



MINUTES

LIBRARY BOARD

April 21, 2026

5:45 PM

IN-PERSON

MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Meeting called to Order at 5:46 PM
 2. **ROLL CALL**
Members Present:
Member Mark Lupinetti
Member Tamina Painter
Member Kate Goddard
Member Nicholas Taylor
Member Adele Oliveira
Library Director Margaret Neill
 3. **Members Excused:**
Member William Karnoscak
Member Meghan McGarrity
 4. **Others Attending:**
Raquel Martinez, Library Collections Manager
Therese Martinez, Project Manager, Clerk
 5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Margaret Neill asked for C. under New Business be removed since Meghan McGarrity was unable to make it to this meeting and could not report on the topic. Member Nicholas Taylor asked to remove the Friends of the Library Report since William Karnoscak was also unable to attend and could not give the Report. Member Tamina Painter made the motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Member Kate Goddard seconded the motion.
Unanimous approval.
 6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting of the Library Advisory Board.
Member Tamina Painter made the motion to approve the Minutes.
Member Kate Goddard seconded the motion.
Unanimous approval.
 7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.
 8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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1. Margaret Neill, Library Division Director, mmneill@santafenm.org
2. Comparison Charts for Statistics

Margaret Neill stated they have one vacancy at La Farge. They promoted a part-time librarian to full-time, so now they are in the process of hiring a part-time librarian. Southside is now fully staffed. There were employees that took the Bilingual Incentive Test, she is not sure how many, but they are asking staff who are bilingual who wish to be helpful (with bilingual tasks) to take the test and receive incentive pay. This is for more inclusivity at the libraries. In terms of the budget the City's proposed budget for FY27 is flat. She went to the second budget presentation. All the requests they had were denied. All the Divisions in the Department's requests were denied. She did some quick math, and looking at next fiscal their budget will be around 7.1 million dollars. The majority of that is salaries and benefits. The only two things not included in her report are the Lawton Estate and the Endowment which are with the Friends.

In the budget meeting they had with the City Manager and the Mayor, they let them know that landscaping at all locations, and the fire suppression system at the Main Library will be paid for. The parking lot and ADA projects are in progress. Southside and La Farge will be having the parking lots paved; potentially adding more ADA (parking) spots if it's possible. The bricks at Southside need tamping down because they are heaving, so they are a tripping hazard. Southside is a voting location and there is not a timeline on the repairs yet. More (wayfinding) signs are proposed for Southside also.

They have been very busy with programs. They had 21 more adult programs than in February. The number of children's programs did not change. The Young Adult programs decreased by one (11 instead of 12). Things are about where they need to be.

They'd had drops in their Circulation numbers. The main library vendor went out of business suddenly and it threw everything off. Setting up new vendors was complicated.

They've relaunched Fathers as Readers at the Penitentiary of New Mexico. They are also working on a Book Club and Re-entry Resources Programs with the prisons.

They launched the Business Burrows at all three Library locations. It is a partnership with the office of Economic Development. It is a special collection, and they have a trained librarian that can do one-on-one business referrals and can provide more resources.

Today she was informed they have a new Community Services Director. Her name is Sandra Emory. She was formerly a Program Manager in Youth and Family Services Division. She will be officially in the position on Monday. She will be meeting with her on Friday to chat on library matters. Discussion on new director and libraries.

The next big thing is Summer Reading. Registration begins next month.



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Outreach has already begun at the schools. The Executive Director for the Friends has gotten some really cool prizes this year. They are more experiential, like ten tickets to the Sky rail(way), pottery camps, so children and families can do things together. They are trying to support local businesses. The theme this year is “Uncover a Story”. Staff have been working hard on all the details to make it happen.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Mark Lupinetti, President of the Library Advisory Board,
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Mark Lupinetti stated he received a very nice note from Representative Kathleen Cates who for the last two legislative sessions has introduced Bills to ban book banning in New Mexico. She first introduced this in the 2025 Legislative Session. She didn't do it right at the beginning so it took a little bit of time and there was some opposition from the Speaker of the House who just didn't think there was a big need for that. Now, after Texas has banned 4,000 books, Florida has banned 3,000, everyone is much more sensitized to the fact that this is an issue. It was introduced in this session, but this is a 30-day session, in even numbered years, so it was difficult to get a hearing, or unless the Governor says, in the short session, it's not going to happen. Nevertheless, Representative Cates and the Board should not be discouraged. In the 2027 Legislative Session there is an excellent chance to build the momentum to get this through. They don't want to wait until the legislative session starts. They should start building this in the Fall. So, they have plenty of time to think about it. How they might do it. Who they might approach to get along with this. There are a lot of organizations that would likely be approachable and enlisted to help make this happen. They must think very broadly about what it might take to accomplish this. Representative Cates and her colleagues are not going to give up on this, and the (Library Advisory) Board shouldn't either.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of the new Library Advisory Board Members—Kate Goddard and Nicholas Taylor.

Mark Lupinetti extended a welcome to Kate and Nicholas and thanked them for their interest and invited them to speak.

Nicholas thanked them for approving his application and said it was a great opportunity to serve with all the Board members. He would appreciate everyone's patience as he comes up to speed. If there are more opportunities for him to be of service, please let him know. He goes by Nicholas.

Kate Goddard said she had the same sentiments. She's super excited to be here and serve with the Board and support the work. Definitely plug her in,



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like how she can support, beyond just showing up for the meetings. She wants to help and is excited to contribute.

Mark Lupinetti stated they had excellent candidates for the openings and it was not an easy decision.

Discussion on the appointments.

b. Overview Summary of the Library Tour with City Councilors of District One—Alma Castro and Pat Feghali.

Margaret Neill stated the Councilors came to the Main Library as part of the vision restoration or remodeling of the facility. They wanted their input as well. The other tour attendees included herself, Therese Martinez, Members Megan McGarrity, and Adele Oliveira. It was a good tour. They asked really good questions, not just about the building, but also the Library in general. She answered their questions, they gave some advice on the coming year and the budget challenges. They were very supportive and very interested in what this building could become, because it's in their District. With Fogelson coming online eventually, Main could become less of a hub than it is now. It would give them more space to do other things like moving out Administration and Technical Services staff to Fogelson there are opportunities to reimagine the space. These are all considerations they are working on with the Architects doing the study. The Councilors were very supportive of that and there were a lot of really good ideas. She's hoping that will translate into support down the line and keep it in the forefront of their attention.

Discussion on the future of the Main Library.

Margaret Neill added that they are working with the Midtown Redevelopment (Agency) staff and they are moving on Fogelson. They are bringing on an archivist, not just for Fogelson but also for the Garson Theater. There is theater ephemera, costumes, and other things. They want to know the scope of what's there and at Fogelson. They had conversations with an Architect (Alexander Dzurec-Autotroph) who will be working with Midtown Redevelopment on Fogelson with another group out of Arizona (Richard | Kennedy Architects-Phoenix, AZ). Margaret will send the Board Members a link. They've done some really cool Library work, and it looks like a good fit. They left the meeting feeling encouraged.

Discussion on the current Fire Suppression and Security systems and the Councilors tour.

Margaret Neill added that Megan McGarrity did send out an invitation for the Special Session Request for a meeting with City Administration. Adele Oliveira added that Councilor Cassutt responded that the date (next month's LAB Meeting in May) didn't work for her.

c. Review and Comments on the Library Collection Development Policy.

Raquel Martinez said she'd like to open up the discussion for suggestions and comments or if everyone was okay to proceed forward aside from the (new) Mission Statement. Discussion on status of the Policy. Margaret Neill said the main points they wanted to address were the (materials) challenges, the Strategic Plan, and the Community Assessment. The State requires updated ones every few years. Raquel added that the policy also now included additional information on weeding and updating the collection and the criteria used for these tasks.



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Discussion on being in compliance with the Book Banning Bill should it already be a law. Discussion on the Request for Reconsideration Form, the review process, posting the policy and form on the Library's website, keeping the materials on the shelf when under consideration.

Discussion on archives, inheriting archives from Fogelson, the condition of the catalog records, and recording what is actually in the collection.

Member Adele Oliveira made the Motion to approve the Library Collection Development Policy as amended.

Member Tamina Painter seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the Camera Installs at the Southside Branch and Main Libraries.

Margaret Neill stated she got updated quotes that are less because she reduced the number of cameras. They received \$25,000.00 to install security cameras at Southside and Main. There is already a security system at La Farge. The cost just for Main was about \$50,000.00. The cost for Southside for the project was around \$40,000.00. At Main they'd have to wire the entire building. At Southside they have a system already. They'd need new cabling. She's starting with Southside and getting new cameras using the remaining GO Bond funds (from 2022) which has to be expended by June 2026. They receive the 2024 GO BOND funding this year. (for FY27). She will see if \$25,000.00 will cover the installation of the cameras. GO Bonds (General Obligation Bonds) do not pay for labor, or warranties, or capital, but they will pay for technology.

Discussion on whether this is a good investment notwithstanding the future of the Main Library, and the need regardless of the future use of the building since it is City owned.

Margaret stated that after they receive the 2024 GO Bond, they can look at Main. The \$25,000.00 is a one-time appropriation and will have to be rolled over (to the next fiscal year).

Discussion on the GO Bond funding having to be encumbered or expended, City processes, and tracking the complete spending of the GO Bond funds.

- b. Update on the request of adjusting the grey colors on the website.

Margaret Neill explained that it is the screen that's the problem. Therese Martinez stated that it is the manner in which the individual's computer or monitor is receiving the (font) color that is the problem. The (website) font colors meet accessibility standards. The website provider says it meets all the standards. Discussion on using the older public computer monitors and the pending replacement of these.

- c. Updates of the Fire Alarm System and Security Alarm System.

Margaret Neill said that Main is going to have the Fire Alarm System redone. The Security/Fire Alarm Company is coming tomorrow to view the existing systems. She needs to get commitment for funding for Southside as well. Their fire panel is also having issues.

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There are also issues with their motion sensors. She's asked for both locations to be looked at.

d. Update on Door Replacement at La Farge Branch Library.

Margaret Neill stated that she has their quote, but it has to be reissued because it is over 30 days (expired). They have the funding, but it will have to be moved, so they may not be able to do the replacement till next fiscal year. (It has to be moved from Southside's budget to be used at La Farge). Discussion on which door it is at La Farge, what the issues are, and the lead time to transfer funding.

e. Update on the next steps on the Library Strategic Plan.

Margaret Neill said this is in progress. She stated that on the 16th and 21st of May they will be holding (Community Engagement) sessions at all three library locations staggering the times on the 16th at La Farge and Southside. Main is on the 21st. They will have feedback online up and available too. They (she and Prospera Partners) are now shaping the questions and refining them.

Discussion on setting up a tour to Fogelson for the LAB and the Friends, the timing of the plan, and the timing of Fogelson coming online.

Margaret Neill stated there will also be physical cards to turn in with comments, there will also be an online version on the website, they will put that link on the email blast to patrons, and they will have a Spanish version as well. They will be reaching out to partner organizations (Somos Un Pueblo Unido and others) to send them comment cards to get their (groups') feedback as well. They're trying to hit people who may not use the Library. They'll have translators at all three events also. Discussion on outreach and connecting with other City departments and City administration for input, also receiving input from the LAB, and the Friends.

f. Update on the Friends of the Library GOA (General Operating Agreement).

Margaret Neill stated that Joan (Marshall) wanted to make more changes to the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)/GOA. It is back in the (Friends of the Library) Executive Committee's court. Discussion on what the issues are on the MOU/GOA and the need for signing the agreement.

12. NEXT MEETING:

a. Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the La Farge Branch Library at 5:45 PM.

13. ADJOURN:

Member Tamina Painter made the motion to adjourn.

Member Adele Oliveira seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Liaison

Chair