



## MINUTES

**WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
WATAUGA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025  
6:00 PM**

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Neal called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Lindsey Neal  
Kristen Chapman  
Samantha Ostendorp  
Sian Brannon  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Jessica Salyers

Vice-Chairperson/Place 1  
Secretary/Place 6  
Place 2  
Place 3  
Place 4  
Place 5  
Place 7

and

Arthur Miner  
Mark Taylor  
Lisa Benavidez  
Lana Ewell  
Jan Hill

Mayor  
City Council Liaison  
Assistant to the City Secretary  
Director of Library Services  
Councilmember, Place 7

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

## REPORTS

### 1. Library Director's Report

Director Ewell began with a note of sympathy for the passing of long-time Board Chairperson Kip Woodruff and the mother of Senior Librarian Barbara Goss over the summer. Along with a wave of illnesses among the library staff, it made for a challenging summer. However, it was still a success by many metrics. The July, August, and September reports reflect a 6.2% increase in total circulation, a 14.41% increase in programs, and an 8.65% increase in library visits. Volunteer hours were up 85.1%.

Popular programs for the quarter included Harp Essence and the Brett Roberts Magic Show in July. August featured Metal Embossing, the Art Show Opening, and the Family Place event, which had 120 attendees. In September, the major events were the Plant and Seed Exchange and the Mexican Snack Tasting class. Family Fiesta had 421 attendees.

### 2. Trina Nosenzo, Updates to Study Room Policy

Ms. Nosenzo discussed the ongoing updates to all of the library policies. Seven have been completed, with six more to go. Next up will be the Reference Policy and the Internet Policy. The Study Room Policy update was completed by Ms. Nosenzo and Ms. Harper. The Board has been given the current policy, the proposed changes, and a clean copy.

Member Brannon asked why there needed to be a statement about the whiteboard markers, and Ms. Nosenzo explained why the statement was included. Member Brannon also asked for clarification on why the alcohol and tobacco rules were repeated in the Study Room Policy and was told that there may have been a particular reason, but that other policies were also scheduled for updates.

Member Ostendorf asked about the struck-through age limit language and was told that the study rooms will no longer have an age limit.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. Consider action on July 8, 2025, Library Board Meeting Minutes

Member Brannon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Secretary Chapman seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Neal, Chapman, Brannon, Ostendorp, Salyers  
Nays: None

Abstain: None

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consider approval of "Watauga Public Library Long Range Plan 2026-2031.

Member Brannon made a motion to approve the Long Range Plan as presented.  
Member Ostendorp seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Neal, Chapman, Brannon, Ostendorp, Salyers  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for future agendas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairperson Neal adjourned the meeting at 6:19 pm.

Approved: this 12 day of January, 2026

Signed: this 13 day of January, 2026

APPROVED:

  
/s/ L. Neal  
Lindsey Neal, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
/s/ Kristen Chapman  
~~Kristen Chapman~~, Secretary