

Brooks Memorial Library  
Technology Committee  
Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Mezzanine Meeting Room—B

In attendance: Starr Latronica, Leo Schiff (committee chair), Matt Wojcik, Margaret Atkinson, Bob Ferrante, Nikki Holland, Ann Varilly

Call to Order @ 4:34 PM

Agenda - No changes or additions

Public Comment N/A

Minutes of 1/8/25 - Approved

Continuing business

Tech survey

- Communicate results to public
  - Bob has drafted a press release, shared with Starr, Leo, Matt
    - Next steps: Will be sent out and shared in newsletter
- Work with library staff to create a plan to address opportunities identified in the survey
- Starr has been in touch with Tony the volunteer (former Keene SD tech support) re: plans for tech classes (e.g., password management)
- How to support group learning
  - Differentiate between Matt's position and volunteer support: Group support - volunteer, individual support - Matt
  - Volunteer offering is teams of volunteer facilitators, or could avoid the background check process by inviting speakers
  - Offer a range of days / times
  - Showcase Udemy resources, resources that Jean already has
  - Goal: Meet the community's needs better without creating more work for the library staff

- Next steps for a group session: Matt offers an ebook/audiobook-focused first session and invites people to stay after to discuss the group session; Will advertise in press release, newsletter, etc.
- Other opportunities:
  - Tech spotlights on the website (could find resources by looking at what other libraries are collecting and sharing)
  - Tech questions and tech answers
  - Enrichment / Advanced / Kids
    - Teen library board - Starr will talk to Max
    - Parent focused session (e.g., parental controls on phones)
    - Partnership opportunity: Building a Positive Community
- Grant opportunities
  - Friends of the Library applying for Thompson Trust to support public computers - benefit to community
    - Next steps: Ann will schedule a meeting Karen Duggan, co-president of Friends

Set next meeting date - April 4

Adjourned at 5:24