

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

Members Present:

Abby Black – Library Director

Elaine Ebeling - Cochairperson

Karen Amisi - Cochairperson

Patti Walcott

Aubree Carlisle

Margarett Wheeler

Ken Smit - Library Liaison

Deborah Smith - Tallmadge Township Liaison

Mary Cook - Public

Absent:

Bradley Bartelmay – Vice Chairperson

Minutes

I. Call to order

II. Approval of the agenda

III. Approval of the previous meeting minutes (July 6, 2026)

IV. Financial report

a. Report from July 1, 2026 – Sept 30, 2026: on target

b. FY27 Budget Proposal Discussion: staffing increase and small increase in supplies when considering COLA; capital funds for circulation desk that meets ADA requirements and matches current back wall

V. Communications and correspondence

VI. Director's report: Legal approved library funds can be used for lunch for staff development; board support of strategic plan presentation

VII. Youth Librarian's report: Gather to Grow lunches provided by Feeding America of West Michigan (Abby does pickup in Kentwood) needed because of no summer school this year. Over 1,100 children served free lunch - looking to expand next summer.

VIII. Old Business

a. Strategic Plan Update – Action Plan living document we will spend January meeting time with this

IX. New Business

a. New Library Advisory Board Member – Deborah Smith

b. Collection Development Policy Updated and Approved

c. Holly Jolly Holiday Party Volunteers: December 5, 2026

d. Hoopla Discussion: \$1700/month serving small population, pay per checkout, 5 checkouts per patron per month, pricing is not sustainable.

X. Public comment

XI. Adjournment

Next meeting: Monday, January 4, 2027 at 6:30 PM - Tentative