

Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library
Special Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

Call to Order: Sally Fitzgerald, Co-President, called meeting to order at approximately 3:35pm.

Board Members Present: Sally Fitzgerald, Carrie Martin, Dennis Powell, Becky Russell, Larry Russell, Marian Lemon, Mary Gardner, Melanie Jenner, Darcy Perry, and Gwen Culp

Guests: Nicole Page, Jane Collins, Loretta Linstad, Rinae Perron, Jerry Elliott, Matthew Sponseller, Katie Campbell, Mary Jane Rants, Jann Hoppler (Friends of the Olympia Library)

Reports:

Lacey Library Manager: Nicole Page reported for Kristina Hancock. She reviewed TRL information regarding what will happen if the levy lid lift passes or fails in November. If it passes, Lacey should be able to continue planning for moving the Hawks Prairie Library to the NTPS LEAF Center, hours may be expanded possibly including some evenings, more staff would be hired including library assistants and program planning staff. If it fails, hours will likely be reduced at Lacey and Hawks Prairie and they expect more staff layoffs. The Lacey/Hawks Prairie Libraries have lost 6 staff this year with resignations and voluntary layoffs. Andrea Heisel, the Interim Library Director, is expected to attend a session with the public in early October at the Lacey Library.

Co-Presidents: Sally Fitzgerald / Carrie Martin:

- Review of TRL Library Lid Lift (LLL) election on November 3, 2026
- Discussion of FOLL support of LLL
- FOLL Ad Hoc LLL Committee
- FOLL budget for LLL support

Factual information about the levy lid lift election can be found on the TRL website at <https://www.trl.org/levy>. The Library can only ask voters to “Vote”.

A Political Action Committee (PAC) has been set up to advocate for the levy election. The PAC can ask voters to “Vote YES”. <https://www.yes4libraries.org>.

Donations to contribute to the levy election campaign can be made to the PAC, not the Library.

Marian Lemon offered a motion “I move that the FOLL endorses a “YES” vote on Timberland Regional Library’s Levy Lid Lift Election, November 3, 2026”. The motion was adopted after debate.

Marian Lemon offered a motion “I move that the FOLL supports the “Yes for Libraries Campaign” and adds a budget line item called “Library Levy Campaign” in the amount of \$7,500.00, contingent upon verifying rules regarding charitable organizations.” The motion was adopted after debate.

An informal Ad Hoc Levy Committee was formed to follow progress with the Yes for Libraries PAC and the levy election. Volunteers included Gwen Culp, Marian Lemon and Jane Collins.

FOLL, as a 501c3 organization, can ask FOLL members to “Vote YES” for the levy election. Dennis Powell was asked to post levy information on the FOLL website and to send monthly emails to the mailchimp email list until the November election. The first email will include the factual levy information from the TRL website. A “Vote YES” email will be sent next. Initially he will post only the TRL levy information on the FOLL website. We are waiting for clarification regarding whether we can say “Vote YES” on the website and social media.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 4:50pm.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 12:30 pm at the Lacey Library.