

Committee Reports

December 2025

Terrace Talks

The committee met Jan. 9

Members: Myler, Ringold, Ament, Farthing

No training sessions planned for now but will continue on an individual basis.

David Myler will be retiring from TT duties, but Sara Boskovich will train with him to join the team.

We will no longer stream events because it is labor intensive for a small return. We need a contract with Welte and will negotiate a better split than 50-50 since TT does all the work. For Oaxacan presenters, we can ask for donations for nonprofit affiliation. TT will have a presence at the Celebration tables. Our new meeting day and time will be the 2nd Monday at 10:30.

-Gail Ament

Social

In December, the social committee hosted the annual holiday potluck and the annual bazaar. Both were very successful. The bazaar netted \$50,000 pesos including a sofa donation, and the holiday potluck netted \$10,181 mxn this year.

The bazaar, while successful, generated grousing over allowing volunteers pre-sale privileges. New protocols will be incorporated to address this at next year's event.

-Bonny Weil

Welcome to Oaxaca

There has been a weekly increase to 12 or so people attending the WTO sessions as the high season begins. We expect more in the next two months. We have a full committee.

-Bliss Wilson

Finance

No comments from the FinCom

-Ralph Gault

Nominations

Nominations have gone out, and will be published in the newsletter on 1/15. I will try to get the new digitized manual out to folks before the AGAM.

-bj Ferguson

Books

Members: Sara Boskovich, Diana Carr, Siobhan Grogan, David Myler, Kate Hart, Joyce Hinton, Gabrielle Larew, Peter McCallion, Cathy Pekel, Liz Renn, Patricia Saull, Shannon Sheppard.

Board liaison: Gail Ament

Circulation: 1,348 items 2025 total: 12,466 items
Book Sale income: 6,71 pesos 2025 total: 73,486.50 pesos
Fine income: 3,123 pesos 2025 total 33,887 pesos

Mobile Book Display: Happy Holidays / Felices Fiestas

Participated in OLL Bazaar with the sale of books earning 2,500 pesos

Provided staff support at Circulation Desk

Communicated with Finance Committee re 2026 Budget

Provided library tours to visitors and new members

Continued English Fiction weeding/de-accessioning project

Began project to improve signage in the Nonfiction areas

Repaired books

Ordered new books: English and Spanish

Trained new and returning volunteers

Communicated with writers for upcoming Book & Author events

Managed Wish List: donors and donations

Communicated with several authors for upcoming Book & Author Talks

Cataloged new and donated titles: English, Spanish, Children, Teen

Participated in 60th Anniversary Task Force

Accepted, evaluated, dispatched, and cataloged book Children and Adult donations

Administered and managed Book Sale: in-house and online

Continued "Authors' names on shelves" project

Provided readers advisory to children and adult users

Supplied "Did You Know...." (fun facts about the library) list to be added to OLL newsletter

Tech

Noah Ratzan, new to Oaxaca, but will be here for several months, has offered to rework the website. Marc Sitkin and Doug Long will bring him up to speed and explore having him proceed with this task.

Doug Long is exploring options that will permit him to continue working past the announced March 1 resignation date comfortably.

The committee will continue discussion on the possibility of hosting an all-day workshop related to the OLL online presence.

In response to the Terrace Talk committee vote to discontinue live streaming, Doug introduced the possibility of making local recordings and making them available via a ticketing option called "Watch Later". This option greatly reduces the technical difficulties of live streaming. This ticket option has been added to Robert Marken's talk on Monte Alban to further explore the public's appetite for the option. These recordings will also be made available to "no shows" to the live presentation.

Marc and Doug will try to find time before Marc heads home at the end of January to evaluate needed improvements to various essential computers in the library.

-Doug Long

Volunteers

No report submitted by Dottie Bellinger

Outreach

No report submitted by Viviana Ruiz

Fundraising

No report submitted by Carol Ringold

Facilities and Design

No report submitted by Doug Long

Excursions

No report submitted by Dottie Bellinger