

UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025
5:30 PM
Library Community Room

***Mission:** Unalaska Public Library educates, enriches, and inspires community members by connecting them to the world and each other.*

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call **5:35 PM**
Present: Crane, Hanson-Zueger, Berry, Hatfield, Magdaong
Absent: Macke, Hazen
- II. Reading of Mission Statement **Crane read the library mission statement.**
- III. Introduction of Visitors **Roger Blakeley, Cyri Thompson**
- IV. Additions or Changes to the Agenda **None**
- V. Public Comment on Agenda Items **None**
- VI. Minutes of the May 7 Meeting **Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2025 meeting. Magdaong seconded. Minutes approved by consensus.**
- VII. Librarian's Report **The City Librarian presented Librarian's Reports from April, May, June, and July of 2025. She provided an update on library grants and highlighted recent programs that were made possible by partnerships with other Unalaska organizations.**
- VIII. Old or Unfinished Business
 - A. Summer Reading Report **The City Librarian presented information about participation in the library's Summer Reading Program. The Committee discussed ideas for increasing participation in next year's program, particularly with preschool and elementary groups.**
 - B. Windscreen & Donor Plaques Update **The City Librarian informed the Committee that while the windscreen side panels have been delayed in construction due to some factors outside our control, they are still on track to be finished. This project will need to be complete by the end of FY26.**
- IX. New Business
 - A. Art Proposal – Burke Mees **The Committee and library staff discussed an art proposal they received from artist Burke Mees, offering a watercolor map for purchase. Hatfield moved to recommend this artwork for purchase by the library. Berry seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote: Magdaong – yes; Hanson-Zueger – yes; Berry – yes; Hatfield – yes; Crane – yes.**
 - B. Discussion: Library Fines **The Committee discussed eliminating overdue fines for DVDs and other materials. While the Committee generally supported eliminating overdue fines for DVDs, they expressed the need to protect the library's investment in more expensive materials, especially items in the upcoming Library of Things, as well as interlibrary loan materials from other libraries. The Committee discussed the option of collecting a security deposit for expensive items and also encouraged the City Librarian to get input from other library staff on the topic.**
- X. Announcements: **The local election will take place on 10/7/25; early and absentee voting starts on 9/17/25. The Museum of the Aleutians will host a Lunch & Learn on 9/13/25, short film festivals at the museum and library, and a MOTA membership dinner on 11/8/25. The Make a Difference Dinner for suicide prevention, sponsored by USAFV, will take place on 10/18/25. USAFV will sell**

tickets for their annual raffle starting in November, and the Soup-Off is scheduled for 3/28/26. Cat Hazen has notified the Committee Chair and City Librarian that she plans to resign from her seat on the Committee. Crane will be out of town 10/23/25 – 11/17/25, and Hatfield will be out of town 9/28/25 – 10/12/25.

XI. Next Meeting: **TBD**

XII. Adjournment **6:22 PM**

Committee Members and Terms:

M. Lynn Crane, Chair - 02/2027 Karen Macke, Vice Chair - 02/2027 Debbie Hanson-Zueger - 02/2026

Ellis Berry - 02/2028 Virginia Hatfield – 02/2028 Estkarlen Magdaong - 02/2028 Cat Hazen - 02/2027

Art Subcommittee: Debbie Hanson-Zueger, Virginia Hatfield, and Karen Macke.
Non-Voting Staff Members: Karen Kresh and Cyri Thompson.