

March 6, 2025

To: Board of Trustees of Longview Library
From: Jacob Cole, Library Director
Subject: March 10, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in person meeting in the Longview City Council Chambers and via zoom

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Topic: Longview Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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City of Longview

Agenda



Longview Public Library Board of Trustees

Monday, March 10, 2025

4:00pm

2nd Floor, City Hall

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
Introduction of Members & Guests
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
Action: Approve/Amend minutes
6. **Approval of Claims Report – Action Item**
Action: Approve/Disapprove
7. **Approval of Surplus Materials Report – Action Item**
Action: Approve/Disapprove
8. **Constituent Comments**
Limited to 3 minutes each
9. **Chair and Board Reports**
10. **Director’s Report –**
Director’s Report
Board Questions
11. **Other Business –**
Digital Services Presentation – America’s News
12. **Next Meeting, April 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**
13. **Executive Session** (If necessary)
14. **Adjournment**



City of Longview

Minutes



Longview Public Library Board of Trustees

Monday, February 10, 2025

4:00pm

2nd Floor, City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Tina Smith Called the Meeting to order at 3:56pm. A Quorum was present.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The flag salute was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Tina Smith, Vice-Chair Dave Knoyle, Board Member Linda King, Board Member Paula Stepankowsky, Board Member Jerame Moore, City Council Liaison Angie Wean, Library Director Jacob Cole, Library Administrative Assistant James Newkirk

Absent: n/a

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No Changes to the Agenda were made.

5. **APPROVAL OF January 13, 2025 MINUTES – Action Item**

Action: Paula Stepankowsky motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Linda King seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

6. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – Action Item**

Discussion was held about the Claims Report.

Action: Paula Stepankowsky motioned to approve the Claims Report as presented; Linda King seconded. The Claims Report was approved unanimously.

7. **SURPLUS MATERIALS – Action Item**

Discussion was held about the Surplus Materials Report.

Action: Jerame Moore motioned to approve the Surplus Materials Report; Linda King seconded. The Surplus Materials Report was approved unanimously.

8. **CONSTITUENT COMMENTS**

Angie Wean Provided a Public Comment.

9. CHAIR AND BOARD REPORTS

Vice-Chair Dave Knoyle provided a report.

Boardmember Linda King provided a report.

Boardmember Paula Stepankowsky provided a report.

Boardmember Jerame Moore provided a report.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director's Report –

Director Jacob Cole provided a report.

Board Questions –

The Board led a question-and-answer session with Library staff.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, March 10, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Tina Smith at 4:32pm.



City of Longview

Summary of Claims



Longview Public Library

The Summary of Claims include a broadband expansion expenditure, the final claims period of January, and the first claims period of February consisting of five pages of records for the year 2025.

The attached claims have been audited, charged to the proper account, and are within budget appropriation.

Total Amount Paid: \$19,177.46

Dates Processed: 01/30/2025, 2/10/2025, 2/12/2025

Expenditure Accounts

GENERAL
LIBRARY

Account #	Description	Amount	Check #	Invoice	Line	Vendor
E 001.24.572.20.35.003	LIBRARY BROADBAND EQUIPMENT	4,000.00	54802	1986	1	225640 SECRETARY OF STATE
E 001.24.572.20.35.003	LIBRARY BROADBAND EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	54802	1996	1	225640 SECRETARY OF STATE
Libraries	Total :	6,000.00				
LIBRARY	Total :	6,000.00				

Expenditure Accounts

GENERAL
LIBRARY

Account #	Description	Amount	Check #	Invoice	Line	Vendor
E 001.24.572.20.31.001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	74.77	54918	404395739001	1	226296 OFFICE DEPOT
E 001.24.572.20.31.004	Copier/Printers CNW - lib - jan2025	279.26	54845	INV2955460	10	005460 COPIERS NORTHWEST INC
E 001.24.572.20.49.004	GALE LEGAL FORMS	2,488.90	54877	86192209	1	003330 GALE GROUP INC
Libraries	Total :	2,842.93				
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-1.38	54850	1 YR / 1 YR	2	004137 COUNTRY LIVING MAGAZINE
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-1.78	54859	1 YR / 1 YR	2	227537 CRICKET MEDIA
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-1.78	54859	1 YR / 1 YR	2	227537 CRICKET MEDIA
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-1.78	54859	1YR SUB/ KP 1YF	2	227537 CRICKET MEDIA
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-3.15	54863	1 YR / 1 YR	2	006172 DISCOVER MAGAZINE
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-2.51	54873	1 YR / 1 YR	2	006182 FAMILY HANDYMAN
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-8.02	54888	1 YR / 1 YR	2	003025 HISTORY TODAY MAGAZINE LTD
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-4.05	54911	1 YR / 1 YR	2	002560 MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS MAGAZINE
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-2.19	54937	1 YR / 1 YR	2	227905 SIERRA CLUB MAGAZINE
E 001.24.589.90.00.095	TAXES	-1.62	54943	1 YR / 1 YR	2	227924 SPORTS ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE
Other Nonexpenditures	Total :	-28.26				
E 001.24.594.72.64.011	BOOKS - CITY	11.34	54823	2038748942	1	224529 BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICALS - 1 YR SUB / KEEP 1 YR	18.38	54850	1 YR / 1 YR	1	004137 COUNTRY LIVING MAGAZINE
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICAL - LADYBUG - 1YR SUB / KP 1	23.73	54859	1 YR / 1 YR	1	227537 CRICKET MEDIA
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICAL - SPIDER - 1YR SUB / KEEP	23.73	54859	1 YR / 1 YR	1	227537 CRICKET MEDIA
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICALS - CRICKET - 1 YR / 1 YR	23.73	54859	1YR SUB/ KP 1YF	1	227537 CRICKET MEDIA
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICALS - 1 YR SUB / KEEP 1 YR	42.01	54863	1 YR / 1 YR	1	006172 DISCOVER MAGAZINE
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICALS - 1 YR SUB / KEEP 1 YR	33.53	54873	1 YR / 1 YR	1	006182 FAMILY HANDYMAN
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICALS - 1 YR SUB / KEEP 1 YR	107.02	54888	1 YR / 1 YR	1	003025 HISTORY TODAY MAGAZINE LTD
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICALS - 1 YR SUB / KEEP 1 YR	54.00	54911	1 YR / 1 YR	1	002560 MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS MAGAZINE
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICALS - 1 YR SUB / KEEP 1 YR	29.19	54937	1 YR / 1 YR	1	227905 SIERRA CLUB MAGAZINE
E 001.24.594.72.64.012	PERIODICALS - 1 YR SUB / KEEP 1 YR	21.62	54943	1 YR / 1 YR	1	227924 SPORTS ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE
Capital Expenditures/Expenses	Total :	388.28				
LIBRARY	Total :	3,202.95				

Expenditure Accounts

GENERAL
LIBRARY

Account #	Description	Amount	Check #	Invoice	Line	Vendor
E 001.24.572.20.31.001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	19.51	54751	JN 6341	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.001	OFFICE SUPPLIES - DESK CHAIR	209.49	54751	JN 6341	6	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.001	BOOK DROP SUPPLIES	8.48	54751	JN 6341	24	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	SOLSTICE WALK SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	7.79	54751	AB 9693	11	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	PAPERBACKS GAL - YS BOOK CLUB (FRII	234.94	54751	JC 7837	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	SNOW BALL SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	80.96	54751	JC 7837	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	SNOW BALL SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	22.14	54751	JC 7837	3	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	YS BOOK CLUB SNACKS (FRIENDS)	5.98	54751	JC 7837	4	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	YS SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	13.27	54751	JD 2213	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	LIBRARY DISPLAYS (FRIENDS)	27.61	54751	JD 2213	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	AS BOOK CLUBS (FRIENDS)	36.37	54751	JD 2213	3	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	ADULT SERVICES REFRESHMENTS (FRIE	99.96	54751	JD 2213	4	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	STAFF PICKS PRIZE (FRIENDS)	10.00	54751	JD 2213	5	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	ADULT SERVICES SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	81.45	54751	JD 2213	6	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	PAPERBACKS GAL - AS BOOK CLUBS (FR	249.06	54751	JD 2213	7	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	YS SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	7.55	54751	JD 2213	8	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	ADULT SERVICES REFRESHMENTS (FRIE	52.30	54751	JD 2213	9	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	PAPERBACKS GAL - AS BOOK CLUBS (FR	574.14	54751	JD 2213	10	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	PAPERBACKS GAL - YS BOOK CLUBS (FR	100.25	54751	JD 2213	11	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	YS SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	28.10	54751	JN 6341	7	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	YS SUPPLIES REFUND (FRIENDS)	-28.10	54751	JN 6341	9	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	YS SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	28.10	54751	JN 6341	14	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	SNOWBALL SUPPLIES - (FRIENDS)	63.64	54751	BS 2520	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	SOLSTICE WALK - (FRIENDS)	40.32	54751	BS 2520	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	SOLSTICE WALK - (FRIENDS)	16.64	54751	BS 2520	3	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	YS & SOLSTICE WALK - (FRIENDS)	116.64	54751	BS 2520	4	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	YS SUPPLIES - (FRIENDS)	110.18	54751	BS 2520	5	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	LONGVIEW ROOM - SCANNER (FRIENDS	378.34	54751	AS 3494	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	LONGVIEW ROOM - ARCHIVE SLEEVES(F	619.45	54751	AS 3494	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.091	ADULT SERVICES SUPPLIES (FRIENDS)	285.37	54751	HP 0074	13	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - SNAP CIRCUITS FOUND	66.15	54751	AB 9693	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - SNAP CIRCUITS FOUND	139.12	54751	AB 9693	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD

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E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - COIN SORTER (FOUNDA	116.74	54751	AB 9693	3	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - CRICUT PAD (FOUNDATI	86.47	54751	AB 9693	4	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - BOARD GAMES (FOUND	192.06	54751	AB 9693	5	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - BOARD GAMES (FOUND	37.82	54751	AB 9693	6	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - GAMES (FOUNDATION)	75.83	54751	AB 9693	8	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - BOARD GAMES (FOUND	58.35	54751	AB 9693	9	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - SUPPLIES (FOUNDATIOI	37.81	54751	AB 9693	10	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - DVD PLAYER (FOUNDAT	83.23	54751	AB 9693	12	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	LIB OF THINGS - SUPPLIES (FOUNDATIOI	16.20	54751	AB 9693	13	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	BOARD GIFT (FOUNDATION)	52.94	54751	JC 1440	5	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	MOBILE LIBRARY LAUNCH PARTY (FOUN	42.15	54751	HP 0074	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	MOBILE LIBRARY LAUNCH PARTY (FOUN	8.64	54751	HP 0074	5	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES (SR FOUND/	68.11	54751	HP 0074	6	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	MOBILE LIBRARY LAUNCH PARTY (FOUN	91.41	54751	HP 0074	7	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	MOBILE LIBRARY LAUNCH PARTY (FOUN	278.36	54751	HP 0074	8	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.092	MOBILE LIBRARY LAUNCH PARTY (FOUN	300.00	54751	HP 0074	10	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	DOOR BELL FOR BACK DOOR	19.49	54751	JN 6341	3	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	58.39	54751	JN 6341	4	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	22.61	54751	JN 6341	5	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY KEYS	43.23	54751	JN 6341	8	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	16.02	54751	JN 6341	16	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	20.31	54751	JN 6341	17	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	27.66	54751	JN 6341	18	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	23.76	54751	JN 6341	19	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	YOUTH SERVICES SUPPLIES	22.04	54751	JN 6341	21	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	72.14	54751	HP 0074	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	9.72	54751	HP 0074	3	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	32.05	54751	HP 0074	4	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.31.099	MOBILE LIBRARY SUPPLIES	40.41	54751	HP 0074	9	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.41.091	PODBEAN ANNUAL SUB (AS - FRIENDS)	116.75	54751	AB 9693	7	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.41.092	WLA MEMBERSHIP - JC (FOUNDATION)	150.00	54751	JC 1440	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.41.092	GOOGLE G-SUITE (FOUNDATION)	7.79	54751	JN 6341	10	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.41.092	WIX WEBSITE HOSTING (FOUNDATION)	24.86	54751	JN 6341	22	700010 US BANK ONE CARD

Expenditure Accounts

GENERAL
LIBRARY

Account #	Description	Amount	Check #	Invoice	Line	Vendor
E 001.24.572.20.41.097	B & H/Camera + assorted gear/Library	306.00	54735	0002	17	700005 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.42.001	CENTURY LINK - PHONE	50.09	54751	JN 6341	12	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.42.001	CENTURY LINK - MODEM	50.09	54751	JN 6341	13	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.42.001	VERIZON - CITY CELL PHONES	128.34	54751	JN 6341	20	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.42.003	POSTAGE	10.00	54751	JC 1440	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.42.003	POSTAGE - STAMPS	73.00	54751	JN 6341	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.43.003	J. Cole -12/16 KLCC Government Affairs	30.00	54735	1898	4	700005 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.44.001	LIBRARY POSTERS	5.00	54751	HP 0074	11	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.44.001	LIBRARY POSTERS	5.00	54751	HP 0074	12	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.47.001	COWLITZ PUD - ELECTRICITY	2,354.43	54751	JN 6341	23	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.49.002	ROTARY NOON MEETINGS - JC	200.00	54751	JC 1440	3	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.49.005	EMMA EMAIL MARKETING	153.50	54751	JN 6341	11	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.572.20.49.007	VERIZON MOBILE HOTSPOTS	480.64	54751	JN 6341	15	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
Libraries		Total :	9,804.64			
E 001.24.594.72.64.011	BOOKS - CITY	18.37	54751	JC 1440	4	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.594.72.64.011	AMAZON BOOKS - CITY	16.11	54751	MR 3947	3	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.594.72.64.011	AMAZON BOOKS - CITY	24.95	54751	MR 3947	4	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.594.72.64.092	MEDIA - DVDS - FOUNDATION	43.23	54751	MR 3947	1	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.594.72.64.092	MEDIA - DVDS - FOUNDATION	22.31	54751	MR 3947	2	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.594.72.64.092	MEDIA - DVDS - FOUNDATION	29.14	54751	MR 3947	5	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
E 001.24.594.72.64.092	MEDIA - DVDS - FOUNDATION	15.76	54751	MR 3947	6	700010 US BANK ONE CARD
Capital Expenditures/Expenses		Total :	169.87			
LIBRARY		Total :	9,974.51			



City of Longview



Surplus Materials Report

Longview Public Library

February 2024

Physical Materials:

- Physical materials added to the catalog: 906
- Physical materials withdrawn from catalog: 956

Net physical materials: -50

Digital Materials:

- Digital materials added to the catalog: 1830
- Digital materials withdrawn from the catalog: 2092

Net Digital Materials: -262



Longview Public Library

February 2025

Educating Minds

Accomplishments

- Mindful Meditation has been very popular and continues on Monday mornings through the end of March.
- Our Story times remain very popular and well attended. Preschool story time continues to sneak science into the activity. We asked if we could make square bubbles, then tested it out with square bubble blowers, we worked on fine motor skills with lacing cards in the shape of the constellations, and we experimented with capillary action by testing which substance, paper towels or wax paper, absorbs colored water.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Menopause documentary viewing and discussion this Saturday, March 8th from 2-3:30 PM.

Empowering People

Accomplishments

- Our mini fan convention, LongCon, took place Saturday, February 22.
 - 20 vendors sold art and other items in the gallery and magazine reading room
 - A Maid Cafe – our first at LongCon – had snacks and performances on the Mezzanine
 - Main stage events included a panel discussion, costume contest, Ignite session, and lip-sync contest. It was wonderful to see people participate in these things – especially Ignite and the lip-sync contest – even when it was difficult for them or outside of their comfort zone and share what they are passionate about.
 - Two workshops were held in the Large Print room: one on ball-joint dolls and one on wigs
 - Emerald Haven, a local game store, hosted game demos in the Auditorium
 - Library staff and volunteers did children's crafts in the juvenile fiction area
 - The MJO room was set up as a sensory break space, where people could do quiet, calming activities or just take a break from the noise and bustle of the rest of the library.
 - View a photo album of LongCon 2025, [here](#).

- We offered a “Hacking and Scams” program for seniors given by the City’s IT and Police to help protect them from online fraud.
- We offered a “Hearing Loss and Devices” program for seniors to learn about hearing health.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The Community Baby Shower is coming up on Saturday, March 22. Several community organizations will be tabling, and we will have two lap-sit story times during the event. The Friends of the Library provide door prizes and gift bags for every family that attends.
- The Longview-Kelso Early Bird Lions Club (of which Becky, Austin, and James are members) will be hosting a Shred Day behind the library on Maple Street on Saturday, March 29, 10 AM – 1 PM. It is a \$5 suggested donation per box/bag of paper to shred, and the library is allowed to shred their paper for free.

Enrich Lives

Accomplishments

- The teen Shakespeare Drama Club continues with a steady number of teens learning through theatrical readings. They are rehearsing an abridgement of “King Lear” to perform in the Rose Garden in May.
- Our StoryWalks continue monthly at Archie Anderson Park, it has been fun seeing members of the community enjoy the deconstructed books.
- Our Romance Book Club was very fun. We read a romance book written by a man, *Twenty-Four Seconds from Now* by Jason Reynolds. It is a YA romance book so everyone brought a picture of themselves in high school. One member is a science teacher at Mark Morris. The librarian there asked if anyone wanted to donate their copies to Mark Morris’s library, so many members are going to do this.
- The Adult Book Club read a science fiction book, *Real Americans* by Rachel Khong. We had a great discussion, with many members participating, about identity, belonging, choice, and inheritance.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The Friends of the Rose Garden are pleased to accept donations for pre-orders of new roses to be planted in the Rose Garden in the spring. View the list of roses we need and additional information at: longviewlibraryfriends.org/rose-garden
- The Community Volunteer Fair is coming up on March 8th from 10 – 1.

Encourage Life-long Learning

Accomplishments

- The last Our Shelf Challenge, the Beanstack reading challenge that ties in with the library podcast “Your Shelf or Mine,” ended in February. 117 readers participated in the challenge, and 7 finished. The finishers were entered in a drawing and two are winning book boxes with titles that will help them participate in next year’s challenge.

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The new Our Shelf Challenge opened on Beanstack on March 1. It goes through March of 2026; the first episode of the new podcast season will be released in April. We will be celebrating the Library’s 100th anniversary with a reading countdown. Each month we’ll discuss specific books from each decade, starting with the 1920s, as well as trends in children’s, teen, and adult literature.

Enhance Connection

Accomplishments

- 2024 annual report highlights many of our library's activities including a:
 - 9% increase in the number of library visitors
 - 9% increase in the number of items checked out
 - 47% increase in patrons served through outreach
 - 47% increase in wifi users and so much more!
 - Link to Annual Report, [here](#).
- The Mobile Library went to its first event on February 20 at Monticello Middle School for its “Evening of Excellence.” We connected with a number of patrons, checked out the first few books of the Mobile Library, and issued a new library card!

Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Our Mobile Library soft launched its regular route March 1st. We had some families, children, and adults hop on board to look at our new service. We made a few library cards, promoted upcoming programs and gave away books. The reception was very positive with children being excited that they can borrow books without having to rely on their parents taking them to our building and one adult grateful for English/Spanish books to help his wife learn English.
- The Mobile Library Saturday schedule is firming up as we finalize stop agreements with our community partners. Many thanks to the Longview School District, Kelso School District, Stella Lutheran Chapel, Bethany Lutheran Church, Three Rivers Christian School, and our Parks Department!

Internal Goals and Strategies

Recent Accomplishments

- Heather P updated and printed the Foundation's brochure and bookmark, you can view the brochure, [here](#).





Kids checking out books at Archie Anderson Park.



Family getting free books at Roy Morse Park.