



Auburn Public Library District

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Minutes Building Maintenance Committee Meeting March 7th 2026, 12 pm

Called to order at 12:03 pm

Present are:

- Monica Garrett
- Lacy Strader
- Amanda Kendall
- Nicole Szymiski
- Chris Szymiski

I. New Business

1. Painting Indoors (big project)
2. Moving sections & shelves

We discussed the undertaking of having the inside of the library painted. The shelving would have to be moved for access to the walls, and we discussed moving the sections of the library around – Current Adult Nonfiction and YA swapping, the Local History section relocating to the Dutch Leonard Corner, and swapping the magazine displays (unneeded currently) with some shelving from the back being currently used as book sale shelves to expand Manga & Graphic Novels.

We discussed getting quotes from painters, and aiming roughly for August (after summer reading) for this project. We discussed the need to close for a few days and get volunteers to help while we did this.

We discussed holding an Open House event in September (National Library Card Sign Up Month) to show the community what was accomplished.

3. Refreshing outdoors
 - a. Touching up the sidewalk
 - b. Power washing
 - c. Painting the pillars and window treatments

We discussed refreshing the curb appeal of the library –having the library power washed, painting the doors, putting faux stained glass in the entry windows, painting the pillars and window treatments (which are showing quite a bit of age), and refreshing the painted sidewalk. We discussed asking the High School art teacher to collaborate on the sidewalk.

4. Carpet cleaning

We discussed having the library's carpet cleaned (a specialty dry cleaning to avoid introducing moisture to the collection) after the library is painted. It was last cleaned 2019/2020.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Lighting

We discussed the library's lighting issue—that the ballasts are going out, leaving burnt bulbs that can't be replaced—and updated the committee on how that is being remedied.

III. Public Comment

IV. Adjournment

Lacy Strader moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm