

**Los Alamos County  
Library Board  
Minutes  
Feb 2, 2026**

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**Members Present**

Beth Stelle  
Ryan Parker  
Jason Chappel  
Michelle Altherr

**Others Present**

Gwen Kalavaza, Library Manager  
Councilor David Reagor

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Stelle called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

**2. Public comment/correspondence (for items not on the agenda)**

None

**3. Board Business**

**A. Review and approval of the Dec 1, 2025 Library Board Minutes:**

**Motion:** Board Member Parker moved to approve the minutes of the Dec 1, 2025 Library Board meeting. Board Member Altherr seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**B. Library Board Work Plan 2026**

**Motion:** Board Member Chappel moved to approve the 2026 Library Board Work Plan with the recommended changes. Board Member Altherr seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**C. Staff Presentation schedule**

Board members heard a presentation from Library Manager Kalavaza on the Library's progress towards the strategic plan.

**4. Chair and Board Member Reports**

**A. Chair's Report:**

Chair Stelle reported that Board member Reardon has resigned his position. Stelle also reported on the Semiquincentennial Public Art Exhibit that the Art in Public Places Board and La Mesilla, Inc. is coordinating to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States. The art show will be hanging in the Step Up Art Gallery from June 19-July 23 with an opening reception on June 20.

**B. Boards & Commission Luncheon Report:**

None.

**C. Friends of Los Alamos County Library Liaison Report**

Member Altherr reported that the Friends are working on a video celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bookstore sales have increased.

**5. Board/Staff Communications:**

**Mangers Report:** Library Manager Kalavaza reported the following information: Library circulation totals for the month of Jan were 20640 with 9897 of those being digital. In Dec 58 programs with 1100 attendees were held.

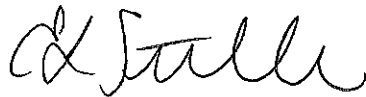
**6. Informational items**

The next meeting is on March 2 at the Municipal Building.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Approved by the Library Board March 2, 2026



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Elizabeth Stelle, Library Board Chair