

Book Committee

Members: Sara Boskivich, Diana Carr, Siobhan Grogan, Kate Hart, Joyce Hinton, Gabrielle Larew, Peter McCallion, David Myler, Cathy Pakel, Liz Renn, Patricia Saull, Lissa Waite.

Circulation: 782 items

Fines collected: 2,447 pesos

Book Sale income: \$5,980 pesos

ACTIVITIES:

Shelved books, magazines and DVDs

Trained volunteers in shelving and other tasks

Gave tours to visitors and new members

Staffed Circulation Desk

Catalogued new and donated books

Managed Wish List and communicated with donors

Accepted, evaluated, and organized book donations

Managed Book Sale

Provided readers advisory to users

Mobile Book Display: "June is Pride Month"

Continued to update "Recommended Reading" on OLL website

Began weeding DVDs according to Collection Development Policy

Celebrated Liz Renn's book, *What's in a Name?* About street names in Oaxaca

Ordered new fiction and nonfiction books

The Oaxaca Lending Library Book Committee, composed of five professional librarians and others with a variety of professional experiences, would like to express our deep concern over levying fees on library users. Unlike for profit co-working spaces, the library is a community resource open to all: children to seniors; Oaxacans and foreigners; members and visitors. Unlike most establishments in our modern world, libraries are one of the few places where a

person is welcome without needing to state their business nor to purchase anything. To ask or even to assume people using laptops or tablets are working remotely is an invasion of privacy; hardly advancing the friendly and welcoming atmosphere that the OLL has been striving to achieve. The negative feelings that will be created and generated from such a policy far outweigh the small income that the OLL may make from these fees. We wonder what input was given by staff, committees or volunteers before this policy was discussed and enacted. We ask that the Board reconsider this policy and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue at a Board meeting.

- Siobhan Grogan

Digital Nomads Addendum to Book Committee Report

Those of us volunteers who work at the Circulation Desk, in the cafe, and re-shelving books are in strong support of the Book Committee's position of NOT charging "digital nomads".

We interact on a daily basis, year-round, with new and old patrons and visitors.

We, along with Adriana, Mireya and Coni, provide a friendly, warm welcome to all as a community service, not as a business. We encourage visitors to use OLL space to read, meet a friend, work on a laptop and participate in events and activities.

In addition, one volunteer mentioned that, though small, there is a more visible animosity against gringos here. Adopting such a policy could only add to that.

Thank you for your attention.

- Cathy Pakel Volunteer Coordinator

Tech Committee

Marc Sitkin graciously donated his old laptop to the OLL. We are also grateful to John Hunter for bringing the laptop to Oaxaca. The laptop will be used to interface with the new audio mixer we purchased last year. Before we were relying on tech volunteers to bring in their own laptops to use for this purpose. Marc has also recently made some style changes on the OLL website.

The streaming arm of the tech committee (Doug Long, David Brown and Greg Czech) has recently met to review and test camera and audio settings and placement for the upcoming season.

Abraham Torres, Coni Lopez, and Mireya Pérez have been given some training to set up the monthly Zoom board meetings. Bonny Weil has also been in attendance at these meetings.

- Doug Long

Social Committee

The social committee had a great 4th of July celebration at Casa Colonial. 88 People enjoyed food, fellowship and music. Unfortunately, we went \$7400mx over budget.

- Enaj Schlak

Welcome to Oaxaca Committee

Nothing new to report for the month of June. Attendance remains low which is usual for this off-season month.

- Bliss Wilson

Outreach Committee

John Dumser has stepped down from this committee to become treasurer. No committee report

- No Chair

Facilities and Design Committee

John Dumser has stepped down from this committee to become treasurer. No committee report

- No Chair

Terrace Talks Committee

David Myler and Linda Farthing are making progress on initial bookings for the 2025-2026 season.

We're updating forms and considering how to recruit more volunteers.

July meeting delayed but hope to still meet soon.

- Gail Ament

Finance Committee

No report received

Fundraising Committee

No report received

Excursions Committee

No report received