

IDA RUPP PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ida Rupp Public Library was held on Thursday July 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Ida Rupp Public Library. The following Trustees were present: Lynne Kroeger, Laura de Roziere, Jane Held, Jim Widmer and Kevin Kast. Also present were Lindsay Faust, Director, Brian Herzog, Assistant Director and Tim McKenna, Fiscal Officer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Lynne Kroeger.

Presentations by Paul Miller of Schorr Architects and Andy Knopp of Thomas Porter Architects concerning design and planning for the replacement of the roof, windows and parking lot.

Public Comments – There were no public comments

Approval of Minutes – Jim Widmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026 regular meeting. Second by Jane Held. Motion carries by voice vote.

Staff Recognition- There were no staff employment anniversaries.

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

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

June Revenues: \$81,944.14
June Expenditures: \$157,389.79

SALARIES	\$71,196.69
BENEFITS	\$20,213.41
SUPPLIES	\$ 769.10
PURCHASED & CONTRACTED MATERIAL	\$34,039.53
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$18,108.25
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 9,343.00
OTHER	\$ 3,319.65
CONTINGENCIES	\$ 0.00

Kevin Kast made a motion to accept the Financial Report for June 2026. Second by Laura de Roziere. Motion carries by voice vote.

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

Director's Report – Lindsay Faust

- Attended the June Friends of the Library meeting. They are selling a nice canvas tote bag for \$20 or free to those who join the Friends at the \$100 level.
- As of June 30th there were 324 individuals registered for the Summer Reading Challenge in Beanstack. Participants reported reading 1,483 books in June.
- Thanks to Brian Herzog and Jamie Kennedy for their hard work during my vacation.

From Brian Herzog

- June continued the learning process about the library, including meeting with staff to plan Fall programs and helping with Summer Reading events.
- Attended the June Board meeting at the Erie Islands Branch. Nice to visit there for the first time.
- June 28th attended the Lakeside Historical Society's museum reopening ceremony with Dave Kimmel to represent the library.

From Laura Vollmer

- June is busy with Summer Reading.
- Sending two weekly eblasts, one for Summer Reading and the usual one for tech classes/book discussions.

From Martha Love

- Port Clinton Senior Center has a new activity coordinator who is very supportive of the library's book talks each month.
- "Nonfiction by the numbers", June was Applied Technology, the 600s in Dewey. There were sixteen in attendance.
- The Local History Newsletter went out to over 160 subscribers.

From Anthony Harlow

- Summer Reading is here!
- Hosted "100 Years of Miller Ferry: A Lake Erie Legacy" on June 1st with seven patrons in attendance. There is interest in presenting this again in the Fall.
- June 8th Christopher Gillcrist from the Museum of The Great Lakes and the Great Lakes Historical Society presented "The archaeology of the Battle of Lake Erie and the War of 1812.
- There were also programs hosted on June 6,12,15,22,26 and 30. It was a busy and rewarding month.

From Elli Mason

- The "America the Beautiful All Ages Art Show" was a success with participants of all ages. The winners will be announced on July 13th.
- Archaeological Escape! Created this program as a way to offer teens an experience that they don't often get. Escape rooms are a good way for young adults to practice slowing down to think through obstacles working together toward a shared goal. The teens who attended enjoyed the process and look forward to another session.

From Mary Kate Strimpfel

- “Dino Duels” on June 3rd had 17 attendees designing their own trading card dinosaurs.
- “Dirt in a Cup” had 35 students and 54 total in attendance to learn about the six soil layers. Sharlene Anderson helped pass out the ingredients for each layer. Once they learned about all six layers the students were allowed to eat their creations.

From Sharlene Anderson

- Summer Story Time we have read about music, dinosaurs, Juneteenth, family and America.
- Mr. Jeff came back for another concert and he was great. He performed after Story Time and marketed it as a picnic concert for the story time caregivers.
- Science Heroes returned for Summer Read Program. They were great and the children enjoyed learning about different science experiments.

Marblehead Peninsula Branch Library

- June 3rd, Margaret Warren offered a Dino Games program, featuring Triceratoss and Feed T-Rex, Target Range, a Jumbo Dino Puzzle and Free the Dinos from the Ice!
- June 27 was “Dig for Dinos”. 60 painted plastic “dino” eggs were buried ina local sand volleyball court. They managed to find 52 of the 60 buried eggs.
- June 4th there were dual programs. First at the Wolcott Keeper’s House where Linda and Doug Huber presented on the history and restoration of the Keeper’s House. Then to the Marblehead Lighthouse State Park where Jane Davenport, ODNr Naturalist, gave a brief history of the lighthouse and a tour of the tower. There were nine participants.
- Friends of the Marblehead Peninsula Branch Library put together the Annual Summer Sale in the foyer. It was successful and will stay up in July and possibly August.

Erie Islands Library

- The library will be closed from July 5 through August 5. Programs were scheduled off site for the remainder of Summer Reading and will go on as planned.

In addition, Lindsay Faust gave an overview of the library usage statistics.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports

Items for Discussion

- A. Review of RFQ Short List Presentations
 - a. Discussion of the presentations by Paul Miller (Schorr Architects) and Any Knopp (Thomas Porter Architects). The consensus was leaning toward Schorr Architects.
 - b. Motion by Jim Widmer to have Schorr Architects prepare a proposal for the roof, windows and parking lot. Second By Jane Held. Motion carries by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

President

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Fiscal Officer