

UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, November 3, 2025

5:30 PM

Dan Masoni Conference 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 **5:36 PM**
Present: Macke, Berry, Hatfield, Magdaong
Absent: Crane, Hanson-Zueger, Hazen
- II. Reading of Mission Statement **Berry read the Library Mission Statement.**
- III. Introduction of Visitors **None**
- IV. Additions or Changes to the Agenda **None**
- V. Public Comment on Agenda Items **None**
- VI. Minutes of the September 8 Meeting **Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting. Magdaong seconded. Minutes approved by consensus.**
- VII. Librarian's Report **The City Librarian presented Librarian's Reports from August and September 2025. She noted that both were busy months for the library and highlighted some recent library programs: the Manhattan Short Film Festival, Library Mini Golf, and the Halloween Costume Contest. She noted that she attended the Association for Rural and Small Libraries conference in September and found it applicable and relevant for our library.**
- VIII. Old or Unfinished Business
 - A. Update: Library Fines **The Library Advisory Committee had discussed potentially changing the library's fines and fees structure to eliminate overdue fines during their September 8, 2025 meeting. The City Librarian noted that she had raised this idea at a recent library staff meeting. Library staff were supportive of eliminating overdue fines, with some procedural changes to ensure return of overdue items. This proposal will likely come up next during the review of the FY27 City of Unalaska Schedule of Fees and Services by City Council.**
 - B. Update: Burke Mees Artwork Proposal **The City Librarian provided an update on this artwork proposal. The Library Advisory Committee's Art Subcommittee had recommended purchase of this artwork for the library at their September 8, 2025 meeting. The City of Unalaska is going ahead with the purchase, and the piece is already hanging in the library near the Ray Hudson Room.**
- IX. New Business
 - A. Social Media Accounts **The City Librarian asked for Committee input on a proposal to create social media accounts specific to the Unalaska Public Library, which currently shares accounts with the Dept. of Parks, Culture, and Recreation. The Committee provided feedback on this idea.**
 - B. Library Generator **The City of Unalaska has a generator that will be installed at the library to provide backup in the event of a power outage. The city's CMMP currently has money budgeted for installation in FY26.**

- X. Announcements: **The City of Unalaska Holiday Dinner will take place December 6 at 6 PM. The runoff election for School Board will take place tomorrow, November 4, from 8 AM – 8 PM. Museum of the Aleutians is hosting a live fundraiser on November 8, along with an online auction which is open now. Berry will be out of town mid-December to early January.**
- XI. Next Meeting: **Monday, December 1, 2025, 5:30 PM**
- XII. Adjournment **6:38 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.