

MISSION STATEMENT

The Winnebago Public Library provides all patrons access to a variety of well-organized resources, services, and technologies that enrich and empower the community and evolve with its cultural needs.

This time, date and purpose of the meeting are set forth in the following agenda:

WINNEBAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm, by Gary Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Gary Brown - present
Jacquie Olsen - present
Jim Ferrar - present
Wendy Bennett - ABS
Wanda Cwiklo -present
Heather Kaap - present
Rhonda Smallwood - ABS
Emily Gundry - Winnebago Public Library Director
Guests:
David Aumiller

Additions or Corrections:

No additions or corrections at this time

Public Comment:

David Aumiller volunteers and represents the State Line Indivisible, and was contacted by the ACLU to attend the meeting. Nothing to add.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the February 19, 2026 meeting minutes by Jim Ferrar, and seconded by Jacquie Olsen . The motion carried with changes.

Reports, Discussion & Action Items:

President's Report

Discussion was held regarding the desire to work on the current mission statement.

Director's Report:

Per Capita Grant approval – I requested to use the funds for shelving. I would like to add tall shelves in the Illinois section and add tall shelves on the South Back Wall on the upper level. The magazines would be moved to the middle aisle on the other side of the

post between that and the puzzle table. Jim Sorg and I have mapped out how the pieces would fit and allow for additional shelving specifically for the Nonfiction books.

The Friends of the Library have been supporting programs. At last month's meeting, they approved \$500 to be used towards current and future programs. Cassie has created a ledger for tracking purchases until this full amount is spent. This is separate from Summer Reading Program events. They also approved funds to purchase clay for a program during the summer.

The book sale is approaching.... April 28 th -May 2nd. Following the book sale, I hope to have the book nook area set up and operating. The supply room will then be ready to be used as a study room. We will need to purchase a table for this space.

The Summer Reading Program is right around the corner. The kick-off date is May 18 th and runs through July 31 st . We have begun reaching out to sponsors, planning programs, and preparing marketing for this year's theme "Plant a Seed, Read." The Garden Club is sponsoring a Seed Library which will be set up in the library. Patron's can take seeds or leave seeds at no cost.

S.E.I. forms went out. I completed mine online using the login credentials provided on the paperwork. I made copies of the definitions if anyone needs them.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion to approve the February 2026 Reconciliation Detail Report, was made by Wanda Cwiklo and seconded by Jacquie Olsen . The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual Report, was made by Jacquie Olsen and seconded by Wanda Cwiklo. The motion carried.

Grounds Maintenance/Facility:

Nothing new.

Policy Manual:

No new policies added at this yime.

6.6 Personnel:

Nothing new to report at this time.

6.7 Closed Session--Closed Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (1): the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel for the public body.

Not needed at this time.

Unfinished Business:

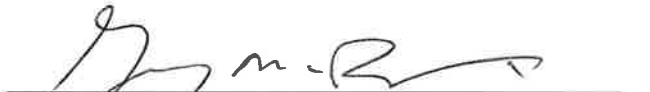
Discussion regarding the Story Walk presented by Jim Ferrar was initiated with a motion; however, the motion was later withdrawn. It was decided to add further discussion to the April meeting agenda.

New Business:

Nothing new at this time.

Next Regular Board Meeting - April 16, 2026 6:30 pm
Winnebago Public Library - Community Room
210 N. Elida St., Winnebago, IL 61088
815-335-7050

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. was made by Jacquie Olsen and seconded by Jim Ferrar. The motion carried.



Gary Brown - WPL Board of Trustees - President



Wanda Cwiklo - WPL Board of Trustees - Secretary

