

IDA RUPP PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSEES

MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ida Rupp Public Library was held on Thursday August 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Ida Rupp Public Library. The following Trustees were present: Lynne Kroeger, Jim Widmer, Jane Held, Kevin Kast, Kevin Francis 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 – Jane Held made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026 regular meeting. Second by Kevin Kast. Motion carries by voice vote.

Staff Recognition – Lindsay Faust; eight years of service.

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

Tim McKenna reviewed the Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation Statement for June 2026. In addition, a detailed review of transfers of funds from the US Bank Cd's to the Huntington Bank money market accounts was provided.

July Revenues: \$ 81,397.94

July Expenditures: \$144,800.35

SALARIES	\$73,096.22
BENEFITS	\$22,112.86
SUPPLIES	\$ 1,120.53
PURCHASED & CONTRACTED MATERIAL	\$10,578.23
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$34,487.53
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$42,425.24
OTHER	\$10,115.59
CONTINGENCIES	\$ 0.00

Kevin Francis made a motion to accept the Financial Report for July 2026. Second by Kristina Smith. Motion carries by voice vote.

Donations to the Library- Lindsay Faust reviewed the donations to the Library for July 2026.

Directors Report – Lindsay Faust

- The decorative panel that fell off the Third Street canopy during a wind storm will be repaired by Telamon Construction without charge.
- The memorial instruments for the StoryWalk have arrived and will be installed by Champion Construction.
- Summer Reading wrapped up on July 11. There were 332 participants in the reading challenge on Beanstock; 180 children, 40 teens and 112 adults. The staff was great during this year's Summer Reading programs.
- There were a few webinars in July held by the OLC. If the PLF had remained a percentage of GRF, public libraries would have seen \$68 million more than as the existing line item. There is also a question from the FCC on whether to continue, reduce or eliminate the eRate funding. eRate saves \$4944 at Marblehead and \$2112 at Erie Islands for internet service. There was also a session that gave updates on requirements of libraries regarding voter registration.
- The state released PLF projections for the remainder of FY2027 (ending June 30, 2027). PLF is only funded currently through June 30, 2027. This may make the budget planning for next year as there may be a revenue loss of \$410,000.

From Brian Herzog

- July's heat wave and the subsequent HVAC having stopped working in the meeting room was an adventure. Accompanied the repair person to the roof while an easy repair was made.
- Attended speaker Ryan Dowd's monthly webinar, "How to Handle Problematic Behavior and Enforce Rules". These trainings are offered for free by the state.
- Attended the state's "The Future of eRate: inside the FCC's Proposal and how to Make Your Voice Heard" presentation, concerning the potential loss of this program on the Federal level.

From Laura Vollmer

- Met with programming staff and Brian Herzog to start making plans for Library Card Sign Up Month.

From Martha Love

- There were sixteen attendees for the Port Clinton Senior Center book talk on Arts and Recreation – the 700s of Nonfiction by the numbers.
- Unfortunately, only three people showed up to discuss T J Klune's "The House in the Cerulean Sea".

From Anthony Harlow

- The last summer reading program was “Dig into the past and explore our databases! Ancestry.com”. Five people attended and “dug” into several databases to learn how to search and navigate various databases including Ancestry.com.
- The July 14th “Ono-on-One Tech Help” was filled.
- Completed three professional development webinars:
 - Ryan Dowd: How to Handle Problematic Behavior and Enforce Rules
 - Seed Libraries: Basics and Beyond
 - Programming with your library of things.

From Elli Mason

- As part of Summer Reading, held “Dinolympics”, to give teens the chance to compete for medals in fun and unique challenges.
- The winners of the “All Ages Art Show” were announced and received their new art kits. 62 community members and patrons voted on their favorite art pieces from children, teen and adult artists.
- The teen book display this month was Dungeons & Dragons themed, featuring non-fiction books on how to play D&D, manga and graphic novels based on similar themes of medieval adventure.

From Mary Kate Strimpfel

- Sixteen people attended Summer Reading “Cookie Excavation” program on July 1st. Students learned about archeology and the different tools used by actual archeologists.

From Sharlene Anderson

- In July we read stories about fossils, to continue the “Unearth a Story Time” summer reading theme.
- July’s “Lil Explorers” theme was music. Children could explore and create their own instruments at stations set up around the room.

From Dave Kimmel – Marblehead Peninsula Branch

- Fourteen children and parents attended Beverly Bartczak’s Story Time.
- July 9th Magician Michael Mage did a nice magic and comedy show with 35 attendees.
- July 7th Margaret delivered a “Beachy Starfish” program where five participants created picture frames decorated with Starfish.
- There continued to be one staff member on extended medical leave. Thank you to the staff for filling in. Fortunately, she returned to work on July 24th.

From Karen Wilhelm – Erie Islands Branch

- The library has been closed since July 3rd for school renovations. Hopefully it will reopen in mid-August.
- Programs have continued to be hosted off site.

In addition, Lindsay Faust provided details of library statistics and usage.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Items for Discussion

- A. Schorr Proposal – The proposal from Schorr Architects, Inc. dated July 17, 2026 for the replacement of the roof, windows and parking lot was reviewed. Jim Widmer made a motion to accept the proposal. Second by Jane Held. Motion carries by voice vote.
- B. Ohio Plan Insurance Renewal – Lindsay Faust reviewed the Ohio Plan Package Proposal prepared by Hylant Administrative Services, Inc. Kevin Francis made a motion to accept the proposal with an annual premium of \$7,480. Second by Kristina Smith. Motion carries by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

President

Secretary

Fiscal Officer