Omak Public Library Board Minutes

October 13, 2025 @ 1:30pm

Omak Public Library Meeting Room

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

Librarian Alyssa Cruz-Uribe; City Council Rep. Maria Lassila

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

Old Business: The Library started their outreach for Community Engagement about the Reimagining Spaces at the Wings & Wheels Car Show & Fly-In on September 20th. They received input from local people.

A representative was at the Omak Library on September 25 to help people with the Working Families Tax Credit. A few people attended.

September was library card signup. Alyssa didn’t have the statistics yet but thought there was an increase in the number of library cards.

Bills: Cynthia 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 $208.68

US Linen Mat cleaning $ 75.96

Betty reported that, after the last meeting, the City had checked water usage at the Library and discovered that the children’s toilet was running which accounted for the additional water usage.

New Business: A Community Town Hall and Stakeholders meeting for the Reimagining Spaces Project was held on October 8 and 9. There was great feedback and the Library thanks those who attended. Examples of feedback: widen front doors for easier wheelchair access; make restrooms more ADA compliant and easier to use; larger restroom for use by families; turning off the Wi-Fi during non-library hours.

The Library will continue to gather input for changes to the Library through November.

The Library has requested that the City install new walkway lighting and brighter lighting at the staff entrance. The area around the library is too dark currently.

The Library will have an activity table and information on the Reimagining Spaces Project at the Halloween Festival in the Civic League Park on October 25th.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2025, in the Omak Public Library meeting room