

Loudon County Library Board meeting November, 6, 2025

- Meeting called to order at 5:00pm
- Introduction of Zach Wilks as a substitute at the Loudon Branch
- There was a brief time of sharing between trustees about books that are on our list to be read
- September 5th, 2025 minutes were read and approved
- Liz Shreck spoke about new training opportunities in November and December
 - The upcoming refurbishing of the story book trails in TN. State Parks to create outdoor reading experiences for children
 - 250th anniversary of the founding of The United States. There is availability of Project Support Grants up to \$20,000 and Community Support Grants up to \$25,000. Tn. Commission provides for unique stories.
- Review of Libby report for October (color coded for each Library).
- Discussion of Secretary of State Tre Hargatt's Letter to Tennessee Libraries
 - Advice was "Do not panic". It is unnecessary to go through every juvenile book, just do your due diligence. There are no available lists of what is and what is not appropriate.
 - It was also noted that the DEI Ban does not include young adult material.
 - There will be a template provided for each director to fill out and Trustees to sign.
 - The final report has a January deadline.
- The County Liaison Report was deferred due to county liaison not being present
- It was noted that library request outlines for capital budget need to be prepared by January 2026
- Loudon Library has been very successful with its outreach program and has a new contact with Chattanooga Community College.
- Mark attended a cyber-security class in Clinton, reports that it was very effective with much interesting information disseminated.
- Gina reported great success with the Night Sky Viewing event at Tellico Library. The event is planned to be held again in the spring.
- Martha needs a new assistant at the Greenback Public Library. Position is for 12 hours per week. Please refer any possible candidates directly to her
- Susan reports that successful inventory has been completed at Lenoir City Library.
- Mark requests suggestions for titles to be put on the proposed Reading List which he is creating. Hopefully it will become a liaison between the Public School System and The Public Libraries, to guide parents with choices for their children.

- National Library Week and National Volunteer Week are both in April 2026. Ruth suggests that each library have a special event that week.
- For Director Evaluations Ruth would like one trustee from each library to serve on the committee for their branch. Evaluations will occur in the spring.
- The director of the Loudon County Imagination Library is retiring. This might become a part time position due to a budget shortfall. For Loudon County children participation, the annual cost per child is \$33. With only \$100,000 available a shortfall of \$25,000 exists.
- Next scheduled meeting is at Lenoir City Library, 1 / 8 / 2026 at 5:00 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM