



NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING

City of Brenham Library Advisory Board

Monday, October 20, 2025 @ 5:15 p.m.

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library

100 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy.

Brenham, Texas

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Citizen and Visitor Comments**
- 3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes of the August 20, 2025 Regular Meeting**
- 4. Update of Art Exhibit Installation**
- 5. Presentation and Discussion of Donation Fund**
- 6. Administrative Report**
- 7. Adjourn**

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the October 20, 2025 agenda of items to be considered by the City of Brenham Library Advisory Board was posted to the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library door at 100 MLK Jr. Pkwy, Brenham, Texas and to the City of Brenham Bulletin Board at 200 West Vulcan Street Brenham, Texas on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Tammy Murphy

Tammy Murphy, Librarian

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library

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I certify that this notice and agenda of items to be considered by the City of Brenham Library Advisory Board was removed by me from the City Hall bulletin board or Library door on _____ at _____ Am/ Pm.

Signature

Title



Library Advisory Board

A meeting of the Library Advisory Board was held on Wednesday August 20, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, 100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Pkwy., Brenham, Texas.

Advisory Board Members present:

Lu Hollander, Lillian Marshall, Jan Klingsporn, Susan Myers, Renee Mueller, Will Corn, and Keith Herring

Advisory Board Members absent:

Jerry Jares and Janie Mehrens

City Staff present:

Tammy Murphy and Gloria May

Others present

Trudy Koenigsdorf

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board chairman Keith Herring called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

2. Citizen and Visitor Comments

Citizen Trudy Koenighsdorf, a retired dyslexia specialist, expressed an interest in having a City of Brenham proclamation made in October for National Dyslexia Month. Tammy Murphy stated she would get the contact and necessary information from City Secretary Jeana Bellinger. Renee Mueller gave her the Washington County contact if she wants to have the County make one as well. Trudy also offered to help the library with displays, book orders, parent presentations, and free screenings to raise dyslexia awareness.

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes of the June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Jan Klingsporn and seconded by Susan Myers to approve the Minutes from the June 18, 2025 regular meeting. Herring called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes
Vice Chair Renee Mueller	Yes
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Will Corn	Yes
Board Member Jerry Jares	Absent
Board Member Susan Myers	Yes
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Absent
Board Member Jan Klingsporn	Yes

4. Discussion of an Art Exhibit

Librarian Tammy Murphy opened the discussion of installing Ruth Wilson permanently loaned sculptures as art exhibits in the library. Murphy read the April 2023 minutes stating the Advisory Board tabled adding a larger collection of Ruth Moore sculptures. Following the reading, a discussion among the board members showed a desire for public art in the library for the benefit of the community and encouragement to other artists. Jan Klingsporn pointed out the limited art displays in our community. Renee Mueller and Will Corn described the sculpture art as engaging and uplifting. Renee Mueller and Keith Herring stated focusing on the book Detective Dibley Seymour At Your Service character sculptures would be the best option as it was not an overwhelming amount, literacy based, and aesthetically similar. Susan Myers suggested adding curriculum for children and family activities and programming. Board members advised Tammy Murphy to inform Ruth Wilson of the possible installation of the book-related sculptures. If it was mutually agreeable, then the project would move forward using donation funds to install the sculptures.

5. Presentation and Discussion of Donation Fund

Librarian Tammy Murphy informed the Library Advisory Board the library has received a memorial donation in the amount of \$100,050.93 as the beneficiary from Pierre Roberts, Jr. life insurance policy. The City Council voted to accept the donation on August 7, 2025. At the City Council meeting, Tammy Murphy and Mr. Donnie Roberts spoke about Mr. Roberts and the family's faithful support of the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library.

6. Presentation and Recapping of Library's 2025 Summer Reading Program

Librarian Tammy Murphy showed the Library Advisory Board members the last three years' statistics provided by the software Beanstack and the library. Growth has occurred every year, specifically in summer reading challenge registration, logging of minutes read, and rewards earned. Program attendance has grown in each age group as well, with teens and adults participating more. Several programs reached max capacity at both shows each week.

7. Administrative Report

Librarian Tammy Murphy provided the library statistics report for the last three months included in the LAB packet. In addition, Murphy provided the following updates

- HVAC air compressor was replaced in the program room. Technology upgrades will be completed in the program room Sept 11-12.
- Fall programming begins Sept 2 with the addition of monthly adult programs.
- Plans are being made for USA250 and Library125, two very special birthdays in 2026.
- Community Outreach are with Clear the Shelter on Aug 23, 2025 and Brenham Next enrichment classes throughout the fall.
- Beginning Sept. 1, 2025, state law requires Notice of Regular Board Meeting Agendas be posted three (3) work days before meetings, excluding all federal holidays and weekends.

8. Adjourn

Keith Herring adjourned the meeting.

Keith Herring
Chair Person

ATTEST:

Tammy Murphy
Staff Liaison



To: Library Advisory Board

From: Tammy Murphy

Subject: Update of Art Exhibit Installation

Date: October 20, 2025

We will discuss the progress of the Ruth Wilson Sculpture art exhibit's permanent loan in regards to the final selection of sculptures, the revised vitrine quote status, legal forms and agreements advice from Karen Stack who is our city legal services support, and any other available updated information. The following two pages reflect the final selection of sculptures and their value.

Ruth Wilson Sculptures

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Photo of Sculpture

Name

Description

Value
\$9,250.00

Height
24"

Width
12"

Depth
11.5"



Dibley Seymour

Standing male figure dressed in blue trousers, a red textured vest, and a light blue long-sleeved shirt. He is wearing a camel-colored caped coat and a deerstalker hat with the flaps buttoned up. His right hand holds a pipe bowl, while his left hand holds a dog leash. A dog sits in front of him, with a four-wheeled cart behind it. The cart contains two books and dog snacks.



Geoffery

Standing male figure with binoculars hanging from his right hand. His left hand holds a butterfly net, and there is a butterfly on top of his pith helmet. There are also damaged butterfly parts on the attached base.

\$9,250.00

21"

13"

12"



Stanley

Standing male figure with base attached, His dog AL by his side with dog bones, red box and suitcase next to his feet. Stanley is wearing a horned hat, carrying a purse, belted jeans, cowboy boots, wooly vest and white shirt. His pet chicken 'Te' is in his right hand. He is ready to go with his purse and 'Al' and 'Te'.

\$9,250.00

18.5"

17"

11"



Vern & Little Wally

Total assembled dimensions

\$12,750.00

23

29"

16"

Vern- Male form wearing waders, plaid shirt, vest and hat with fish on top.

Wally- Young boy wearing waders, blue shirt, red cap on backwards and pulling a wagon with hugh fish

Fish - Contest winning catch of the day.

Ruth Wilson Sculptures

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Photo of Sculpture	Name	Description	Value	Height	Width	Depth
	Dream Keeper	The Dream keeper has one of his helpers sleeping in his hat, he is standing next to his Dream Boat, with 3 helpers aboard. He sails around the clouds, and protecting every-ones dreams.	\$12,000.00	22"	30"	16"
	The Twins	Conde and twin brother Morgan. Dimensions each. Morgan has drum sticks in each hand and his skateboard Conde has paintbrushes in right hand and books in left hand.	\$900.00	8.5"	6.5"	7"
		Skate board		1"	2.75"	6"
	Maude McQueenie	Standing Female figure with base attached. Maude is wearing an Odalisque costume for the part she will play in the story of Scheherazade.	\$8,500.00	22"	15.5"	12"
		Total Value	\$61,900.00			



To: Library Advisory Board

From: Tammy Murphy

Subject: Discussion of the Donation Fund

Date: October 20, 2025

Beginning in October 2025, the Library Advisory Board will review the previous two months' donation fund balance. The August 2025 and September 2025 balance sheets follow.

Library Donations Fund - as of 08/31/2025

	Undesignated	Designated- Imagination Library	Designated- Genealogy	Designated- Lectern	Designated- Capital Improvements	
Donations Balance at 10/1/2024						
O'Conner Trust - Undesignated	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
May 2023 Fortnightly Club Donation - Designated for genealogy materials	-	-	241.66	-		
Undesignated Fortnightly Donations & Donations Received Library Desk	55,525.68	-	-	-		
Total	\$ 130,525.68	\$ -	\$ 241.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,767.34
FY25 Activity:						
Donations Received:						
Donations Received Library Desk	3,963.43					
Washington Co. Genealogy Society-Boehm Lectern				50.00		
Fortnightly - Boehm Lectern				50.00		
Daughters of the Republic of Texas-Boehm Lectern				200.00		
Brenham High School NHS Imagination Library		1,500.00				
May 2025 Fortnightly Club Donation - \$22,000 total to Donations Fund	22,000.00					
Pierre Roberts Life Insurance Policy Donation					100,091.43	
Total Donations Received FY25	\$ 25,963.43	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 100,091.43	\$ 127,854.86
Expenses Covered by Donated Funds:						
Sewing Program Supplies	(148.22)					
Mahogany Floor Lectern	(102.74)			(300.00)		
Library Programs-Sea Green Collective	(400.00)					
Summer Programming-Megumi Fujimaru	(725.00)					
Donation to Imagination Library		(1,500.00)				
Total Expenses Covered by Donated Funds in FY25	\$ (1,375.96)	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ -	\$ (300.00)	\$ -	\$ (3,175.96)
Current Donations Balance	\$ 155,113.15	\$ -	\$ 241.66	\$ -	\$ 100,091.43	\$ 255,446.24
Recap of Current Donations Balance						
	Undesignated	Designated- Imagination Library	Designated- Genealogy	Designated- Lectern	Designated- Capital Improvements	
O'Conner Trust - Undesignated	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	-	-		
May 2023 Fortnightly Club Donation - Designated for genealogy materials	-	-	241.66	-		
Undesignated Fortnightly Donations & Donations Received Library Desk	80,113.15	-	-	-		
Pierre Roberts Life Insurance Policy Donation	-	-	-	-	100,091.43	
	\$ 155,113.15	\$ -	\$ 241.66	\$ -	\$ 100,091.43	\$ 255,446.24

Library Donations Fund - as of 09/30/25

	Undesignated	Designated- Imagination Library	Designated- Genealogy	Designated- Lectern	Designated- Capital Improvements	
Donations Balance at 10/1/2024						
O'Conner Trust - Undesignated	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
May 2023 Fortnightly Club Donation - Designated for genealogy materials	-	-	241.66	-		
Undesignated Fortnightly Donations & Donations Received Library Desk	55,525.68	-	-	-		
Total	\$ 130,525.68	\$ -	\$ 241.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,767.34
FY25 Activity:						
Donations Received:						
Donations Received Library Desk	4,109.28					
Washington Co. Genealogy Society-Boehm Lectern				50.00		
Fortnightly - Boehm Lectern				50.00		
Daughters of the Republic of Texas-Boehm Lectern				200.00		
Brenham High School NHS Imagination Library		1,500.00				
May 2025 Fortnightly Club Donation - \$22,000 total to Donations Fund	22,000.00					
Pierre Roberts Life Insurance Policy Donation					100,091.43	
Total Donations Received FY25	\$ 26,109.28	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 100,091.43	\$ 128,000.71
Expenses Covered by Donated Funds:						
Sewing Program Supplies	(148.22)					
Mahogany Floor Lectern	(102.74)			(300.00)		
Library Programs-Sea Green Collective	(400.00)					
Summer Programming-Megumi Fujimaru	(725.00)					
Donation to Imagination Library		(1,500.00)				
Total Expenses Covered by Donated Funds in FY25	\$ (1,375.96)	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ -	\$ (300.00)	\$ -	\$ (3,175.96)
Current Donations Balance	\$ 155,259.00	\$ -	\$ 241.66	\$ -	\$ 100,091.43	\$ 255,592.09
Recap of Current Donations Balance						
	Undesignated	Designated- Imagination Library	Designated- Genealogy	Designated- Lectern	Designated- Capital Improvements	
O'Conner Trust - Undesignated	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	-	-		
May 2023 Fortnightly Club Donation - Designated for genealogy materials	-	-	241.66	-		
Undesignated Fortnightly Donations & Donations Received Library Desk	80,259.00	-	-	-		
Pierre Roberts Life Insurance Policy Donation	-	-	-	-	100,091.43	
	\$ 155,259.00	\$ -	\$ 241.66	\$ -	\$ 100,091.43	\$ 255,592.09



To: Library Advisory Board Members

From: Tammy Murphy

Subject: Administrative Report

Date: August 20, 2025

The Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library provides monthly statistics to the Library Advisory Board. These are included on the next page

- Program room upgrades by Avinext are complete and training has been completed by all library staff. The room is now equipped to host large online meeting events for the library and community.
- Fall programming is underway with the addition of several adult programs. Dr. Rahman discussed his book detailing five oncology patients and their families he cared for in San Angelo and surrounding areas. Trudy Koenigsdorf spoke to families about dyslexia, screening procedures, and helpful instruction techniques for home.
- New outreach opportunities were Mask-erade on Main Street booth, Brenham Animal Clear the Shelter event booth, New Beginnings Baby Shower Storytime, ECLC field trip, BrenhamNext enrichment sessions, Washington Co. Little Miss and Mr. award sponsors, and the Rose mobile mammogram bus host site.
- Two applicants have applied to be appointed to the Library Advisory Board for the one opening. Jeana Bellinger will recommend to the Subcommittee that Lillian Marshall and Keith Herring be reappointed. The board appointment will go to City Council in December and the new term will start January 2026

Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library
Monthly Activity Report for 2025

Service Desk Statistics	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25
Items Loaned	9,851	7,772	7,367
Technology Borrowed	16	21	32
Reference Calls	504	461	394
ILLs Borrowed	21	13	4
ILLs Loaned	2	2	2
Library Cards Issued	95	109	64
Library Cards Renewed	338	269	244
Total Service Desk Activity	10,827	8,647	8,107

Community Statistics	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25
Study Room Uses	93	66	67
Large Room Uses	81	53	58
Community Hours	108	131	116
Volunteer Hours	101	33	98
Days Open	25	26	25
Door Count	7,163	5,124	4,968
Computer Uses	778	723	644

Program Statistics	Jul-25		Aug-25		Sep-25	
<i>Audience</i>	Programs Held	Participants	Programs Held	Participants	Programs Held	Participants
General	2	274	1	7	-	-
Adult	3	30	1	4	1	17
Teen	3	82	-	-	3	25
Children	24	1,092	5	185	11	188
Total	32	1,478	7	196	15	230