Omak Public Library Board Minutes

August 11, 2025 @ 1:30pm

Omak Public Library Meeting Room

Present: Board Members Carol Carder, Peg Finch, Betty Cleveland, Cynthia Tollefson

Librarian Alyssa Cruz-Uribe

Minutes: Betty moved and Carol seconded that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Old Business: 1,944 items were borrowed from the Omak Library in the month of June. Alyssa explained that usage usually decreases in the summer months.

Over 100 people have signed up for the Summer Library Program so far. The Library would like to increase that number. The Program runs until August 15th.

Update: Alyssa didn’t have the actual numbers but more people had signed up.

The Library is hoping to start community engagement about the Reimagining Spaces by the end of summer or early fall. See New Business for more information.

A Friends of the Library group is being organized that will help both Omak and Okanogan Libraries. Update: Three members are meeting this month in Okanogan.

Bills: Carol moved and Peg seconded that the following bills be approved for presentation to the City for payment. Motion carried.

PUD Electricity $392.52

City of Omak Water/sewer $207.69

US Linen Mat Cleaning $113.94

It was noted that the US Linen total included three weeks rather than the normal two weeks. Also, there was an increase in water usage due to a cut hose in the native garden at the side of the library. Some of the plants were not receiving water.

New Business: The Library is continuing to work with the City, police, and Team One to keep the library a safe place for everyone. Various ordinances and regulations are hampering enforcement.

The Library is working with other organizations such as Family Health, Advance, etc. to better support the ongoing issues that are facing the library due to the numbers of people congregating in the park.

Summer Library Programming ends August 15th. Raffles for prizes will be held on Monday, August 18th.

1,988 items were checked out in July.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2025, at 1:30pm in the Omak Library Meeting Room.