



# CITY OF LAS CRUCES

## MINUTES

### LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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5 1. Call to Order – President Stephen Jones called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M. Library  
6 Advisory Board (LAB) Members present: President Stephen Jones, Vice-President  
7 Maryann Hendrickson, Secretary Jennifer Kreie, Members Erin Wahl, Jessica Streeter,  
8 and Denali Wilson. Also, in attendance: Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director; and Dan  
9 Carrillo, Administrative Assistant.

10 a. Secretary Jennifer Kreie read the *Land Acknowledgement Statement*.

11 b. Acceptance of May 22, 2025, Agenda – President Stephen Jones called for a  
12 motion to approve as presented; Member Jessica Streeter voiced a motion to  
13 approve; Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson seconded the motion; all voted in  
14 favor; motion carried. *NOTE: Member Erin Wahl was not present for vote.*

15 2. Review and Approval of March 27, 2025, Minutes – President Stephen Jones called for a  
16 motion to approve as presented; Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson voiced a motion to  
17 approve; Member Jessica Streeter seconded the motion; all voted in favor; Motion carried.  
18 *NOTE: Member Erin Wahl was not present for vote.*

19 3. Library Deputy Directors Report – Sarah Booth, Library Deputy Director, presented the  
20 following:

21 a. Library Statistics

22 i. The FY2025 stats were handed out to the LAB. This is attachment 1

23 ii. We now have a van that Quality of Life purchased for the Library and  
24 Museums. We will use it as a mobile location (Bookmobile) for some that  
25 don't always have access to the library. We will also use it for outreach  
26 events that are held. Elizabeth Puckett, Outreach Librarian, has been able

1 to do more outreach programs and “mini bookmobile” stops. This is one of  
2 the reasons our new card holder numbers are increasing. We currently  
3 have 53,286 cardholders.

4 b. Personnel Updates

5 i. Library Supervisor: Sarah Murphy started this week and may attend this  
6 meeting later to introduce herself. She previously worked for Sirsi/Dynix,  
7 which is the company that created the software the library uses to automate  
8 and streamline most all library operations.

9 ii. Library Assistant I (Full-Time): Lanee Lujan retired at the end of the April,  
10 thus causing a vacancy. Lanee embodied positive customer service, and  
11 she will be missed. We posted this position internally. Six candidates  
12 interviewed and a person was selected. We cannot announce who the  
13 person is while it is going through the Human Resources approval process.  
14 We don't have a start date yet.

15 c. Other Library Information and Updates

16 i. The City did receive \$970,000 in Legislative Funding for the Library. These  
17 funds will be utilized for both the bookmobile and our renovation/expansion  
18 project. We are estimating that about \$200,000 will go to the bookmobile.  
19 Another \$500,000 is due for the finished construction documents, and the  
20 rest will go towards the project itself.

21 ii. Jessica Streeter attended a meeting with Amy Daniels, Patti Daniels, Lynda  
22 St. Clair, Carol Brey, Rebecca Slaughter, other deputy directors, and me,  
23 to discuss the startup of a Quality of Life (QOL) Foundation. The meeting  
24 went well and was very inspiring. On Monday, Sarah and Lynda gave Amy  
25 and Patti a tour of the library. Jessica Streeter mentioned she will meet with  
26 Amy and Patti next week to discuss the final paperwork to get the process  
27 started for creating a QOL Foundation. Lynda also mentioned that Amy and

1 Patti were very knowledgeable. They knew all the language as they were  
2 talking through the strategic process, while understanding the whole  
3 process. Sarah said they are looking for members to start this Foundation.

4 iii. The Border Regional Library Association (BRLA), which comprises of El  
5 Paso, Texas; Juarez, Mexico; and Las Cruces, NM, will be holding its fall  
6 conference here in Las Cruces on November 14-15, 2025. The BRLA  
7 Conference will take place at the Library and City Hall. There will be an  
8 evening author event on Friday, November 14, 2025, and the conference  
9 will be on Saturday, November 15, 2025. The theme of the conference is  
10 *'Libraries con Carino, the Heart of the Community.'*

11 iv. The City of Las Cruces passed the FY2026 budget, and the library will  
12 receive funding for a Collection Development Librarian. We are all excited  
13 about this news.

14 v. We are still waiting for review and approval by QOL/Legal of the new or  
15 updated Library policies. Once approved by QOL and/or the Legal  
16 Department, we will bring forth to the LAB for review and approval. This  
17 has been a long process, and we hope to have them within the next couple  
18 of months.

19 d. President Stephen Jones called for a motion to accept the Library Director's  
20 Report; Secretary Jennifer Kreie voiced a motion to accept; Member Denali Wilson  
21 seconded the motion; all voted in favor; Motion carried.

22 4. Announcements/Other Information – The following was shared:

23 a. Lynda St. Clair, Friends President: The Friends received a \$7500 grant from the  
24 Electric Company Charitable Foundation. The last grant from them was used for  
25 the Beanstack coverage for Summer Reading.

26 b. Lynda St. Clair, Friends President: The Friends bookstore is doing well. We are  
27 hoping with the startup of a Library Foundation that we can fund bigger needs of

1 the library. They will be a big help in our fundraising efforts.

2 c. Lynda St. Clair, Friends President: There are many performers/presenters/vendors  
3 that the Friends want to have at the library and will fund but sometimes can't. Sarah  
4 Booth: The City has insurance coverage minimums that many vendors cannot  
5 provide or afford.

6 d. Member Erin

7 e. Stephen Jones, LAB President: IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services)  
8 has won it case so far against the Trump Administration. This prevents cuts to the  
9 budget and elimination of staff.

10 f. Stephen Jones, LAB President: I talked to State of NM Senator Harold Pope about  
11 the Intellectual Freedom Library Bill. Mr. Pope will bring that back. It must go into  
12 a 60-day session first. He also wants to introduce a partner bill that will cover  
13 school libraries. He is running for Lieutenant Governor as well.

14 g. Stephen Jones, LAB President: The Las Cruces Public School Board shot down  
15 the latest attempt to attack school libraries.

16 h. Erin Wahl, LAB member: The Mountain Plains Library Association has created a  
17 new advocacy group. The person leading the group is Val Nye, Library Director, at  
18 Santa Fe Community College. She is leading the advocacy for the 12-State region.

19 i. Denali Wilsom, LAB Member: I just returned from a trip through west Texas, which  
20 included Alpine, Marfa, and Fort Davis. Although these are towns with small  
21 populations, they have very active Friends stores with great ideas. I will send  
22 pictures to Lynda St. Clair, Friends President.

23 5. Public Participation – The following members of the public and/or Library Staff/Library  
24 Liaisons were present:

25 a. Lynda St. Clair, Friends of TBML President; and Kiki Garden, Public Member.

26 i. Kiki Garden: It was mentioned earlier that when Sarah was talking about  
27 fundraising for the expansion of the Library, there may be potential for little

1 committees, is that correct? Sarah Booth: That would be the Quality of Life  
2 Foundation that was mentioned earlier.

3 ii. Everyone in LAB meeting introduced themselves to Kiki Garden.

4 iii. Kiki Garden may have interest in filling the LAB District 2 vacant seat and  
5 becoming a member of the QOL Foundation.

6 6. Adjournment – Vice-President Maryann Hendrickson entertained a motion to adjourn  
7 meeting; meeting adjourned at approximately 3:41 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled  
8 for Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. in the Roadrunner Room on the 2nd floor of  
9 TBML.

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12 **PRESIDENT or VICE-PRESIDENT**

# Las Cruces Public Libraries Circulation Year To Date

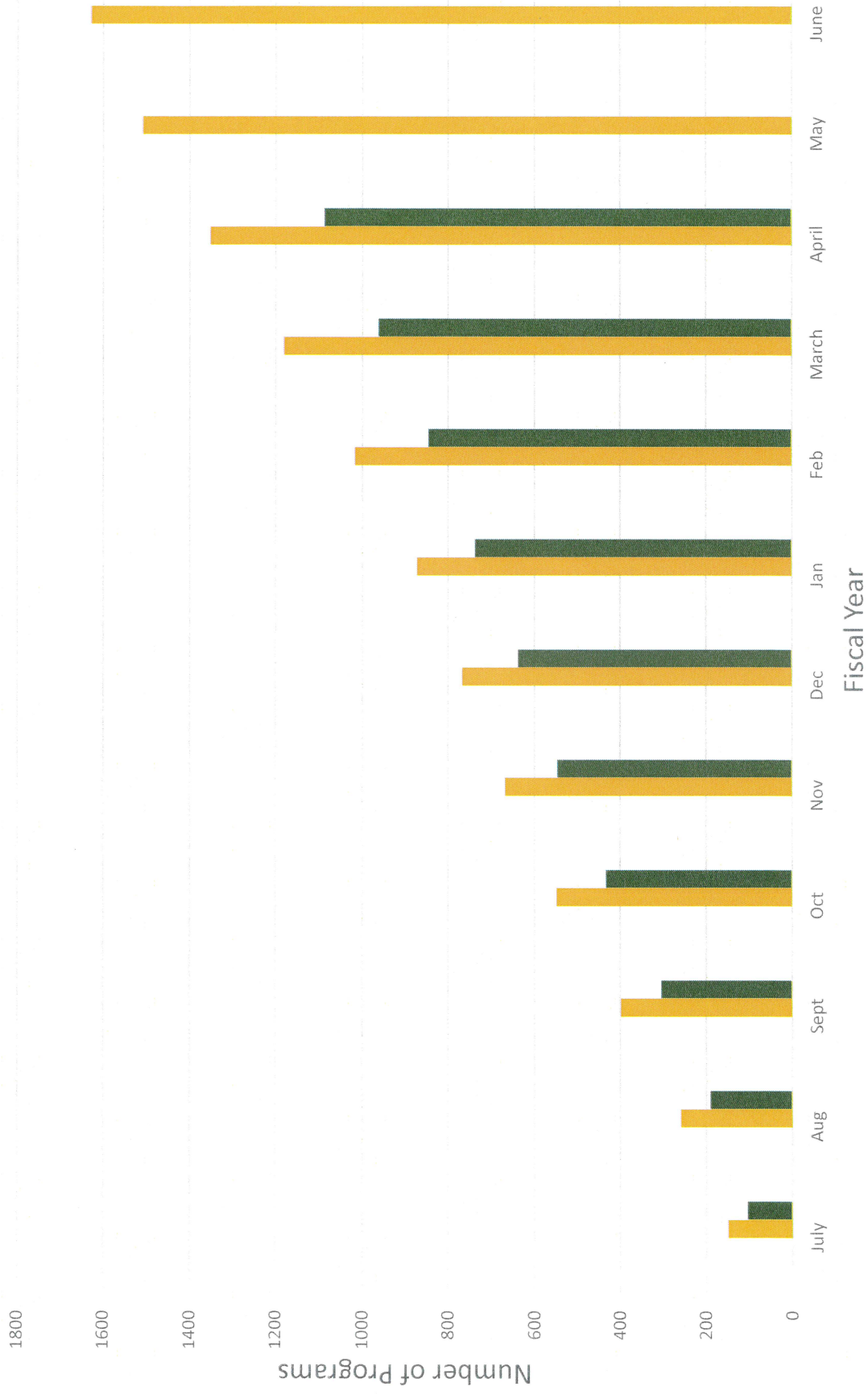




# Las Cruces Public Libraries Program Attendance Year To Date



# Las Cruces Public Libraries Library Programs



FY 22 FY 23 FY 24 FY 25

# Las Cruces Public Libraries New Cardholders By Month

