

# BCLD Library Director's Report

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## Administration & Finance

- 2026 Local Option Levy Renewal** - The BCLD local option levy for operations support passed with just over 70% of the vote. The renewed levy will begin funding the district in July 2027 and will collect revenues for five years.



BCLD Levy Approval History: 2006–2026

- ARSL grant award** - BCLD received a competitive \$25,000 award through the 2027 Literacy Bridges: Empowering 21st Century Communities Grant & Cohort Program. The award will support a community technology training program, including staff instructor training, attendance at two ARSL conferences (Alabama in 2026 and Wisconsin in 2027), and course offerings in 2028.
- Board vacancy application form** - The application form has been updated so the Board has consistent information about prospective applicants. The revised form addresses eligibility, understanding of duties, potential conflicts of interest, reasons for serving, relevant experience and skills, understanding of good board governance, service goals, intellectual freedom awareness, and references.
- Sage annual meeting** - The Sage User Council held its annual meeting on May 29 at BMCC in Pendleton, with most attendees participating virtually. The Council approved updating FY 2026-27 personnel costs to reflect a 4% cost-of-living increase rather than the 3% initially estimated.

## Facilities & Vehicles

- Baker Library**
  - Shrubbery along Resort Street has been pruned to improve the building's visibility from the street.
  - The electric mower was repaired by the manufacturer under warranty.
  - Aging HVAC and air conditioning filters are being replaced.
  - HVAC rooftop unit 2 recently failed due to a faulty circuit board; the board has been replaced.
- Branches**
  - Haines:** Branch refurbishment projects are complete, including exterior repainting and roof repair.
  - Huntington:** The branch is experiencing an Internet outage believed to be connected to recent wildfire damage to area cell towers.

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## Friends & Foundation

- **Summer book sale** - The Friends will meet on June 22 to plan the summer book sale. Because storage for sale stock is currently full, donations have been suspended until August 1.
- **Jen Albright memorial service** - A memorial service for former Friends President Jen Albright is scheduled for June 27 at Crossroads Arts Center.

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## Marketing, Outreach & Advocacy

- **Muddy Creek Social Club visit** - On May 13, the Director presented to the Muddy Creek Social Club in Haines on BCLD history, current services, and library trends.
- **Baker 5J School District collaboration** - On May 27, the Director met with Superintendent Hallgarth to discuss collaborative service opportunities, including the possibility of hosting a school-sponsored tutor at the library.

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## Personnel & Training

- **Recruitment** - Current or recent postings include IT Systems Administrator and Library Page.
- **Library Technician hire** - Vanessa has been hired for the Library Technician role. She began with BCLD as a volunteer and became a substitute Library Assistant last year.
- **Temporary summer staffing** - One temporary Substitute Library Assistant was hired for Desk Clerk coverage during the summer season.

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## Programs & Services

- **Cycling Oregon author visit** - The June 5 author event with Dan Shryock was well attended, with 10 participants.
- **Sketch + Release program** - The Director is coordinating a date with presenter Jason Graham of Wake Creative in Bend. Graham is an Oregon Humanities trained facilitator for the Conversations Project. The event is funded by a State Library of Oregon grant and is intended to bring high-quality contemporary art and facilitated dialogue to rural communities.

Program summary: "Sketch + Release broadens and deepens the Black narrative in Oregon by lifting up a diversity of Black perspectives and communities across the state. The project includes short lyrical documentaries about Black artists in rural Oregon and community showcases featuring performances and facilitated conversations about culture, creativity, land, healing, and belonging."

- **Oregon State Parks day-use passes** - Oregon State Parks provided loanable day-use passes to participating libraries statewide. BCLD has received four passes and will begin circulating them on June 15. Passes will circulate for seven days, are valid through June 2027, and will be billed at \$75 for replacement if lost. Late fees will be \$1 per day.
- **Summer Reading Program schedule** – The 2026 SRP has begun. Activities will run until Aug 7. Staff are encouraging registrations at the desk and online. Missy has created a "Summer MiniPage" calendar of events and published events on the library website.

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## Safety & Security

- **Security camera system** - Security camera upgrades at the Baker Library are nearly complete. The next phase will focus on branch system updates.

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## Technology

- **VR sandbox restoration** - The VR sandbox unit, previously on indefinite loan to the Powder Basin Watershed Council, has been returned in non-working condition following leadership changes at the organization. Ed replaced the casters to improve mobility and stability, and IT Manager Jim White is working to restore functionality. When complete, we aim to provide this unit to Baker 5J or another Baker County school to support educational opportunity.