

Minutes of the James River Valley Library System Board of Directors
Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Board members present were Emmy Roorda, Gail Martin, Jackie Barnes, *City Ex-Officio* David Schloegel, Sarah Hellekson (via Teams), Jessica Alonge, and Denise Waldie. Absent was Amanda Hastings. Also present were Library Director Joe Rector, Assistant Director Jill Pfaff, Stutsman County Commissioner Levi Taylor (via Teams) and Anton Goss.

Jessica called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anton Goss offered public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Emmy made a motion to accept the September 10 minutes, seconded by Gail. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Joe gave the financial report for the month of September.

BILLS TO BE PAID, PAYROLL AS PAID, AUTO PAY AS PAID, AND AMAZON TO BE PAID

Jackie made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, the payroll as paid, auto pay as paid, and \$4,022.05 Amazon EFT, seconded by Denise. Roll call vote showed 6 ayes, 0 nays. 1 absent. Motion carried.

CITY/COUNTY LIBRARY UPDATE

Jessica reported she and Sarah continued to go through the dissolution at their recent monthly meeting. They will likely have a report for the governing boards in January. The City and County 2026 budgets have been approved and the County approved a levy of 4 mills for the library. The County also drafted a Request for Consideration to Retract Notice of Withdrawal from Agreement of Joint Library Services letter to the City. Joe and Sarah attended the County Commission meeting and were able to answer commissioner's questions. Sarah said the letter will be discussed at the Finance and Legal Committee meeting on October 21st.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

- Joe presented statistics for the month of September
 - Patron count: 5,842
 - Patron cards: 8,032
 - Libby/Overdrive usage: 2,385
 - Hoopla usage: 600 uses for a total of \$1,395.18
 - Item usage: 8,179
 - Computer usage: 857 (ADPL) and 128 (SCL)
- Jill reported the ND Book and Arts Festival had a great turnout with nearly 60 authors & artists and approximately 500 attendees.
- Thad's Amazing Magic event coming up November 8 at 2 pm.
- First aid training for staff is coming up October 24. ADPL will be closed until noon that day.
- Friends of the Library annual meeting coming up October 23, 6 pm, at ADPL

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 3:30 pm, ADPL.

ADJOURNMENT

Jessica motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Pfaff