibility.

Make the policy as useful and concise as possible.

Motion to endorse policy: Carol moved, Dana seconded all in favor and none opposed. Policy approved as written

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No action may be taken at this time.

Next meeting will be August 26, 2025

9. ADJOURNMENT

Amy adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

By: _____
Library Board Liaison

Attest: _____
Library Director