

Library Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, January 5, 2026 6:30 pm Minutes

Members Present:

Abby Black – Library Director

Elaine Ebeling - Chairperson

Karen Amisi

Carol Scholten

Patti Walcott

Margaret Wheeler

Jacoba Bouma - Tallmadge Township Liaison

Absent:

Bradley Bartelmay – Vice Chairperson

Ken Smit - Library Liaison

Minutes

I. Call to order

II. Approval of the agenda

III. Approval of the previous meeting minutes, October 6, 2025

IV. Financial report

a. Report from September 30, 2025 – December 31, 2025: Under budget almost everywhere, but utilized. More PD for next year.

b. FY26 Final Budget: Four hours of tech torturing by appointment,

V. Communications and correspondence: LOTS of great impact stories

VI. Director's report

VII. Youth Librarian's report: incredible attendance

VIII. Old Business

a. Strategic Plan Update: Focus groups in February. Projected finalized by May

b. Performance Reviews: all but one meeting or exceeding expectations

IX. New Business

a. Non-Resident Card Policy – Library of Things not available

b. Board Positions: Brad moved to chair. Elected new vice or cochair Karen and Secretary Patti

C. Carol resigned after 40 years.

d. 2026 Goals & Objectives: Complete strategic plan, Professional development in AI, active shooter, Hoopla and Libby refresher on May 13, 9-4:00 pm. Community room refresher.

e. Valley Church opportunity to connect more people. Learning series

sponsored by Valley Church possibly at the library. Need more information to know if it aligns with library values.

X. Public comment

XI. Adjournment

Next meeting: Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM