

Cherokee Public Library

Library Board Meeting

July 2, 2025

Board meeting was called to order with the following members present: Jomi Anderson, Deb Hankens, Lisa Perrin, Loretta Barrett, Donald "Doc" Roethler, and Tyler Puettmann. Visitors were Adam Shields by telephone.

Board consensus approved the minutes from the June meeting while addressing a typo Tyler/Doc. A motion was made by Lisa/Loretta and passed to approve the bills. The new year budget was passed around for review.

Correspondence this month included emails and letters thanking for services and regarding funding opportunities for the library. Adam Shields requested access to the library via phone, which the board reiterated the sex offender policy and offered within the letter to be sent by the director that the Shields could appeal to city council and the city administrator.

In new business the board reviewed job descriptions for the library staff to assess accuracy. It was recommended to add a section for having the physical ability to lift, squat, stand for prolonged periods of time and be able to lift and push weights of 20+ lbs. It was suggested by the board to purchase a new Nintendo Switch 2 as well as materials within Overdrive for digital media and downloads. Finally, the board reviewed the initial survey for the library's strategic plan as well as how that process would progress for 2027-2030.

For librarian reports, Tyler reported statistics for the 2025 fiscal year and analytics from the 2024 fiscal year and how the library is grossly underfunded, yet preforms at the 50th percentile compared to other libraries of similar sizes. Tyler also shared that staffing and wages are lower than even the average for libraries smaller in operating sizes, yet the library managed to preform at that high of level. Stories were also shared about summer reading programming and other events at the library.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 6th.