

NCL Board Meeting

February 24, 2026

Present: Jessie Ansari, Scarlett Pontón de Dutton, John Eischeid, Elektra Greer, Dave Powlison, Tim Rehder, Josiah Masingale

1. Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm
2. Minutes from the Board Meeting on January 28, 2026—approved.
3. **Reports**
 - a. President's Report: Gala review.
 - b. Foundation Report: will be able to move books and store them in the basement of the Co-op. Book moving date will be announced.
 - c. Treasurer's Report

January 2026

1. As of January 31, 2026 checking/savings totaled \$276,103 of which we had \$56,240 in Checking, \$82,390 in our Reserve Fund, \$18,011 in Land Development fund, and \$5,000 in our Long-term Maintenance fund, and \$114,323 in Savings.
2. January total income was \$12,726 of which \$9,335 was from Total Property Tax Revenue, \$2,344 from Specific Ownership Tax, and \$1,150 from the Foundation.
3. January 2026 expenses totaled \$52,745. Expense categories exceeding \$1,000 are summarized here for review purposes, but all expenses can be found on the Profit and Loss statement:
 - \$2,081 for Books and Materials
 - \$1,955 for Maintenance
 - \$1,795 for Health Insurance (December and January)
 - \$2,332 for Payroll Taxes
 - \$28,188 for Wages,
 - \$1,708 for Program Development
4. Net income for January was -\$39,869

Respectfully Submitted,

d. Director's Report

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January	2025	2026
Physical Items Circulation	3132	2859
Electronic Materials Circulation	563	524
Door Traffic	3150	3056
Programming Attendance	386	485

We have had a very productive January and February!

UMB Bank—our new online and card reader payments services are live!

Website Redesign—we are live! We are still making some small changes, but, overall, we are very happy with how our new site streamlines access to our most visited pages and content.

Programming

- Programming attendance has been very strong and the Library Foundation sold over 100 tickets for their Gala this year (approximately 20 more than last year).
- Pi Day is coming, March 14th—please be sure to swing by to say “hello” and have some Pie!
- BOT Forum—March 10th—I hope some Board members can attend.
- Capitol Day—March 23rd, Monday—please let me know if you're interested in attending this year. We don't have a specific legislative request this year;

instead, we are focusing on maintaining funding and continuing to build relationships with our legislators.

Foundation Needing to Relocate their operations (at least temporarily)

It has been a difficult time for the Foundation and there has not yet been a clear resolution on where their books will be housed and what space is available to them for operations.

Non-resident Library Fees—This summer, if it appears we won't receive funds from the Town to replace what is lost from the Eldora purchase, I believe we should begin rolling out some non-resident library fees for a few of our "premium" services and materials. More than 30% of circulation of all our materials is by non-Library District residents. (Circulation of materials includes courier and ILL costs).

We want to be sure we never deny access to our core services and our youth-focused materials and services, but we have heavy usage of adult materials by patrons in both Ward and the Gilpin County Library service area. There are several approaches we can take to this, including a small annual fee attached to non-resident Library cards if patrons exceed a certain amount of check-outs and small fees for certain programs and premium services (notary, printing, after-hours meeting room usage).

Website—Website re-design. Scored 100% on the WCAG accessibility guidelines!

4. Old Business

a. Eldora Sale—updates (Scarlett and Rick) We have tried to get information about the financial impact of the sale but, to date, have been unsuccessful. Scarlett has sent a request to the Town Administrator for an in-person meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Oath of Faithful Performance for Board members—Included some minor updates. All board members present signed the Oath of Faithful Performance for Board Members. Absent Board members will sign the oath at the March meeting.
- b. At the March Board meeting, the Board will form an investment sub-committee for library funds.

7:42PM. Adjourn.