

Minutes for  
Library Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting – August 26th, 2025  
Main Library Room.

1. Call to Order

- a. 5:01 pm

2. Roll Call

- a. Raylene, Ruth, Jenny, Julie, Alice, Abbie, Dan.

3. Approval of Agenda (Motion to Approve)

- a. Raylene 1<sup>st</sup>. Jenny 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor

4. Approval of Minutes (Motion to Approve)

- a. Raylene 1<sup>st</sup>. Jenny 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor

5. Public Comment

- a. No public present.

6. Review Bills and Budget

- a. Passed during meeting. No questions
- b. Abbie, Alice, and Julie to clarify the 2025/26 budget with Sue and Jen about appropriations from 24/25

7. Directors Report

- MLA updates – <https://www.milibraries.org/news-announcements>
- ALA updates – <https://www.ala.org/view-all-news>
- Youth Services – All youth services are paused and will resume their weekly schedule in September. Toddler Time and After School Story hour will both take place on Wednesdays this year. We are partnering with Help Me Grow Allegan who will be bringing a play group to our library once every two months to help reach more families in the community. These will be held on Fridays at 10:30am
- Teen Programs – This year we are continuing to build our teen group here. Starting in September, we will be hosting a teen group once per month.
- Adult Services – Adult programs will resume in September and continue to happen once per month all school year.
- Book Sale Room – for the month of August, paperbacks are 5 for
- Library Updates - We have been working on weeding some materials that have not been checked out in over 10 years. We have successfully finished that project, and since doing that we have shifted the books over slightly to have more room on the shelf for returns.
- Program Update - With the increased budget for programs, Abbie will be implementing one paid program per month, alternating age groups. September's program will be for kids, and we are bringing in a company that does science experiment shows for families.

## 8. Old Business.

- a. E-Rate Funding. Potential for 80% funding returned. The applicants must certify with CIPA (children's internet protection act). Cost is based on internet usages and board approval for quote. Raylene motioned to pursue a quote with the Allegan recommended vendor. Ruth 2

<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor. Update – The quote was the only internet bill would be a saving of \$900 on a cost of \$100. (cameras and other technology would increase the savings). Abbie to get an official quote.

- i. Abbie has been talking to the group. Still working on finalizing costs
- b. Sub committee planned for state aid/service contract discussions with Martin township, and continuing with Orangeville and Watson townships after. Dan and Abbie on the committee to start.

## 9. New Business

- a. Summer Reading Overview. Abbie passed a packet for review of the SRP numbers.

## 10. Local Meetings.

- a. Martin Township, Orangeville, and Watson.
  - i. Emailed reports to Orangeville.
  - ii. Emailed reports to Watson.
  - iii. Martin Township. Alice attended. Nothing Library related for the board to review.
  - iv. Friends of the Library.
    - 1. No friends meeting this month.

## 11. Board Member Comments.

- a. No comments.

## 12. Next Meeting: September 23rd, 2025 @5pm

13. Adjournment (Motion to Adjourn)

- a. Raylene 1<sup>st</sup>. Jenny 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor. 5:25 pm.