

January 19, 2021, BLT Agenda Comments

These comments on Newport Beach Board of Library Trustees (BLT) [agenda](#) items are submitted by:
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Item 1. Minutes of the Dec 21, 2020 Board of Library Trustees Meeting

Suggested correction: The passage shown in *italics* below is from the [draft minutes](#) with a suggested correction indicated in **strikeout underline** format.

Page 1 (5 of packet), Item V.2: “*Chair Watkins ~~complemented~~ complimented Rebecca Lightfoot on 16 patron responses in the past month.*”

Item 6. Review of the NBPL Internet Use Policy (NBPL 5)

On agenda packet page 28, in the second paragraph from the end where a sentence is crossed out, I would keep that sentence and cross out the one before it. “*Adult Library patron*” sounds better to my ear than “*Library adult patron.*”

Item 7. Review of Rules for Acceptable Use of Wireless Internet Connections

On agenda packet page 35, I do not understand the intent of the existing opening phrase of the policy: “*Regardless of the Wi-Fi source, ...*”

Whatever its intent, the remainder of the sentence appears, by itself, to make the policy apply to *all* Wi-Fi use on NBPL premises.

I would, therefore, either delete the phrase or clarify its intent.

For example, if the Trustees want the policy to be applied even to use of Wi-Fi signals being provided by someone other than NBPL, that should be clearly stated.

Item 9. Newport Beach Public Library eBranch Review

Regarding “2. eBOOKS AND eAUDIOBOOKS” on agenda packet page 45, Wikipedia has a good [list of outside sources](#) for on-line books and articles.

Among those, the [Hathi Trust](#) is notable as a major public access point to resources scanned from the [University of California collections](#) (as well as those of many [other](#) college libraries).

As the staff report suggests, many of the online resources are confined to resources that are out of copyright, but not all are. For example, the Internet Archive/[Open Library](#) allows limited access to many in-copyright works.