

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 April 16, 2026 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm, by Gary Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Additions or Corrections:

No additions or corrections at this time

Public Comment:

No members of the public were present or available at the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the March 19, 2026 meeting minutes by Jacquie Olsen, and seconded by Heather Kaap. The motion carried with changes.

Reports, Discussion & Action Items:

President's Report

Here is a list of values brainstormed when I asked
"What do you observe the Winnebago Public Library Values most?"

Being a community center
Resources
Services
Leadership
Literacy

Policy Manual:

- 6.5.1 Hours of Operation - First Read
- 6.5.2 Technology Usage - First Read
- 6.5.3 Investment of Public Funds - First Read
- 6.5.4 Mission Statement - First Read

6.6 Personnel:

Grace Sanner will be leaving May 2026.

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:

Story Walk will be added to the Winnebago Public Library property, Jacquie Olsen will head the task force which will also include Heather Kaap and Emily Groh.
Gundry.

New Business:

Next Regular Board Meeting - May 21, 2026 6:30 pm (Gary Brown will not be able to attend).

Winnebago Public Library - Community Room
210 N. Elida St., Winnebago, IL 61088
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A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. was made by Heather Kaap and seconded by Wendy Bennett. The motion carried.

Jacquie Olsen Vice
Gary Brown - WPL Board of Trustees - President
Jacquie Olsen

Wanda Cwiklo
Wanda Cwiklo - WPL Board of Trustees - Secretary