

Minutes of the James River Valley Library System Board of Directors
Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Board members present were Emmy Roorda, Jackie Barnes, Denise Waldie, Amanda Hastings, Melissa Thury, and Meranda Vetsch. Absent was David Schloegel. Also present were Library Director Joe Rector, Assistant Director Jill Pfaff, Jessica Alonge, and Shannon Davis.

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

THANKS TO EMMY ROORDA FOR HER SERVICE ON THE BOARD

Joe and the library board thanked Emmy for serving on the board.

Kathy Burkle has been appointed by the City beginning in July.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Melissa made a motion to accept the May 13 minutes, seconded by Meranda. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

Update regarding signers for JRVLS bank accounts and CDS

Joe informed the board that he believes all documents have been signed by the approved signers. He will let them know if someone still needs to sign something.

FINANCIALS

Joe gave the financial report for the month of May.

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

Amanda made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, the payroll as paid, auto pay as paid, and \$4,690.70 Amazon EFT, seconded by Emmy. Roll call vote showed 7 ayes, 0 nays. 0 absent. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY BOARD 2025

Amanda made a motion to approve the Report of the Library Board 2025 with the addition of a bullet point to each list of future projects that says "savings for large projects" and add the 2025 balance sheet; seconded by Melissa. Roll call vote showed 6 ayes, 0 nays. 1 absent. Motion carried.

PAY SCALE

Joe presented two pay scale options to the library board.

Meranda made a motion to accept the pay scale and steps starting at \$16.00 per hour, included in 2026 and 2027 budget request as written, effective immediately; seconded by Denise. Roll call vote showed 6 ayes, 0 nays. 1 absent. Motion carried.

Melissa left the meeting at 4:25 pm.

2026 REVISED BUDGET AND 2027 BUDGET REQUEST

Amanda made a motion to accept the 2026 revised budget and 2027 budget request Budget Request C option, and Joe has permission to fill in the Levy Request amount of \$1,463,183.00; seconded by Meranda. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes, 0 nays. 2 absent. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

- Joe presented statistics for the month of May
 - Patron count: 5,740
 - Patron cards: 8,351
 - Libby/Overdrive usage: 2,354
 - Hoopla usage: 688 uses for a total of \$1,634.33
 - Item usage: 5,939
 - Computer usage: 715 (ADPL) and 172 (SCL)
- Jill reported the Fantasy Faire had over 100 people in attendance and many nice comments were received
- Adult Summer Reading program started June 1
- The library will be handing out flags in honor of the 250th celebration and asking patrons to tell us one thing about America they're grateful for
- Nichole reported children's programming
 - Bird watching tour with Soil Conservation partnership was held on May 29 and had 30 children plus their guardians
 - Youth library volunteers are helping throughout the summer with decorating and programming
 - Summer Reading Program kick-off event
 - Glow party drop-in event with over 200 people attending
 - Summer Reading Program started June 1
 - Dino-Sized Family Game Night coming up June 15
 - Geode program with Soil Conservation June 11
 - Bee houses with Soil Conservation coming up next month
 - Story-times at North American Bison Discovery Center
 - Be an Archeologist for a Day program the library will have a mock dig site finding unique artifacts and includes a private tour at Stutsman County Museum
 - Fishing experience with Game and Fish at a local park
 - Dino-Dig Day will be held July 10
 - Bookmobile in Buffalo Days parade and Bingo for School Supplies immediately following
- Quickbooks updated to online version
- Schedule new board member orientation next month
- Bequest received by library from Mulfinger Family Trust in the amount of \$8,696.02

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 3:30 pm, ADPL.

ADJOURNMENT

Jackie adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Pfaff
Secretary