

ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

May Memorial Library

Tuesday, June 02, 2026

12:30pm

Minutes

PRESENT: Jessica Simmons, Bonnie Whitaker, Paula Hendricks, Tim Check, Cheryl Sandford, Lindsay McKinney, Debbie Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Susana Goldman, Kathy Garrison, Terri Lamm

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE: Ed Priola

ABSENT: Lynn Merrill, Shelbi Fanning

The meeting was called to order at 12:31pm by Jessica.
Cheryl made a motion to approve the agenda. Bonnie seconded.

There were 40 members of the public in attendance.

30 minutes public comment period allowed

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Katie Devries – had questions related to the county policy under section 7. She was concerned that no committee member should be allowed to request stickers. Katie said this was a conflict of interest. The review must be “viewpoint neutral.” She had a question if there was a way to remove library committee members.
- Vanessa MacArthur – said that some of the library committee members were not neutral. She cited articles 5 and 6 of the by-laws. She argued that members requesting the stickers should not be on the library committee. She said she looked up the Moms for Liberty list and said that many of them do not meet the criteria of the content notice request.
- Rachael Stimpson –said a friend asked what was going on with the county library. She said it was ridiculous as to what was going on regarding library committee members using this committee for their own agendas. She asked about the true goal of the library committee. She said the fundamental purpose of the public library should be to serve all individuals.
- Emily Conway –cited section 7 of the by-laws regarding targeting authors or books based on sexual persuasion, gender or race. She cited conflict of interest with the library committee. Privacy is to be expected. But, if a library committee member requests the content notice, they should not be on the library committee.
- Deborah Kaufman – she has read the books in question. She has been coming to the library committee meetings for over 2 years. She said she was disappointed that she has not heard the library committee members speak positively about the libraries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

QR Code poster – Jessica asked if Cheryl had any comments regarding the placement of the QR poster.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Content Notice Request – Decision Appeal
- Lindsay recused herself from commenting on this issue. Jessica passed the books around to the library committee members. A few inquiries were addressed.
 1. If a list of reviews books were available – QR code poster in the Children’s Department

2. Clarification for what “yes” and “no” meant – Yes = sticker; No = No sticker
 3. Process for the Committee for appeals was done this way – decided at the last meeting on how it would go
 4. Age range clarification – since the reading ability of the child is very subjective, there are basic guidelines
 - a. ER are ones learning to read.
 - b. J is elementary age.
 - c. YA is middle school (depending on reading ability) and high school.
- Discussion ensued about specific titles and subjects that were of concern to committee members and some comments from the public allowed prior to voting on the individual titles being appealed that all committee members had had a chance to review:

Yes means a label – no means no label

Why?

Yes - 5

No -0

The Right Touch

Yes – 5

No –

Vote suspended

Sex is a Funny Word

Yes – 5

No -

You Ruined It

Yes – 5

No -

Gods & Monsters

Yes – 4

No – 1

The Bare Naked Book

Yes – 5

No - 0

Julian is a Mermaid

Yes – 1

No – 4

The Family Book

Yes – 1

No – 4

Jack Not Jackie

Yes – 1

No – 4

I Am Jazz

Yes – 2

No - 3

Rainbow Parad

Yes – 2

No – 3

Luna's Red Hat

Yes – 5

No – 0

Prince & Knight

Yes – 2

No – 3

Changing You

Yes – 5

No – 0

Vaginas

Yes – 5

No - 0

NEXT MEETINGS:

August 11, 2026 at 12:30pm

November 10, 2026 at 12:30pm

February 9, 2027 at 12:30pm

May 11, 2027 at 12:30pm

Dates for next meeting: Tuesday, June 30 at 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Jessica made a motion for adjournment at 2:27pm. Bonnie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.