

**Washburn Public Library Board
Meeting Minutes
May 26th, 2026**

Present: Katrina Winterberg, Kari Goos, Jeramie Tolbert, Donna Gunderson, Sharla Kosloski-board members, Kandi Shape-Library Director, and one member of the public

The meeting was called to order by Katrina Winterberg at 7:00 pm.

Kari moved to approve the agenda. Jeramie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There were no public comments.

Kari moved to approve the 2/24/26 meeting minutes. Jeramie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sharla moved to approve the quarterly financial report. Kari seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kandi gave the librarian's report. She continues to attend monthly MMRL and CDLN meetings. The adult book club continues to meet monthly and is done watching books-turned-movies until next fall since winter is over. The weekly children's storytime 'Puppy Tales with Ichabod' had chicks 3/16/26, bunnies 4/6/26, goat kids 4/13/26, MFRC Lisa guest & Ich's 16th birthday 4/20/26, Seamus the highland calf & Farmer Tillie 5/4/26, and is suspended until next fall. WPL received an educational indoor worm composting farm and the worms arrived 3/25/26. WPL participated in FFA Week by co-hosting a Small Animal Petting Zoo & Storytime 2/25/26. WPL hosted a SRP training for the NDSL 2/27/26. WPL offered a Harry Potter Escape Room 3/19-21/26 with 71 people participating. The 2026 State Aid application was submitted 4/1/26. WPL participated in Taste of Washburn 4/11/26 and served 325 people. The pie social fundraiser 4/15/26 raised \$678. Kandi attended the NDSL Virtual Conference 4/29-30/26. "Farmer Duck" was set up as a Downtown Book Walk 4/29/26 and will be up through Riverboat Days. 10 chicks hatched in the incubator 5/4/26 and are now at their forever home. WPL hosted a STEAM Kit Field Trip for the 1st grade 5/5/26, the 4th grade 5/14/26, and the 3rd grade 5/15/26. The 2026 donation request letters were sent out to local corporations and businesses. The Grow & Gather Gardening Guild will be hosting a Plant Swap at the library 6/5/26. The Riverboat Days parade, book sale, and June D. Peterson book signing will be 6/6/26. The 2026 Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program will run in June and July.

The basement backup issues are still being readdressed by the city. An update will be given at the August 25th, 2026, board meeting.

WPL was awarded \$3,000 for the 2026 Dollar General grant. No action was needed.

WPL was awarded \$884 for the NDSL Winter Library Vision grant. No action was needed.

Sharla presented the annual report to the city due by July 1st, 2026, as submitted by Kandi which includes the condition of the library and property, the 2025 final budget, and the 2025 infographic. No

action was needed.

Kari moved to acknowledge Donna Gunderson to replace Morgan Hapip on the library board. Jeramie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jeramie moved to keep the 2027 operational hours the same as they currently are. Sharla seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sharla moved to approve the 2027 operational budget. Kari seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A new assistant librarian needs to be hired. An update will be given at the August 25th, 2026, board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled quarterly library board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 25th, 2026, at 7 pm.

Katrina adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.