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WISCONSIN

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Community Room - Lester Public Library
1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice President Powalisz called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Vice President Powalisz presided over the meeting until President Kate Gadd arrived at 6:03 PM. The president then assumed the chair.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Board Members Present: Lisa Steinhauer, Don Weiss, Mary Glaser, Kathryn Gadd, Katie Stone, Laura Waalkens, Ned Guyette, Bonnie Shimulunas, and Jack Powalisz. Absent and excused – Shannon Derby. Also present: Terry Ehle, Director.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
4. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Motion to approve the amended minutes from the June 9, 2026, meeting, made by Guyette, second made by Weiss. Voice vote carried unanimously.
5. **RECEIVE AND FILE EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**
Motion to receive and file the expenditure and financial reports from June 2026, made by Weiss, second made by Waalkens. Voice vote carried unanimously
6. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT** – Steinhauer suggested reaching out to local news media to highlight the library's Youth Room and recognize the outstanding work of library staff, particularly in light of the recent article featuring the library in the American Library Association's Programming Librarian. Staff is preparing a press release for distribution. Board members recommended sending it to Channel 5 and Seehafer News.
7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Ehle fielded questions and comments concerning her report.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Library Newsletter – July 2026
 - B. Article: ALA Programming Librarian Q&A: 3 Expert Librarians Share Their Summer Reading Décor Secrets
 - C. Article: The Raider Reporter *Unearth a story* – June 2026
9. **REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE** – None.
10. **REPORT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**
Reported summer school is underway, staffing updates continue, additional special education staff are being added at the elementary schools, and curriculum and student handbook revisions are in progress.

11. REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

The County Fair will transition to cashless admissions. The county's sales tax revenue is ahead of last year, \$2.45 million in borrowing was approved for road repairs, and recruitment continues to fill vacancies in the Highway (4-5 openings) and Health Departments (13 openings).

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A. President Gadd discussed a new approach to representative reports intended to streamline board meetings and strengthen partnerships between the library and its community partners. A shared Google form will be created to allow representatives to submit reports prior to board meetings.
- B. Ehle fielded questions and comments about her six-month priorities. Motion to approve six-month priorities made by Waalkens, second made by Glaser. Voice vote carried unanimously.

14. BOARD EDUCATION

- A. Ehle shared that an email about webinars available to trustees during Trustee Training Week August 10-13 would be arriving after the meeting.

15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Glaser, second made by Powalisz. Voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Ehle, Director