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NCL Board Meeting

December 10, 2025

6:34PM

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

Guest: Jonathan Cain, Town Manager

1. Public Comment—None

2. Jonathan Cain provided information about possible financial impact of the Eldora sale on the Nederland Community Library. The town values the library and will work to make sure we can continue as we have been. The library will likely receive some property tax revenue from Eldora at least through March of 2026. Elektra and Jonathan Cain will get together about possible numbers and report back in January 2026.

3. Minutes from the Board Meeting on November 19, 2025. Motion to approve made by Tim Rehder. Seconded by Rick Rudstrom. Minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Reports

a. President’s Report: Survived wind and power outages.

b. Foundation Report—Gala Update: February 21. The Foundation wants to get an official bid on the Reading Garden sails. The book sale was a great success at the Holiday Market.

c. Treasurer’s Report: The adopted 2026 budget is more constrained than in previous years, due to fiscal uncertainties in 2026 (property tax changes from the Caribou Fire and sale of Eldora Ski resort, Colorado State Budget shortfalls, a decrease in availability of library grant funds). Most of our budget cuts are in programming, which the library believes it can recoup from Foundation donations and cost-recovery fees.

d. Director’s Report

January 28, 2026

2026 Annual Report—General Overview

The State Library site just opened for us to enter our data; a full report will be available soon.

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| Year | 2024 | 2025 |
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| Cardholders | 4,363 | 4,376 |
| Physical Items Circulation | 35,183 | 35,126 |
| Electronic Materials Circulation | 7,241 | 6,505 |
| Door Traffic | 35,646 | 38,346 (includes Yoga traffic and after-hours programs) |
| Programming Attendance | 4979 | 5213 (est.) |
| Summer Reading Participation | 328 | 440 |

Circulation of materials is holding steady/slightly decreasing (margin of error), but certainly not increasing. As we have seen all year, the usage numbers increasing are in-person visits, programming attendance, meeting room usage, and Summer Reading Participation.

One important factor in our increased in-person visits in 2025 is our Yoga offerings that began after the Fire (along with Wild Bear storytimes).

Along with our quantitative metrics, we have several ways to observe library impact in keeping with our strategic goals.

We significantly expanded staff, Board of Trustee and Volunteer training/professional development.

We received state and national acknowledgements for our work in upholding Intellectual Freedom in the Library.

We diversified our patron base, as evidenced by new program partners, and program offerings.

Summer Reading participation increased by 34% and our after-school programs were full to capacity with waiting lists.

We diversified our funding streams with opening up our Reading Garden for rentals and increasing grant funding by 360% and District donations by a very unexpected 2,960%.

We have formalized our partnership with the Town Sustainability Board.

We continue to lead the way with accessibility work with our peer small and rural libraries. We consistently score in the high 90th percentile for our WCAG work and we are one of a handful of libraries that have Telehealth booths and Assisted Reading devices for low vision. We are still working hard to push forward the Town finishing the ADA crosswalk in front of the library (a CDOT project).

In looking toward a tighter budget in 2026 and onwards, we will need to increase staff efficiencies and find new partners to help support our programming costs.

Nederland Poet Laureate Program

Our Poet Laureate Karen Auvinen will be at the Library Gala and announce events for Poetry month at the library.

Stage Sails

I met with Mark Peters and he will be providing a quote to us regarding the Shade sails.

Programming

January is off to a great start with most of our programs—adult and children—full, with waiting lists! We are definitely in sync with our community!

UMB Bank—online payment options

Jessie and I are meeting with our UMB representatives to see if we can find a more efficient system for library online payments; we have been struggling for a year to have a process that works for patrons and staff (Matt Reynolds has also been helping us). Since we are a governmental organization, there are stricter security regulations than if we were a commercial business.

Website Redesign—staff are providing input for a website redesign to help us enhance the user experience. Our top three priorities will be: better functionality and design for mobile devices; improved header and drop-down navigation that matches patron needs; highlighting our services that are most frequently requested (how can I make a room reservation?)

The Foundation has a new website, please check it out!

Foundation Needing to Relocate their operations (at least temporarily)

It has been a challenging and frustrating month for the Library Foundation. They learned that they have to vacate their longtime place of business (West Wing of Community Center), with only 30 days notice. There is very little rental/storage space in the Nederland-area and they are currently looking at a variety of solutions. The timing is particularly difficult with the Gala on the horizon and all the work that entails.

Teen Conference in Denver—the Library was accepted to be a presenter at the annual Teen Conference in Denver. Ezekiel and some of our Teen patrons will be talking about Literature and Poetry of Protest.

2026 Annual Report

Jessie and I will be working on our Annual Report in January for our first Board meeting of 2026.

Nederland Poet Laureate Program

Our inaugural Poet Laureate has been chosen and the excitement in our library community for poetry and a Literary/Arts anthology is wonderful. The library will be working with the Foundation to raise funds to hopefully contract with Boulder-based Middle Creek Press to publish a Peak-to-Peak anthology.

Programming

Our patrons have spoken: they want more adult Makerspace workshops and programming! Jessie is taking the lead on creating monthly workshops led by local artists for 2026.

High School Programming

We are putting together a four-week afterschool Speech & Debate program for high schoolers, something not offered at the high school in Ned. We have several teachers and staff members interested in helping with this pilot program.

Winter Reading Program 2025—begins on the 19th.

End-of-Year Conversations

Jessie and I have been meeting with the team to review last year's performance goals and put in place our work goals for 2026. Everyone on staff has exceeded expectations (it's been an amazing year of accomplishments for our library!) and are eligible for merit bonuses.

In 2026, the library will be working on a web redesign, adding a second week of summer library camps, and expanding our notary offerings. Also, along with launching a Literary Arts anthology, and adult makerspace programs, we hope to expand our summer Reading Garden programming. With regards to our International Sister City, we now have teachers in Middelburg connecting with teachers in Nederland. We hope to see a possible teacher exchange happen this year.

4. Old Business

- a. Reading Garden sails—Elektra: meeting with Mark Peters in January to price them out.
- b. Board Retreat 2026 date and location: Sunday, January 18, 1:00, probably at North Boulder library. Onboarding for new board members, oath supporting library law, open for suggestions beyond that.

5. New Business

Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Budget

Scarlett Pontón de Dutton moved to open the Budget hearing at 8:12pm. Rick Rudstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A. CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES FOR NON-SCHOOL GOVERNMENT

Motion to approve made by Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, seconded by Rick Rudstrom

Voting in favor: Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, John Eischeid, Dave Powlison, Annie Thayer, Tim Rehder, Rick Rudstrom.

Opposed: none.

Motion approved.

B. CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES FOR NON-SCHOOL GOVERNMENT (BOND ONLY)

Motion to approve made by Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, seconded by Rick Rudstrom.

Voting in favor: John Eischeid, Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, Dave Powlison, Annie Thayer, Rick Rudstrom, Tim Rehder

Voting opposed: none

Motion approved.

C. RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2025, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE BOULDER COUNTY NEDERLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE 2026 BUDGET YEAR

Motion to approve made by Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, seconded by Rick Rudstrom.

Voting in favor: John Eischeid, Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, Dave Powlison, Annie Thayer, Rick Rudstrom, Tim Rehder

Voting opposed: none

Motion approved.

D. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE BOULDER COUNTY NEDERLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE 2026 BUDGET YEAR

Motion to approve made by Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, seconded by Rick Rudstrom.

Voting in favor: John Eischeid, Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, Dave Powlison, Annie Thayer, Rick Rudstrom, Tim Rehder

Voting opposed: none

Motion approved.

E. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE BOULDER COUNTY NEDERLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT.

Motion to approve made by Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, seconded by Rick Rudstrom.

Voting in favor: John Eischeid, Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, Dave Powlison, Annie Thayer, Rick Rudstrom, Tim Rehder

Voting opposed: none

Motion approved.

Motion made by Scarlet Pontón de Dutton to end the budget hearing 8:29pm.
Seconded by Rick Rudstrom.

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.