

IDA RUPP PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ida Rupp Public Library was held on Thursday January 8, 2026 at 6:10 pm at the Ida Rupp Public Library. The following Trustees were present: Margy VanLerberghe, Jane Held, Kevin Francis, Jim Widmer, Lynne Kroeger and Laura de Roziere. Also present were Lindsay Faust, Director and Tim McKenna, Fiscal Officer.

The meeting was called to order by Margy VanLerberghe at 6:10 pm followed by the reading of the library's Mission Statement.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Margy VanLerberghe to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting with one correction, second by Jim Widmer. Carries by voice vote.

Staff Recognition – Employment anniversaries: Karen Wilhelm, fifteen years; Martha Love, six years; Rachel Petrilli, two years.

Review, Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report

Tim McKenna reviewed the Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation Statement for December 2025.

Revenues: \$ 78,738.69
Expenses: \$108,066.53

SALARIES	\$66,213.60
BENEFITS	\$15,174.23
SUPPLIES	\$ 1,309.39
PURCHASED & CONTRACTED MATERIAL	\$ 9,133.91
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$14,580.67
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 0.00
OTHER	\$ 1,602.71

Kevin Francis moved to approve the financials for December 2025, second by Jane Held. Motion carries by voice vote.

Donations to Library – December 2025

2-Dec-25 Robert and Carole Schau Memory of Roland Wahlers \$100.00
1-Dec-25 The Kroger \$69.10
10-Dec-25 Rick and Vickie Ward Memory of Roland Wahlers \$25.00
10-Dec-25 Dave & Teresa Ashton Memory of Roland Wahlers \$20.00
10-Dec-25 Dave Gerbich Memory of Roland Wahlers \$10.00
11-Dec-25 Chad & Christina Hill \$100.00
19-Dec-25 Patron Thanks for Fax Service \$10.00
29-Dec-25 M/M Chuck Daft & Family Memory of Rosemary Lannen \$75.00
30-Dec-25 Friends of IRPL \$1,443.00

December Total \$1,852.10

YTD Total \$32,040.49

Director's Report – Lindsay Faust

- After many years of discussion about having an event at the library with Reindeer, there was a successful Friday night program featuring two Reindeer. This was a very successful event put together by Nichole Weatherwax before her resignation. Sharlene Anderson and Courtney McGrath took care of preparation and refreshments. There were more than 200 people in attendance.
- Job offers have been accepted for the Youth Librarian and Teen Associate positions.
- The Adult Associate position has been posted again.
- Rich Norgard reached out to connect with WBGU-PBS to host a screening of a documentary about the lighthouses of Lake Erie. A screening will be held on Saturday, February 21st.

From Courtney McGrath

- With the short staffing, a few of the scheduled programs were cancelled in December. A few were still able to be done and covered by Lindsay Faust and Sharlene Anderson.
- Sharlene Anderson is transitioning over to working with younger children, but she will still be hosting the teen D&D.

From Laura Vollmer

- Spent December getting ready for the new year. Rather than Facebook posts for program promotion the day before an event, weekly email blasts will be sent for that coming week's programs at all locations.
- January' Spice Club will be Ras el Hanout. February's will be cumin.

From Jamie Kennedy

- 1165 new library cards in 2025
- Ohio Obituary Index was updated with 1,487 new records and 360 updated.

From Martha Love

- The final meeting of the Vineyard Book Discussion had six participants. The January session will be held at the library.
- The new discussion group, “We Read Wednesday”, will meet on the last Thursday of the month.

From Sharlene Anderson

- The Ugly Sweater Workshop was a success.
- Paint with Me: Holiday had a full registration and a small waitlist. All of the gingerbread houses were fantastic.

Marblehead Peninsula Branch – Dave Kimmel

- Attempted a teen program in December. Unfortunately, no one showed up for the Teen D&D.
- Still looking for a new yoga instructor.
- December 17 did a tech help session at Otterbein. Always an interesting challenge.

Erie Islands Library – Karen Wilhelm

- Always quiet in December.
- Words & Wine Book Club on December 10th had eight in attendance.
- Suzette Luecke is going to continue her crochet workshops in January.

In addition, Lindsay Faust gave an overview of the library usage statistics. There was an article in the Sandusky Register on December 15th about the Reindeer at the library on December 12th.

Committee Reports – There were no Committee Reports.

Items for Discussion

- A. February Meeting – Discussion to make certain that a quorum would be available for the February 12, 2026 meeting.
- B. Other discussions: Insurance Committee meeting, Friends of IRPL meeting with board.

6:50 pm: Motion to adjourn by Jim Widmer, second by Jane Held. Motion carries by voice vote.

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