

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA



City of Lake Stevens Vision Statement

We are a thriving community that promotes a vibrant economy, preserves natural beauty, and supports an exceptional quality of life for all.

April 17, 2025 - 4:30 PM

**In person: The Mill, Sawyers Room, 1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens or
Join Zoom Meeting: [Zoom Link](#), Meeting ID: 81555785481 Passcode: 520432
or call in at (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID 81555785481**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Oath of Office**
 - A. New Library Board Member-Michele Koziol
- 3. Roll Call & Introductions**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
- 5. New Business**
- 6. Reports**
 - A. City of Lake Stevens
 - B. Sno-Isle Library
 - C. Friends of the Library
- 7. Board Comments**
- 8. Adjourn**

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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Lake Stevens Library Board
Meeting Date: January 16, 2025

The meeting was hosted via Zoom and In Person (Hybrid) and called to order by Abe Martinez at 4:30 pm

In Attendance

Library Board: Abe Martinez,
Shaelynn Charvet Bates,
LeeAnn Balbirona,
Nancy Joao,
Kevin Gosselin,

Excused absences: Andy Powers,
Emily Stainbrook.

Absences: JoAnne Van Leuven

Sno-Isle: Antoinette Morales-Tanner, Lake Stevens managing librarian
Friends of the Library: Lynn Allen (online)
City Council: Kymm Shipman council member (online)
Caitlin Weaver, deputy city clerk

Administrative business

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The Board approved by unanimous consent the minutes of the October 2024 meeting with corrections.

New Business

Melissa Moffeo has moved out of the area. There is an open seat on the Board.

LeeAnn: Is JoAnne still interested in being on the Library Board? She has missed two meetings. Abe will follow up.

Reports

1. Sno-Isle district updates & Lake Stevens Library Report:

Faber Construction has been selected to build the new library and will begin this month (January 2025). Library staff left door hangers around the new neighborhood to inform residents of the project timeline. If all goes as expected, the grand opening will be Spring 2026.

Antoinette also submitted a written report of recent and upcoming Library activities in the meeting packet

Questions for Antoinette: Discussion about Lake Stevens being a “medium sized” library, how that is determined, and comparable libraries in the district.

2. Friends of the Library update:

Lynn announced that the Friends will be hosting a Fall Auction to raise funds for the children's section of the new library. Suggestions for sponsors, guests, donations, and venue are welcome. We are also looking for an auctioneer.

Questions for the Friends: Kymm commented about Lake Stevens Education Foundation auction procurement strategies.

3. City of Lake Stevens update:

Kymm expressed excitement for the upcoming new library grand opening and invited all to come to upcoming city council meetings.

Questions for the City: Shaelynn asked for an update on the adjoining property to the new library. Councilmember Shipman replied that she will look into it.

Board Comments:

Kevin: no comments

Shaelynn: would like to meet the new executive director Eric Howard perhaps for our next meeting.

Antoinette will extend the invitation

Nancy: no comments

LeeAnn: no comments

Abe: Antoinette kindly made Sno Isle brochures in several languages for my work place. Many of them have already been picked up. Thank you and I will be by for more.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Next meeting is: April 17, 2025 at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted April 16, 2025 by LeeAnn Balbirona

Lake Stevens Library Board Report

April 17, 2025

Antoinette Morales-Tanner, Lake Stevens Library Manager

Programming and Outreach Updates:

Outreach

February:

- Lake Stevens High School
- Lake Stevens Food Bank

March:

- Hillcrest Elementary: PrimeTime (weekly through April 3rd)
- Lake Stevens High School
- Lake Stevens Food Bank
- Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce

April

- Lake Stevens Food Bank
- Lake Stevens High School

May

- Lake Stevens Gaming by the Lake
- Lake Stevens Food Bank
- Lake Stevens High School
- Lake Stevens Heritage Fair

Programming

Spring Storytime Schedule:

Baby Storytime

- Tuesdays, 10:15am
- Wednesdays, 10:15am

Toddler Storytime

- Tuesdays, 11:15am
- Thursdays, 1:15pm

Preschool Storytime

- Tuesdays, 1:15pm
- Wednesdays, 11:15am

Weekly Programs:

- Little Science Lab: Thursdays 10am and 11am
- Dungeons and Dragons Drop In (Teens and Adults): Fridays 2pm-5pm

Monthly Programs:

- Second Saturdays, 10:30-11:30: Barks and Books (children)
- Second Wednesdays, 4:30pm: After School Art (ages 8+)

- Fourth Saturdays, 2pm-4pm: STEM Construction Zone
- Saturdays, 2p-3p: Teen Crafting Studio

One-Time Programs:

- March 19, 6pm: Fall Prevention (hybrid in-person and online)
- March 22, 11am: Upcycled Art Workshop (teens and adults)
- April 5, 2pm: The Magic of Ladybugs and Butterflies Puppet Show (families)
- April 08, 2pm: Kite Flying: Science and Design (ages 8+)
- April 10, 3pm: Museum on the Go: Creature Features (grades K-5)
- April 14, 2pm: Genealogy Quickstart (adults)
- April 16, 4:30pm: After School Art (school-aged kids)
- April 28, 2pm: Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s & Introduction to Memory Kits
- May 3, 3pm: Craft Sampling: Sashiko Sewing (teens and adults)
- May 9, 10:30am: Muffins with Mom storytime and craft (family)
- May 10, 3pm: Record your Family History with StoryCorps (adults)
- May 12, 5:30pm: Creating Memory Kits and Understanding Alzheimer’s & Dementia (adults)
- May 17, 2pm: Plant Share Houseplants/Garden Starts (adults)

New Lake Stevens Library: Construction Continues!

- Civil and earth work, including sewer and utility lines
- Steel construction is taking place offsite right now and will be transported in
- In the coming weeks, road grounding and restoration work will take place along 99th Ave SE; parking lot paving will begin soon after.
- Construction is currently on track, with the entire project expecting to take 15-18 months to complete.

Sno-Isle District-Wide Updates:

[Sno-Isle Library Foundation:](#) Following a competitive application process, the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation Board has elected nine new directors, expanding it’s 12-member board.

[Sno-Isle Libraries Statement on Changes to IMLS:](#) Eric Howard, Executive Director of Sno-Isle Libraries, joined other library directors from across Washington state and the Secretary of State, in signing a letter calling attention to the threat that the cancellation of federal funding to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Washington state receives \$3.9 million in IMLS grants, which fund—among other things--the Washington Digital Library Consortium,

half of research database subscriptions for libraries, rural libraries’ broadband equipment and internet access, the Talking Book and Braille Library, statewide Institutional Library Services, and 32 Washington State Library employees. While Sno-Isle Libraries does not depend directly on IMLS funding, we rely on the services of the State Library for preserving local history documents and contributed digital archives to the Washington Rural Heritage.

2024 Community Report Highlights:

	2023	2024
Physical Items Checked Out	3.36 million	3.36 million
Digital Items Checked out	4.48 million	5.24 million
Website Visitors	4.23 million	9.4 million
Printing Jobs	967,906	1.1 million
Wi-Fi Connections	1.02 million	1.69 million
Public Computer Sessions	275,237	313, 500
Laptop + Hotspot Checkouts	3,222	4,120
Visits to the bookmobile	15,477	20,007
Program Attendees	121,796	149,265
Events	4,553	5,867

Second Annual Sno-Isle Reads Together: Accordion Eulogies by Noé Álvarez

To make this year’s selection, the team considered approximately 100 titles suggested by library staff and patrons. 19 community volunteer readers also submitted titles and evaluation forms. Between the SIRT team and the volunteers, 286 evaluations for 46 titles were submitted.

Of those 46 finalists, **[Accordion Eulogies: A Memoir of Music, Migration, and Mexico](#)** by **Seattle-area author Noé Álvarez** was selected.

Growing up in Yakima, Washington, Noé Álvarez never knew his grandfather. Stories swirled around this mythologized, larger-than-life figure: that he had abandoned his family, and had possibly done something awful that put a curse on his descendants. About his grandfather, young Noé was sure of only one thing: That he had played the accordion. Now an adult, reckoning with the legacy of silence surrounding his family's migration from Mexico, Álvarez resolves both to take up the instrument and to journey into Mexico to discover the grandfather he never knew.

Álvarez travels across the US with his accordion, meeting makers and players in cities that range from San Antonio to Boston. He uncovers the story of an instrument that’s been central to

classic American genres, but also played a critical role in indigenous Mexican history. Like the accordion itself, Álvarez feels trapped between his roots in Mexico and the U.S. As he tries to make sense of his place in the world—as a father, a son, a musician—he gets closer to uncovering the mystery of his origins.

Noé Álvarez will be offering several author talks throughout May, online, in-person, and in English and Spanish.

- In-person
 - May 3, 2:00 pm – Camp Casey Auditorium A, Coupeville
 - May 10, 2:00 pm – Stilly Valley Center, Arlington
- Virtual
 - May 8, 6:00 pm - en Español
 - May 15, 6:00 pm

In addition, all Sno-Isle Libraries will be offering companion programming throughout the Spring. Be sure to visit the SIRT webpage regularly for information: <https://www.sno-isle.org/reads-together/>