

Madison County Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes (draft)
May 20, 2026

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

Opening:

Diane called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Ruth moved and Molly seconded to approve April 15, 2026 minutes. All in Favor.

Library Director's Report: Bonnie
Library Statistics 7/1/25 thru 5/18/26

Circulation totals: **33,945**

Overdrive e-book and audio usage: **7,037**

Patrons Added: **167 Adult 59 Child**

Updated Patrons: **5,118**

WiFi usage: **7,333 sessions 13,126.07 hours**

Titles added: **1,516**

Update:

- It's been a busy time for the library and staff. We have had visits from 45 Head Start students, then Library history lessons with the Kindergarten classes from the Primary School. They loved dressing in the garments of the time.
- We have received a digital display unit from Mallory Grady, Communications & Engagement Coordinator of the Regional Transportation Collaborative, which is part of Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission. It will house digital content to showcase what the library is doing for the summer plus the addition of Madison County organizations that serve the county (Boys and Girls Club, Parks and Rec, etc).
- Give Local Piedmont was a big success with 31 donors giving a total \$3,460.10
- We have been prepping for the summer reading program.
 - Signups are next Tuesday from 4-7 pm.
 - The first program, Wes Isley, is June 3.
 - The end of summer blowout is July 30.
- We hosted the 4th graders on their walking tour of Madison on Monday.
- Bonnie gave the scholarship award to Caroline Wright at the awards ceremony.

Treasurer's report: Gary

- Reports attached

Committee reports

Five year plan - Ruth

- The yearly report is due the state July 1.
- Ruth handed out an updated copy of the report, the action plan and the May, June July focus areas.

FOL - Jill

- The next meeting is Wednesday, May 27 at 9:00 AM.

Scholarship - Sam

- The committee coordinated online to pick Caroline Wright from the 8 applications.
- Kate will be chair of the committee next year.

Grounds and maintenance - Charles

- Nothing to report.
- The new magazine racks got installed.

Fundraising - Molly

- Nothing to report.

Library expansion - Charles

- Bonnie has not heard from Dave about the contractors/bids. She will contact him.
 - We need a board meeting to discuss those bids. Tentatively we can do this at 6 pm on Wednesday the 17.
 - Molly tried to find information about the bid opening online and was not successful so we also need to know from Dave how and where the information is going out about the bid process being open.
- We discussed the plans for expansion and how the outdoor storage and patio area could be the next isolated step. We will meet in the basement to discuss plan options at the June 17 meeting.

New Business

- We might want to have a young person from High School or College involved in the board.
 - The board of supervisors is doing something similar.
 - This could be something we offer to the scholarship winner if they will be staying local for college.
 - Discussion ensued about whether they would be a voting member or only a liaison and how they would be involved.
 - Bonnie will contact some other libraries who have done this.
- Charles brought up the issues with the board being called a “board of directors” and Bonnie being called a “director” and that being confusing.

- The handbook describes what we do as being a “board of Trustees”.
- Meetings June 17, July 22, Sept 16, Nov 18

Our next meeting will tentatively be Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6 PM.

Kate moved and Molly seconded for adjournment. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.