



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**



**NEW BRAUNFELS PUBLIC LIBRARY
700 E. COMMON ST.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of April 28, 2026 Minutes

[26-641](#)

[LAB 4.28.2026 Minutes](#)

4. 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

5. REPORTS

Library Director

-Monthly Operations Update

New Braunfels Public Library Foundation

-Monthly Operations Update

Friends of the Library

-Monthly Operations Update

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A) Discussion and possible action on policy 2.2 Borrower Eligibility. [26-643](#)

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B) Discussion and possible action on Library Advisory Board bylaws. [26-644](#)

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No action may be taken at this time.

Next meeting on June 23, 2026.

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8. **ADJOURNMENT**

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

Board Liaison

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at (830) 221-4010 at least two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



Library Advisory Board Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

5/27/2026

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Cole Johnson, Library Director

SUBJECT:

Approval of April 28, 2026 Minutes



New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

New Braunfels Public Library
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

1. Call to Order

Amy Stone called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026

2. Roll Call

Dana Watson, Adam Mauldin, Amy Stone, Nancy Papas, Rykley Crowe, Sierra Crowley

Others Present: Cole Johnson, Sara Phippen

3. Presentations

a. Madeline presentation for Hobby Haus, contacted the waitlist for make-up classes.

b. James- Hobby Haus second phase- gaming for adults, video games and tabletop, starts this Wednesday and games will be available for check out at WS.

c. Jo- Needle portion of Hobby Haus

d. Sara-Tangible skills-based classes that require registration and needs a library card to check out materials

4. Approval of Minutes

March 31, Dana made a motion to approve, Adam seconded, minutes approved as presented.

5. Communications

A. Citizens: No citizens present

B. Board members: No comments from the Board

6. Reports

A. Library Director- Blackout poetry contest, winners on display until April 30, Hobby Haus next module is video and tabletop games. Book Market on display this Thursday. Tech Savy Seniors program at WS. Baby massage with SJRC. Mystery book club.

B. New Braunfels Public Library Foundation- Carrie Martin: two weeks out from the Book and Author Luncheon. I would like to put out a newsletter after the fact to show what the donations went to fund at the library.

The mission of the New Braunfels Public Library is to provide the community with equal access to physical and virtual environments that support and encourage lifelong learning and enrichment.

www.newbraunfels.gov/library



C. Friends of the Library- Chip Frank: Working on the annual book sale and children book sales. Bookstore continues to do well. New storage area is working well but will re-evaluate the options after the big booksale in October.

7. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Need to discuss officer elections at next meeting.
- b. Bylaws change has to go to city council to be approved. Next meeting review the bylaws to check for updates before it goes to the city council. Review and possible action for next meeting.
- c. Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, take Secretary off of the Bylaws

No action may be taken at this time.

Next meeting: (May 26, 202) Can we change the meeting for the 27th instead. Will meet in the conference room to make room for Hobby Haus.

8. Adjournment

Amy adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



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PRESENTER:

Cole Johnson, Library Director

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action on policy 2.2 Borrower Eligibility.

2.2 Borrower Eligibility

I. Card Types

The New Braunfels Public Library offers four distinct library card types designed to accommodate different age groups and provide families with specific levels of access to our collections.

1. Library Card (Ages 18+): Full access to all physical collections (Adult, Teen, Children) and all digital resources.

For patrons under 18, the library offers three card options:

2. Library Card (17 and under): Full access to all physical collections (Adult, Teen, Children) and all digital resources.

3. Children's: Card Limited to the Children's room physical collection and designated digital homework resources.

4. Teen Card: Limited to the Teen and Children's room physical collections and designated digital homework resources.

II. Borrower Eligibility

Residency Option (Free)

The New Braunfels Public Library provides library cards without charge to all residents. Residency is defined as:

- **Residing** within the City of New Braunfels or its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).
- **Owning real property** located in the City of New Braunfels or its ETJ.
- **Possessing a mailing address** in New Braunfels, TX, as established by the United States Postal Service.

Payment Option (Non-Resident)

Individuals who do not meet the residency requirements may obtain a library card by paying the following non-refundable fees:

- **Adult (18+):** \$25.00 for one year or \$15.00 for six months.
- **Minor (Under 18):** \$10.00 for one year.

III. Verification Requirements

- **Presence:** The individual obtaining the card must be present (exceptions may be made for accessibility barriers).
- **Identity:** Verification is required via a valid Texas-issued photo ID with a current address. Alternatively, any photo ID accompanied by postmarked mail showing the applicant's name and address is acceptable.
- **Minors:** For all minor cards (Teens and Children), a parent or legal guardian must be present to provide ID, verify address, and select the preferred card type.

IV. TexShare Cards

The **TexShare Card** is a reciprocal borrowing program. Local libraries issue TexShare Cards to patrons, who then can borrow materials from any other participating Texas library. This card is separate from your standard library card.

Getting a TexShare Card (For NBPL Members)

If you are an NBPL member and wish to borrow from other Texas libraries, we can issue you a TexShare Card if you:

- Are at least **18 years old**.
- Have been an NBPL member for at least **60 days**.
- Have a **clear record** (no unpaid fees or lost items).

Important Rules

- **Expiration:** Unlike standard NBPL library cards, TexShare Cards expire annually. Your TexShare Card is valid for one year from the date of issuance.
- **Good Standing:** If you owe fees or have overdue items at *any* participating TexShare library, your borrowing privileges at NBPL will be paused until those are cleared.

Visiting from Another Library?

- **Account Creation:** Visitors from other systems will be issued an NBPL library card upon presenting their active TexShare Card and a valid photo ID.
- **Access:** Check out up to **10 items** at a time.
- **Holds:** Up to **3 holds** at a time.
- **Exclusions:** Visiting TexShare members are not eligible for Interlibrary Loans (ILL).
- **Requirements:** We cannot honor TexShare Cards that are expired or missing an expiration date.



Revised: March 30, 2026

By: _____

President, Library Advisory Board

Attest: _____

Library Director

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Discussion and possible action on Library Advisory Board bylaws.



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Next meeting on June 23, 2026.