

Madison County Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes (draft)
March 25, 2026

Attending: Charles Carter, Ruth Harbin Miles, Mary Anne Hankla, Cheryl Yowell, Sandra Nowell, Diane Heckel, Gary Jones, Bonnie Utz, Sam Cate, Molly Walters, Kate Rakowski, Jill Quinley, Nancy Sharman, Steve Shilan

Opening:

Diane called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Molly moved and Cheryl seconded to approve Jan 21 and February 17, 2025 minutes. All in Favor.

Library Director's Report: Bonnie

Library Statistics: 7/1/25 thru 3/23/2026

Circulation totals: 28,321

Overdrive e-book and audio usage: 4673

Patrons Added: 143 Adult 56 Child

Updated Patrons: 3,172

WiFi usage: 4,740 sessions for a total of 5,922 hours

Titles added: 1178

Update:

- The Summer Reading Programs have been set up and paid for.
 - May 26th, Tues. - 4-7 sign ups
 - Help is appreciated.
 - We will have the wheel of fortune again. It was popular last year.
 - June 3rd, Wed. 11am - Wes Iseli's Magic show
 - June 12th, Fri. 11am – Bright Star “Peter Pan”
 - June 18th Thurs 11am – Dinosaur Adventures Goodlife Puppets
 - June 23rd Tue. 11am - Snakes Alive (Real Snakes)
 - June 25th, Thur. 11am – Instrument Petting Zoo
 - July 2nd, Thur, 11am -Science Heroes (Digging It)
 - July 7th, Tues. 11am -Taiko Drumming (Listen and Play)
 - July 17th, Fri 2pm – Uncle Henry
 - July 24th Fri. 11am – Bright Star Theater “Dinosaur Academy”
 - Jul 30th Thurs 10am – Rainbow Puppets “The really big dinosaur show”
 - July 31st Fri. 10-12 – Our Blow Out
 - Help is appreciated for this one too.
- All has been going along quite well.

- Bonnie has talked with numerous directors about the best ways to move the collection and she thinks she has a plan that will work for us. Between asking our patrons to check out 20 plus books from that collection and then putting the rest on rolling carts.
 - Bonnie called around to rental companies for carts but was unable to find a rental. However, there are some inexpensive ones available to buy and use later.
- Susan Wingate has asked for the Library lawn again for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday May 7th. We have allowed it several times in the past as it is an ecumenical service.
- In the past month, two staff members have lost family members. Teresa, our housekeeper, lost her brother and Marcus lost his grandmother, Janice. Janice was employed here for 30 years.
- Tracy Gardner would like the lawn for the July 2nd 5-8:30 PM 250th celebration.
 - Ruth moved and Jill seconded to approve this use. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: Gary

- Reports sent
- The Kipps CD was renewed at 3.8% for 6 months.
- All signature cards are now current on all accounts.
- Checks have been ordered for the endowment money market account.
- 3 and 6 month CD's at Atlantic Union are paying interest at 3.8%

Committee reports

FOL - Jill

- Spring plans are in process.
 - We may do the Author voting jars again but not sure.
- We have hung valuable artwork from the donated items and listed them for sale. One piece has sold and we will continue to do this.

Grounds and maintenance - Charles

- Lights are all fixed.
- The bathroom problem was taken care of.
- The porch flooring project was completed for under the initial estimate at \$8,950.
 - They did a very nice job.

Fundraising - Molly

- Nothing to report

Five year plan - Ruth

- Action items have all been taken care of.
 - Review financial and endowment assets
 - Develop timeline for expansion
 - Maintain building and grounds

- Committee will be meeting in May

Library expansion - Charles

- Elevator
 - Charles and Cheryl handed out an alternative bid for a “lift” style elevator from Jonathan Noggle.
 - This is a complete ready to use bid as opposed to the first bid that is not inclusive of all the construction work.
 - The company says they have put this type in commercial and church buildings.
 - Can put up to 4 people or a wheel chair and a person in it.
 - Can carry 1400 lbs
 - The manufacturing company will have maintenance plans.
 - It would take 2-3 months to build and would be button ready at that time.
 - The board agreed that this style elevator is not the right fit for our needs and we would like a traditional elevator.
 - Jonathan is a general contractor and would function as such for any elevator bid we choose.
 - We want bids from both Jonathan and Dave that are comparing the same things - a commercial elevator with total project completion to be able to operate.
 - We would like to clarify with Dave what his services include.
 - He will not be able to give us a totally accurate bid unless we pick a contractor and he will charge to find one.
 - We would like to discuss some fees with him because they seem high.
 - Bonnie has someone who could compare two equal bids.
 - Cheryl will get Jonathan to send us a packet of information on a commercial elevator install comparable to the bid we already have from Dave.
 - We will hopefully meet with Dave on April 15 and may want Jonathan to meet us too depending on what we see in the packet.
 - Dave Puckett spoke to the building inspector about starting the project as if he was moving forward with it.
 - Parking in county spots should not be a problem.

Scholarship - Bonnie

- The guidance counselor has the applications and should be handing them out.
- It is hard to get students to apply for “small” scholarships like ours.

Endowment -

- Nothing to report

Old Business

- Cheryl and Bonnie updated the internet policy.

New Business

- Director Evaluation needs to be completed by some members for Diane to compile.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2025 at 7 PM.

Kate moved and Molly seconded for adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.