Omak Public Library Board Minutes

September 8, 2025 @ 1:30pm

Omak Public Library Meeting Room

Present: Board Members Carol Carder, Peg Finch, Betty Cleveland, Cynthia Tollefson; Librarian Chandra; City Council Rep. Maria Lassila

Minutes: Peg moved and Carol seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business: The Library is continuing to work with the City, Police, and Team One to keep the library safe. 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 facing the library due to the numbers of people congregating in the park.

 The Summer Library Programming ended August 15th. Raffles for prizes were held on Monday, August 18th.

Bills: After discussion about the increased water usage the last two months on the City bill, Cynthia moved and Peg seconded that the following bills be approved for presentation to the City for payment. Motion carried.

 PUD Electricty $417.46

 City of Omak Water/sewer $221.55

 US Linen Mat cleaning $ 75.96

 Crown Toilet paper $ 68.36

New Business: The Library will be starting outreach for Community Engagement about the Reimagining Spaces at the Wings & Wheels Car Show & Fly-In on September 20th between 9am and 3pm at Eastside Park.

 A representative will be at the Omak Library on September 25th from 2pm to 6pm to help people with the Working Families Tax Credit.

 September is library card sign up. Bring in a friend who doesn’t have a card to get a cool lanyard. If you don’t have a card, sign up and get a lanyard. The Library will be doing outreach to increase library cardholders.

Upcoming Events: Maria shared the following upcoming City events:

 Wednesday, Sept.17th: Community Workshop on challenges impacting public spaces at Okanogan County PUD 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, Sept. 20th: Our Mr. Matsura Community Screening at the Omak (red) Theater. Film times: Saturday 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Sunday 2:00pm.

Tuesday, Sept 30th: Candidate Forum 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Omak (red)Theater.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2025, at 1:30pm in the Omak Library Meeting Room