

Minutes for March 10, 2026

Library Board Meeting
Jemez Springs Public Library

Members Present via Zoom: Hailey Cooper, Pam Cornell, Heather Gutierrez

Members Present in Person: Andrew Adaryukov, Amanda Lewis, Kellie Primm, Barbara Stone

Members Absent: None

Presiding: Barbara Stone, Library Board President

Friends of the Library Presence: Cliff Elliot

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. This meeting's agenda was certified by the Library Board President.
2. **Approval of February 2026 meeting minutes**
A spelling change was suggested to the draft minutes. Pam moved to approve the minutes with the small change and Hailey seconded the motion.
Action taken: The February 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with the small change.

3. Librarian's Report

The Librarian Notes were available for review. The written Librarian Notes are provided to Board members prior to Board Meetings and are posted to the Library Board page of jsplibrary.org under the heading of Meetings.

Comments/questions during the librarian's report included:

- Pam expressed appreciation for spending the remaining State GO Bond funds in their entirety.
- A question was raised regarding the library budget and how Andrew plans to address the increased payroll expenditure in the future. Andrew explained that a draft library budget for the next fiscal year will be prepared for next month's Village meeting with a larger payroll amount to cover the increased expenditures.
- Andrew explained that only one signature is needed to release funds to start capital improvement work. Because of increased costs due to specifications, the construction work will be limited to completely rebuilding the two front porches. In addition, architectural designs will be solicited for the back porch, to address specific objectives. Funding for

the construction costs on the back area will be requested in future funding proposals.

- A discussion regarding the water intrusion came with questions concerning roofing work done with past construction outlays. The water intrusion seems to be between the children's area and the library conference room with most of the previous work carried out at the south end of the library. Library staff has had Chad come out to inspect, but the area of intrusion is still not known. Monitoring will continue.
- Many of the board members expressed excitement with the high level of activity participation in library events.
- Hailey shared that she is excited to have the summer reading programming planned.
- The Free Trees for Kids sponsor requires parental participation, and the staff is promoting this event with trees being given out to participants at the first Farmers' Market event.
- The seed library is low on seeds presently. They will be receiving seeds from the State Library, but the quantity and type are currently unknown. Vegetable seeds, particularly tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers, are popular along with sunflowers. Barb expressed interest in knowing outcome of seed inventory offered by Hailey.
- Andrew shared participation levels in the recent gardening presentation and Marla Robb's art exhibit reception: 21 participants in the gardening talk and 25 participants at Marla's reception (with several original art pieces, plus cards and bookmarks, sold: the total of \$375.00 donated to the Friends of the Library).

4. FOL Report

Cliff Elliot was present to report on the FOL meeting earlier today.

- The treasurer's report indicated that the Friends are solvent and reported on income and expenditures.
- Damien continues his work with FOL creating a website promoting FOL events and providing a venue to make donations possible through a digital route.
- The FOL Board authorized purchase of Alan Bray's and Tom Swetnam's books to be used as fundraisers to benefit the library.
- On April 12, there will be a luncheon to honor Suzanne Swetnam and her selfless work for FOL at 12:30 at the Presbyterian Church.

- On April 14, the Friends will have their annual meeting to elect officers and develop a finalized budget. Rough figures for their budget show income of ~\$18,000, expenditures of ~\$21,000, and significant retained earnings to cover the difference between these amounts.
- A book kiosk in honor of Diana Sellers has been commissioned for the Amanda's Jemez Mountain Country Store in La Cueva.
- Marla Robb is a new member on the FOL Board.
- There will be an Anne Hillerman book talk on June 13. Discussion ensued regarding concerns with high attendance, parking, appropriate venues, police presence for safety with ticketing mentioned as a method to contain and be apprised of participation. Work will continue to solidify specifics of this book talk event.

5. Comments

- The library staff are looking at how to handle library membership in general, since the current timeline for renewal of cards is annually. Staff are considering a renewal timeline of 3 years with in-person or virtual eligibility verification. Short-term memberships will remain available for seasonal workers/residents. This will be brought before the board in the future.
- A discussion regarding how to convey and promote the idea of value of digital services available through the library ensued with encouragement to continue to contemplate this issue.
- The Library and FOL Boards need additional members. The boards will brainstorm to identify community members possessing relevant competencies who might be interested and available.
- There were no public attendees.

6. Next meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6 p.m. via zoom and in person (hybrid). Andrew will not be able to participate in this meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Adjournment

Action taken: The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.