

Jefferson County Library Service

Board Meeting Minutes

Mailing Address:

Dwight Foster Public Library
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Meeting Information

Date: April 2, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Dwight Foster Public Library / Zoom

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 814 4149 5046

Passcode: 0CKnfrME

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5 PM by Tim Semo.

Board Members Present

- Art Biermeier
- Amanda Golson
- Richard Moulding
- Tim Semo
- Duane Scott
- Erin O'Neill
- Tonya Olson

Board Members Absent

None

Others Present:

- Brittany Larson – Bridges Library System Director
- Minetta Lippert – Dwight Foster Public Library (Fort Atkinson)
- Diane Jaroch – Whitewater Public Library
- Kelli Mountford – Karl Junginger Memorial Library (Waterloo)
- Melissa Anderson – Jefferson
- Gerard Saylor – L.D. Fargo Public Library (Lake Mills)
- Jodi Kessel Szpizar - Johnson Creek

3. Approval of Minutes (November 6, 2025 Meeting)

Motion to approve made by Art

Seconded by Richard

Motion carried.

4. Comments from the Public

None

5. Correspondence

- Greg Haasch submitted his resignation for the library board

6. Administrator's Report (Minetta Lippert)

New webpages have been created on the county website. Erin O'Neall has been confirmed as a new board member to replace Greg. County libraries have received their reimbursement checks for 2025. Blog post published from the county in support of libraries.

7. Report from Library System Representative (Art Biermeier)

Waukesha county is working through Act 150 and will take action at a public hearing. Annual report was approved.

8. Report from Library System Director (Brittany Larson)

Annual reports have all been submitted by member libraries on time by March 1. Bridges stayed within the budget for 2025. PLA conference is currently in service and Gerard, Director from Lake Mills, is attending. The fall of 2026 will bring the Bridges strategic planning.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Review and Possible Action: Jefferson County Library Service Web Presence

Discussion:

- Website content remains the same, but is now housed on Jefferson County website and is now accessible and meeting all necessary ADA requirements.

Motion to shut down the current website: Art Biermeier

Seconded by: Duane Scott

Motion carried

Motion to approve the new web presence on Jefferson County's site: Art Biermeier

Seconded by Richard Moulding

Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Election of Officers for 2026

Nominations:

President: Time Semo

Vice President: Art Biermeier

Secretary: Amanda Golson

Motion: Duane Scott

Seconded by: Richard Moulding

Motion carried.

B. 2025 Annual Report for Jefferson County Board (Discussion)

Annual report due by the end of June 2026 (this timeline is approximate) to be shared with the County Board.

11. Reports from County Libraries

- Diane Jaroch – Whitewater Public Library finished winter reading program with 50% increase in participation. Featured on TMJ4 for Read Across America Day. Received two 5,000 grants from the city of Whitewater.
 - Melissa Anderson – Jefferson was able to negotiate 4 full time staff for custodial needs. Added puzzle contests as a community event. Positive reviews from the event. Currently planning for summer reading program. Increasing accessibility for website.
 - Minetta Lippert – Dwight Foster Public Library (Fort Atkinson) will be replacing book drop sorting machine. Increasing accessibility for website. Friends group purchased an RFID wand for use in scanning materials before they're shelved.
 - Kelli Mountford – Karl Junginger – Waterloo, Planning adult and children's summer reading program. Egg hunt is currently running for treats and prizes. Friends of the library held a coffee time and mug exchange along with a sourdough bread tasting. Bingo for books with first responders coming up in April
 - Gerard Saylor Lake Mills-Prepping for remodel, completed annual report
 - Jodi Johnson Creek, book repair machine has been purchased, charcuterie class, Anxious Generation Book Club coming up. Working on summer reading program. Busy fingers a craft club has been meeting Saturday mornings.
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12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Art Biermeier

Seconded by Duane Scott

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Minutes Recorded by:

Amanda Golson, Board Secretary

Date Submitted: 4/2/2026