Trustees Attending: Richard Fogg, Dexter Stewart, Becca Wolfenbarger, Kyle Anderson, Shawn Graham, Dawn Reagan

Staff Attending: Dustin Goforth - BCPL Director, Anjanae Brueland, Summer Dale,

Visitors: Vandy Kemp - Friends of the Blount County Public Library, Robert McClellen - Blount County Public Library Foundation, Marcus Fitzsimmons - The Daily Times

I. Call to Order

- Chair Richard Fogg called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dexter Stewart made a motion to approve the 17 March 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Becca Wolfenbarger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. Public Comment

- No public comments were heard.

IV. Staff Introduction

- Anjanae Brueland introduced Hillary Brodowski, Online Services Coordinator.

V. Report of Board of Trustees Chair by Richard Fogg:

- Richard Fogg shared updates regarding early voting operations at the library and thanked staff assisting with extended voting hours.
- The Board discussed the annual Director Evaluation process. Dawn Reagan will oversee the process with Shawn Graham assisting for continuity purposes.
- Summer Dale presented the proposed evaluation timeline and process.

Becca Wolfenbarger made a motion to approve the Director Evaluation process and timeline as presented. Dexter Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- Dustin shared his gratitude and appreciates the opportunity.

VI. Report of Blount County Public Library Director Dustin Goforth:

- The Board Meeting Packet, which includes the Library Director's Report, was distributed by email prior to the board meeting.

- Highlights included:
  - Presentation of community economic impact infographics for Maryville and Alcoa
  - Youth Services programming updates
  - Upcoming TASL conference collaboration
  - Parking and facility updates
  - Transition to Microsoft 365 and email forwarding updates
  - Recognition of volunteer Brenda Eckart for media preservation work
  - Transition from the Capira app to the Librista app effective May 1
  - The Board discussed a proposed teen showing of Jurassic Park during summer programming with signed parental permission slips. No objections were raised.
    - No formal action was taken.

VII. Financial Report of the Blount County Public Library Deputy Director Anjanae Brueland

- Financial updates were presented, including:
  - Current budget is tracking well
  - Capital numbers may change due to the removal of Automated Materials Handler (AMH) expenditures
  - Increased Bookmark Café revenue
  - Special recognition for cost-saving measures implemented by Chelsea Mathenia and Tisha Chauncey
    - No action was taken.

VIII. Reports from Supporting Organizations

A. Report of Foundation Board, Robert McClelland:

- Robert McClelland reported that the Foundation formally adopted a new mission statement: The BCPL Foundation invests in capital projects that expand opportunities, enhance facilities, and sustain the Library's role at the heart of the community.
  - No action was taken.

B. Report of Friends of the Library, Vandy Kemp:

- Vandy Kemp reported on:
  - Upcoming officer elections
  - Bookkeeper Melissa Martain will be moving, and Julie Lapheart will be taking over
  - Budget preparation
  - Annual membership brunch planned for June 13th at 10:30 am
  - Ongoing bylaw and vision statement revisions
  - The passing of Dick Cox was acknowledged.
    - No action was taken.

- Richard thanked both the Friends and Foundation for all the work they do to support the Library

C. 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 was not in attendance

IX. Old Business:

A. Sex Offender Policy

- The Sex Offender Policy was presented and discussed, including minor wording revisions.

Kyle Anderson made a motion to approve the revised Sex Offender Policy. Shawn Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Public Meeting Room Policy

- The revised Public Meeting Room Policy was presented.

Dexter Stewart made a motion to approve the Public Meeting Room Policy. Dawn Reagan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Reminder

- Richard Fogg reminded trustees of the Nominating Committee Meeting scheduled for May 19 at 4:30 p.m.
  - Greg Brakebill
  - Dexter Stewart
  - Becca Wolfenbarger
  - Richard Fogg
  - Summer Dale

X. New Business

A. Petitioning, Polling Place, and Political Campaign Policy – First Reading

- The policy was presented for first reading and discussion. Minor formatting revisions were noted.
- No action was taken.

B. Borrowing Privileges Policy – First Reading

- The Board discussed proposed revisions regarding E-library cards, including fee structure and resident prioritization concerns.
- No action was taken.

XI. Requests

A. Silent Disco Extended Hours Request

- A request was presented to extend library hours from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Silent Disco event.

Dexter Stewart made a motion to approve the request. Dawn Reagan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Tremont Writers Conference Extended Hours Request

- A request was presented to extend library hours on October 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Tremont Writers Conference event.

Shawn Graham made a motion to approve the request. Dawn Reagan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. History Fest Funding Request

- A funding request for historical reenactment programming during History Fest was presented.

Dawn Reagan made a motion to approve the funding request. Shawn Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Friends of the Library Budget Proposal

- Dustin Goforth presented the proposed Friends of the Library budget request for FY 2026–27.
- The request included support for programming, marketing initiatives, mobile shelving, staff development, and Storybook Walk planning.

Dawn Reagan made a motion to approve the Friends of the Library budget proposal. Kyle Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Vandy Kemp commented that the Friends are pleased to oblige.

XII. Important Dates:

- Other Library Meetings
- Blount County Commission Meeting – 21 May 2026, 6:00 pm – BC Courthouse
- Blount County Friends of the Library – 26 May 2026, 4:00 pm – BCPL
- Foundation for the Blount County Public Library – 19 June 2026, 8:00 am – BCPL
- Maryville City Council – 2 June 2026, 7:00 pm – Maryville Municipal Bldg
- Alcoa Board of Commissioners – 9 June 2026, 7:00 pm – Alcoa Municipal Bldg
- Next Library Board Meeting – 19 May 2026, 5:30 pm, Sharon Lawson Room

XIII. Adjournment

- There were no closing comments.

Dawn Reagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dexter Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- The next Library Board meeting will be held on 19 May 2026 at 5:30 pm, in the Sharon Lawson Room

Respectfully submitted,
Summer Dale