

IDA RUPP PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ida Rupp Public Library was held on Thursday September 10, 2026. At 6:00 pm at the Ida Rupp Public Library. The following Trustees were present: Lynne Kroeger, Kevin Francis, Laura de Roziere, Jane Held, Jim Widmer, Kevin Kast and Kristina Smith. Also present were Lindsay Faust, Director, and Tim McKenna, Fiscal Officer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Lynne Kroeger followed by a reading of the library's Mission Statement.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes – Kevin Francis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2026 regular meeting. Second by Jim Widmer. Motion carries by voice vote.

Staff Recognition – Laura Vollmer and Margaret Warren, 14 years; Susan Dress, 12 years; Jolene Lochotzki, 8 years; Jamie Kennedy, 4 years; Sharlene Anderson, 3 years.

Review, Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report for August 2026

Tim McKenna reviewed the Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation Statement for August 2026.

August Revenues:	\$636,023.87
August Expenditures:	\$137,249.87

SALARIES	\$73,323.15
BENEFITS	\$20,835.36
SUPPLIES	\$ 3,240.87
PURCHASED & CONTRACTED MATERIAL	\$15,814.43
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$21,262.05
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$36,437.05
OTHER	\$16,697.37
CONTINGENCIES	\$ 0.00

Laura de Roziere made a motion to accept the financial report for August 2026. Second by Jane Held. Motion carries by voice vote.

Donations to the Library – Lindsay Faust reviewed the donations to the Library for August 2026.

Directors Report – Lindsay Faust

- She and Brian Herzog held a meeting with Schorr Architects to get underway for the planning of the roof, windows and parking lot replacement.

- Met with Shelly Burkhart from Accessible Ohio to learn more about how they can assist the library with Accessibility.

From Brian Herzog

- Theme that emerged in August was “making local connections”. Began to regularly attend the Port Clinton Rotary meetings and served as a point of contact for the library connecting with community organizations.
- Contacted by Little Island Daycare to see if a staff person could present an overview of the library resources to daycare parents.
- Worked with the principal from ICS to coordinate class visits for the school year.
- A long-term project that began in August was a complete review of the Bataan Collection. The goal is to create a complete index of this collection, remove items not focused on the battle or the experience of the soldiers from Port Clinton and to digitize the material to make it more accessible.

From Laura Vollmer

- August spent gearing up for Library Card Sign-Up Month.
- With the programming team, planned out reels to post on social media to promote the library and its collection.
- Programming team also planned for incentives to sign up for a card: a goodie bag and book for kids, a book and tote bag for teens and a pint glass and tote for adults.

From Martha Love

- Based on a new collection development policy drafted by Brian Herzog, started reviewing the Bataan Collection’s books & DVDs that are listed in the public library catalog.

From Anthony Harlow

- Four patrons scheduled Tech Help sessions in August.
- August 7 Richard Thompson presented “History, Facts & Lore of Catawba Island. There were 43 patrons for this presentation.
- August 27 Becca from River Bend Homestead presented “Growing for Preservation”, a slideshow and props on ways to preserve food from your garden with seven attendees.

From Elli Mason

- With hopes of getting more attention for the Dungeons and Dragons program changed the time from 4:30 on Mondays to 10:30 on Saturdays.
- The first Pokémon Club was fun for both kids and parents.
- The Ross Reset program was held to offer teens a space to reset as they transition back to a new school year with the calming presence of Bob Ross in his Joy of Painting series.

From Mary Kate Strimpfel

- Nineteen attended the Pokémon “Fan Club” meeting.

- There were four “Homeschool Hour: STEM” programs. Each week was a different topic that included a hands-on experiment for the students to try.
- Bataan Memorial School Open Houses: The principal at Bataan reached out to see if Ida Rupp would like to attend back to school open houses.
 - 1st – 5th Grade, August 20.
 - Kindergarten, August 27.

From Sharlene Anderson

- “Wiggles and Giggles”, the first music and movement program where everyone sang songs about animals. All the kids enjoyed playing the instruments.
- Attended a workshop about Story Time Foundations through the Ohio Ready to Read program. Learned more about early literacy and how to improve the story times.

Marblehead Peninsula Branch – Dave Kimmel

- August 22 was the Stuffy Tea Party. There were 22 participants, and the fourteen children had fun having tea with the big bear.
- Yoga was back in August, with 30 participants spread over four weekly sessions.
- There were nine participants at an outreach program at Otterbein; an introduction to genealogy.

Erie Islands Library

- The Erie Island branch reopened on August 25.

In addition Lindsay Faust provided an overview of the library’s usage statistics and an article from the Sandusky Register.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Items for Discussion

- A. Budget Commission Update: Lindsay Faust provide an overview of the meeting that was held with the County Budget Commission. This was followed by a discussion of upcoming budget issues as 2027 approaches.
- B. Schorr Architects Update: Lindsay Faust gave an overview of the updated information concerning the roof, windows and parking lot replacement.
- C. Interactive Table Purchase: Touch2Play quote of \$8,564.00. Jane Held made a motion to accept the quote from Touch2Play to purchase the Interactive Table in the amount of \$8,564.00. Second by Laura de Roziere. Motion carries by voice vote.
- D. Jim Widmer Board Reappointment: Kevin Francis made a motion to reappoint Jim Widmer to the Ida Rupp Public Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term. Second by Laura de Roziere. Carries by voice vote.

6:48 pm – Motion by Kristina Smith to move to Executive Session to consider investigation of complaints against a public employee. Second by Jim Widmer. Motion carries unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

7:03 pm – Leave Executive Session

7:03:30 - Meeting Adjourned

President

Secretary

Fiscal Officer