



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