

## **NCL Board Meeting**

**November 19, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

Present: Jessie Ansari, Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, John Eischeid, Dave Powlison, Elektra Greer, Annie Thayer, Tim Rehder, Rick Rudstrom

Guests: Susan Kelly, Josiah Masingale

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Minutes from the Board Meeting on October 22, 2025. John Eischeid made a motion to accept the minutes. Tim Rehder seconded. Motion approved.

### **3. Reports**

a. President's Report: As a Roberts Rules of Order refresher, the board played a Jeopardy Game on the subject.

b. Foundation Report, Susan Kelly: The Foundation has packaged and sold a lot of books, as well as pavers. End-of-the-Year donations are also starting to come in. The Foundation is sending out letters to former donors. There is a possibility of a youth advocacy scholarship as a result of a possible donation. The Foundation is funding a Poet Laureate. Books are also being donated for the Nederland Thanksgiving Dinner. The Gala is being planned. There will be a book sale at the Holiday Market. The Foundation is doing very well, financially.

c. Treasurer's Report: We are on track to be within budget this year. See attached Profit & Loss Statements. Discussed the possibility of getting credit card in addition to a debit card. Further research needed.

d. Director's Report

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| <b>October -November Usage</b>         | 2024                    | 2025                            |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Physical Circulation                   | 3272                    | 3144                            |
| All program numbers                    | 141 half-November       | 185 through half-November *     |
| In- person visits                      | 3157 for <b>October</b> | 3660 for <b>October</b>         |
| October E-circulation collection items | 492                     | 482                             |
| November Website Accessibility Report  | N/A                     | 97% compliant (Great work Kay!) |

### Key Performance Indicators

All our Key Performance Indicators are holding steady and we are seeing a nice bump in library traffic due to our morning Yoga classes and Wild Bear Storytimes. Our web traffic is also very robust with sessions, page views and total users increasing 30% this month over our previous month.

Our online Language learning program (LingQ) has had very low usage and so we will be discontinuing it at the end of the year (\$500 service).

### Town of Nederland Acquisition of Eldora

We are researching the potential property tax revenue loss to the Library District if the Town acquires Eldora. Board members will be reaching out to the Town Administrator for further information.

### Nederland Poet Laureate Program

The library received nine completed submissions and 14 inquiries. The Nederland Poet Laureate Judging Committee is meeting the first week in December to make their decision. The quality of work has exceeded expectations (breadth and depth of representation) and we are considering publishing a Ned-themed Poetry anthology next year (which we will open up to everyone for submissions, including youth).

### Emergency Preparedness Review

We are updating and expanding our Emergency Preparedness Plan—thank you Jessie for taking the lead with this!

### Programming

Our program numbers are looking good and Ukelele is the sleeper hit of the season! We have many wonderful December Holiday events coming up, and we will also be helping the Food Pantry with their Toy Drive again this year.

### Board members attending Staff meetings—

Staff suggested that it would be nice for Board members to attend some staff meetings to be able to all get to know one another and library operations a bit better.

Colorado State Library Podcast—Scarlett was featured and spoke about library Board of Trustees duties.

Winter Reading Program 2025—Jessie

Sustainability Goal—Tim Rehder

## **4. Old Business**

- a. Oath of Faithful Performance for Board members. Discussion was tabled.
- b. Reading Garden Vote on Roof/Sails for Contract: Dave Powlison moved that we pursue purchasing sails for the Reading Garden stage. John Eischeid seconded the motion. Specifics on the color and design will be forwarded to the board after talking to someone who knows about what is possible. Elektra is going to do research this. Motion was passed.

## **5. New Business**

- a. Board Terms—Rick Rudstrom and Annie Thayer. Discussion was tabled.
- b. The December Board meeting will be on Wednesday, the 10th at 6:30pm.

8:40 PM. Adjourn.