



**Trustees Attending:** Greg Brakebill, Stephanie Thompson, Dawn Reagan, Shawn Graham, Richard Fogg, Becca Wolfenbarger, Dexter Stewart, Robert White

**Staff Attending:** Anjanae Brueland - BCPL Interim Director, Summer Dale, Sara Corso

**Visitors:** Vandy Kemp - Friends of the Blount County Public Library, Trevis Gardner - Blount County Public Library Foundation, Liz Schrek - Ocoee River Regional Library

The Board Meeting Packet, including the Library Director's Report, was made available on 8 April 2025.

**Call to Order:** Greg Brakebill called the Blount County Public Library Board to order on 15 April 2025 at 5:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Dawn Reagan made a motion to approve the 18 March 2025 BOT Meeting minutes. Shawn Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dexter Stewart made a motion to approve the 18 March 2025 BOT Special Called Meeting minutes. Becca Wolfenbarger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- The board heard comments from 0 members of the public.

**Report of Board of Trustees Chair by Greg Brakebill:**

- He thanked Anjanae Brueland for presenting the FY26 Budget to the Blount County Commission.
- The BOT Chair, the Friends' President, and the Foundation President met to discuss Strategic Planning and aligning organizations.
- Appointed a Subcommittee to nominate officers.
- Current Trustees' terms were identified, and a timeline was created to select nominations.
- It was recommended that all four Trustee Information sheets be given to the Blount County Mayor for consideration.

**Report of Blount County Public Library Interim Director by Anjanae Brueland:**

- Anjanae gave a shoutout to all managers about their planning for Summer Reading.
  - Summer Reading to begin May 16th.
- Discussed departmental updates, kudos, and information.
- She supplied construction and project updates for the Automatic Materials Handler (AMH).
  - Emphasized the AMH landing page on the Library's website.
- Anjanae thanked the Board for their generosity on Library Worker's Day.
- Updated the Board on the FY26 Budget Committee and Commission Workshop
  - The proposal requests an increase in the utilities line and the use of the Library Fund balance to replace the chiller compressor and/or parts.



- Will be held on 17 April 2025 at 6 pm in room 430 at the Courthouse.

**Report of Foundation Board, Trevis Gardner:**

- Two Committees have been formed:
  - Planning Committee
  - Communication Committee
- The Foundation is updating its website.
- They have restructured their Investment Management portfolio so they can receive stocks and bonds, such as legacy gifts.
- The next meeting will be on 25 April 2025 at 8 am.

**Report of Friends of the Library, Vandy Kemp:**

- Currently, the Friends are halfway through their strategic plan with Bob Myers.
- Invested in the Little Green Light Donor Management software.
- Friends have separated from BCPL's PR and have hired their own PR person.
- Visual Voice is working on updating the Friends' logo.

**Report of Ocoee River Regional Library, Liz Schreck:**

- The Ocoee River Regional Library Report and the READS FY 2023-24 Data Statistics were distributed by email prior to the meeting.
- Liz Schreck shared updates from the Regional Library.
- The State has updated the Trustee Certification modules.

**Nominating Committee Appointments:**

- Dexter Stewart, Richard Fogg, and Dawn Reagan volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.
- The Nominating Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on 20 May 2025 to determine the officer slate to be presented at the June Board meeting.

**Old Business:**

- The **Interlibrary Loan policy** was discussed.

Stephanie Thompson made a motion to approve the Interlibrary Loan Policy. Richard Fogg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Space Planning Report:**

- The digital link to this report was shared via email with all Board members.

**New Business:**

- The **Public Comment Policy** was presented.
  - No action was taken. The discussion was tabled.
- The **Hotspot** Policy was presented.
  - It was determined that we should remain firm on requesting a debit/credit card for checkout.



- The policy will be updated to include prices reflecting the increase in the device's cost.
- The discussion was tabled.

**Funding Requests:**

- There were no Friends Funding Requests.
- There were no Foundation Funding Requests.

**Additional Closing Comments:**

- Dawn Reagan shared that the Agenda Workshop for the Blount County Commission has changed to the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., the Budget meeting is at 5 p.m., and the General Commission Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
- There will be no Board meeting in July.

**Important Dates:**

Other Library Meetings

Blount County Commission Meeting – 15 May 2025, 6:00 p.m. – BC Courthouse

Blount County Friends of the Library – 27 May 2025, 4:00 p.m. – BCPL

Foundation for the Blount County Public Library – 16 May 2025, 8:00 a.m. – BCPL

Maryville City Council - 6 May 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Maryville Municipal Bldg

Alcoa Board of Commissioners - 13 May 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Alcoa Municipal Bldg

Next Library Board Meeting – 20 May 2025, 5:30 p.m., Sharon Lawson Room

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Dexter Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Library Board meeting will be held on 20 May 2025 at 5:30 p.m., in the Sharon Lawson Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Summer Dale