

Municipality of Anchorage
Library Advisory Board Agenda
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting
Loussac Library (Moose Room)

October 15, 2025

Attendance

E	Debra Bronson
X	Megan Cacciola
Remote	Olivia Garrett
X	Jen Griffis
X	Marc Johnson
X	Wade Hampton Miller
E	Rachel Odom
X	Cristy Willer

X = Present, E = Excused, U = Unexcused, PH = Phone, remote = Teams

Staff

Marjorie Harrison (Director); Stephanie Schott (Chugiak-Eagle River Branch Manager); Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian); Misty Rose Nesvick (Communications Coordinator); Rebecca Lampert (Time Administrator)

Guest

Bridger Reed-Lewis, Anchorage Public Library patron

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Cristy Willer at 5:31 pm.

Land Acknowledgment

Cristy Willer acknowledged that the Board meets on the traditional lands of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina Athabascan people.

Approvals

- Action: The agenda was approved as presented. (Member Johnson motioned, Member Hampton Miller seconded.)
- Action: Minutes from the September 17, 2025, LAB meeting was approved. (Member Cacciola motioned, Member Griffis seconded.)

Staff Presentations:

Stephanie Schott, Chugiak-Eagle River Branch Manager, presented on Loteria, a traditional Mexican game of chance, similar to bingo, played with a deck of cards featuring images of everyday objects along with their names. The Chugiak-Eagle River branch organized a community Loteria event conducted in both English and Spanish. A former teacher facilitated the game, with 17 participants of many ages

Keelin Baughman, Teen Services Librarian, shared an electronic resource titled Points of View. This resource is available on the APL Website under Resources – Databases A-Z – Points of View. As the Teen Services Librarian, Keelin regularly visits Anchorage schools to provide research instruction to students. Points of View offers comprehensive overviews on various topics and presents multiple perspectives. [Points of View](#).

Misty Rose Nesvick, APL's Communications Coordinator, provided an update on the recently completed 2025-2028 Strategic Plan. This Plan emphasizes an internal focus, contrasting with the previous plan, which concentrated more on outward community engagement. Each department appointed a delegate to serve on the Strategic Plan Committee. The plan has been distributed and is on file.

Guest:

Patron Bridger Reed-Lewis participated in the meeting via Teams to present a proposal regarding a paid membership program targeted at professionals, which would involve a monthly fee in exchange for exclusive access to designated spaces (for instance, the Ann Stevens Room and the Event Center Space). The membership fees would be intended to generate revenue to cover staffing costs, renovations—including soundproofing—as well as refreshments and computer equipment for members.

Director's Report:

Marjorie Harrison, Library Director, presented the September Board Report. The report was distributed and is on file. Ms. Harrison also provided an update on the 2026 Budget and Downtown Library.

Board Action:

Four Library Advisory Board members' appointments expired in October 2025. Several members applied for re-appointment.,

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.