

VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Jarman. Those in attendance were Barbara Jarman, Chris Cartwright, Marco Benitez, Karen Hunsinger, Terry Foster and Janice Sharp.

After the flag salute, Chris made a motion to approve the agenda; Karen seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

There was no one here for the public forum.

Karen made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2025, meeting; Chris seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

Marco made a motion to approve the financial report and pay bills; Chris seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous. Janice shared that the payment to Scholastic Books had been missed last month. The order from Scholastic was for books purchased for the Lions that were given away by the Lions Club at our Easter event. This report also includes the payment for our program speaker in August – Chelsea Burnett – Texas Storm Chasers Program.

In the Director's report, Janice shared that the Board will need to vote in a new secretary since Jeanne Shove resigned from the Board. That will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Janice shared with the City Council at the July 1 meeting that we will be sending our monthly stat sheet to be included with their packet for one of their two meetings each month. This came about in a discussion Janice had with Ben Anderson at the Community Building. Ben felt this is a positive action that let's the Council become aware of our monthly activities.

Janice introduced Karen Hunsinger at the beginning of the meeting. She has been appointed by the City Council to replace Jeanne Shove. The Council also approved the new terms for Chris Cartwright and Marco Benitez who had been replacing previous members during their terms.

The City has contracted with a new janitorial service as of July 7, 2025. The new service is Jan Pro. There are some new services included in the contract such as window washing and the carpet cleaning on a regular basis. We aren't sure of our new monthly rate yet. Janice will get with Neal Owings @ the City for the details.

We will have a program on July 29 by the Wichita Symphony. We were contacted by one of the directors about bringing 5 or 6 members with their instruments to show children how the sounds vary yet all come together for a presentation. This program will be free.

In the Office Manager's report, Terry shared the monthly stats which are comparable to previous months. She shared that there have been 16 participants from Valley Center in the Library Crawl. There were more libraries participating this year from the South Central KS Library System. The Crawl will end on July 31.

Our summer reading programs continue with 42 programs so far and an attendance of 2,355. The stats for the summer reading program will end at July 31. Complete stats will be presented in August.

Terry has applied for a grant to the Central KS Community Foundation on behalf of the Friends of the VC Library. The grant will be for parenting toolkits. We have also applied for the Kansas Notable Books grant. This grant reimburses for the costs of the 15 books chosen as this year's notable books.

The Book Markers Book Club will meet on July 17 with Laurie Dove as their guest speaker. Dove, our former Mayor, has started her writing career with **Mask of the Deer Woman**. 8 people attended.

In Old Business, Janice presented a revised copy of the Cell Phone Policy as changed by City Attorney, Barry Arbuckle. Marco made a motion to approve the policy with the changes; seconded by Barbara. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.

Marco made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chris seconded. Motion carried; vote was unanimous.