
ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 5, 2026

The Village Workspace
7173 S Havana St
Centennial, CO

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shaw, Theresa Mehringer, Liz Nichols, Katie Schroeder, Sally Daigle, Brittany Joyce

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Grazier

PUBLIC: None

OTHERS ATTENDING:

STAFF PRESENT: Oli Sanidas, Executive Director; Marie Greene, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Mahin, Finance, Facilities and Safety Director (virtual); Linda Speas, Director of Library Operations; Caroline Heinselman, Director of People Services; Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology; Kim Collie, Director of the Project Management Office; Jessica Sidener, Director of Marketing Strategy and Community Relations; Lindsay Heinzerling, Associate Director of Library Operations

Katie Schroeder opened the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

LONG-TERM CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL OUTLINE:

- A. Overview of current and future construction projects
- B. Strategic planning for capital investments
- C. Discussion on project prioritization and timeline

Oli Sanidas, Executive Director, gave an overview of the current and planned construction projects. He noted that ALD has been underspending the revenue collected, but ALD intends to spend down the fund balance with building projects, although they have not been formally presented to the board for approval yet.

Jennifer Mahin, Finance, Facilities and Safety Director, gave an overview of the budget for projected capital projects. She reviewed budgets for the May Annex building project, the remodel of Smoky Hill Library, building a freestanding building for Davies Library and a new building on the Eastern Plains.

Oli reported on the numbers for ALD's current debt and noted that at some point in the future, ALD will need to finance capital projects once the fund balance has been spent down.

LIBRARY BRANCH DEMOGRAPHICS:

- A. Anthony will show a new tool that can provide us with more real time demographic data
- B. Real time demo and discussion

Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology, presented a new tool that the district is using to show demographics for the different service areas throughout the district as well as projections for population growth and how the numbers are broken out by age, race, education, occupation, etc. The discussion moved to the ability to pull data of how many users of ALD are taxpayers within the district and ALD's philosophy around equitable services.

THE EVOLUTION OF LIBRARY SPACES AND SERVICES:

- A. New approaches for designing physical spaces and services
- B. Maintaining a human centric approach
- C. Physical Collection vs Digital
- D. Presentation by Oli on emerging technologies

Oli presented some information that he learned at the 2026 South by Southwest conference and how the current technology shifts with AI, advances in algorithms, and robotics may impact library services. One major trend is that human connection is being replaced by AI services, which is leading to a culture of dependency, with loneliness becoming a multi-billion-dollar industry. The isolation epidemic has led to the need for more social infrastructure, not more digital engagement. He explained how libraries can be part of the antidote. Libraries can be a place for social connection, a resource for helping the community with discerning truth, and a place where individuals can look for workforce development in a world that is facing AI-driven work displacement. There was discussion about creating a balance between space for public social interaction versus space for private individual activity.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business was brought before the Board.

Liz Nichols moved to adjourn, Sally Daigle seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Date Approved

Liz Nichols

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Liz Nichols, Secretary