



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

7:00 PM

West Allis Public Library
7421 W. National Ave.

A. Call to Order

Mr. Rausch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present 7 - Jamie Arneson, Barbara Hart, Darren Rausch, Cathy Manthei, Jody Rymaszewski, Angela Collings, Amelia Bursi

Excused 2 - Elizabeth Suelzer, Ray Turner

Staff present: Michael Koszalka, Library Director, and Lisa VandenBoom, Library Manager

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes May 28, 2025

Attachments: [Library Board Meeting Minutes May 28, 2025](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the May 28, 2025 Library Board minutes as written.
Second by Ms. Arneson. Motion approved.

D. Statements by Citizens

None.

E. Correspondence

None.

F. Claims and Finance Report

2. June 2025 Claims and Finance Report

Attachments: [June 2025 Claims and Finance Report](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the June 2025 Claims and Finance report. Second by Ms. Manthei. Motion approved.

G. Unfinished Business

3. Performance Evaluation of the Library Director

Attachments: [Library Director Evaluation Feedback](#)
[Library Director Performance Eval Timeline](#)
[Library Director Evaluation Policy](#)

Feedback from staff has been collected and the sub-committee will meet soon.
The sub-committee will consist of Mr. Rausch, Ms. Manthei, and Ms. Bursi.

H. New Business**4. MCFLS Update**

A plan for a new welcome card that would allow patrons who live outside of Milwaukee County to use all MCFLS libraries has been discussed. Mr. Koszalka has reminded MCFLS representatives that this is a local control issue.

5. Library Code of Conduct

Attachments: [Library Code of Conduct revised 6.25.2025](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the revised Library Code of Conduct. Second by Ms. Bursi. Motion approved.

6. Trustee Essentials-Chapter 17-Membership in the Library System

Attachments: [Trustee Essentials-Chapter 17-Membership in the Library System](#)

I. Library Director's Report

- On Thursday, June 12th Mayor Dan Devine introduced Erin Hirn, the new City of West Allis Administrator, to Library staff and they toured the Library.
- The Library table at West Allis A La Carte was a huge success thanks to Library Board volunteers.
- Wednesday summer performances have begun. The first performance by Fox and Branch drew close to 300 people.
- Story times continue in the summer on Tuesday and Thursday mornings along with other programming. A Tween Reverse Escape room had 33 tweens attend.
- Circulation increased by 7 % in May and digital circulation was also up.
- In May, the Children's librarians attended school open houses and High Interest days and reached 640 students, informing them about the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Hart moved to adjourn. Second by Ms. Rymaszewski. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Rymaszewski, Secretary



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