

LYONS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2026

Open Meeting: The meeting started at 7:06 pm. Lyn Medley, Leslie Tracy, Emma Martin, Cathy Griswold, and Michele Ray (Librarian) were present. Britt Brupbacher was absent.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes or additions to the agenda: None

Approval of the January 8, 2026 Minutes: Change “mini split” to clarify that it is a heat pump. Accepted with that correction.

Library Updates:

Michele included a copy of the February council report for the Library Report.

Updates: The (Oregon State Library) Library Science and Technology Act Grant non-fiction books have been arriving and about half the funds have been expended. Patrons are noticing them and enjoying them. The city manager is getting bids on windows and doors for the whole library. She is looking into a water dispenser as well. Homebound Policy was accepted by the council and Michele has made a form for patrons to fill out if they wish to explore the service. The Tiny Art Show distribution of canvases is underway. Storytime flannel board activities have been a hit. Michele is feeling more confident about storytime now. The Mari-Linn 2nd graders came for a field trip, story, and tour of the library. Michele mentioned visiting the Willamina library for a social lunch and she got many ideas for how to make the library welcoming. She liked Willamina’s public computer space. Cathy asked why we have 3 computers and do they get used. Michele said she has only seen 2 people at a time and she will inquire why we have 3 and if that was a CCRLS decision.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Budget Requests discussion- Michele showed the board an outdoor book return she is going to request. She explained that new front doors would make it necessary to invest in a new book return and that our current situation is not secure during the day. Patrons return items to the return box and anybody walking out has access to those items that are checked out to another patron. The board did not have any other suggestions for the budget request, but were supportive of a new book return. A conversation ensued about the condition of the carpets and Michele said she would ask the city manager about getting them shampooed. The carpet down the center of the library is in poor condition.

New Business: Collection Development Policy review- Only a little time was spent to give an overview of what this policy is about. Michele is still working on it and there are sections that are not done. More about this next month.

Mission statement review- The board and Librarian crafted a new Mission Statement that will be used on materials such as the Collection Development Policy or the website. The Mission Statement: *To foster personal growth, literacy, and life-long learning by connecting people with ideas, information, and each other.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The next Library Board meeting will be Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Library.