

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 18, 2025
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Call to Order: Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

Present: Pete Kaland, Amanda Wakeman, Nora Vieau, Jim Schieble, Deb Haeffner, Shirley Berkley, Sue Salter, Trina Reid, Merry Anderson (via Zoom)

Absent: Dana Pike

Roll Call, Introduction of Visitors Public Input:

Approval of the Agenda: Jim moved and Shirley seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes November 18, 2025: Nora moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve the November Minutes. Motion carried.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report: CDAR 2 renews 1/15/2026 at 4.35 %, same as previous month. SCLS account continues to increase, up \$ 3,281.65 from previous month. Interest to date on bank accounts totals \$2,358.70. Sue moved and Shirley seconded a motion to approve the Report. Motion carried.

Bills: Bills of \$5,687.54 submitted. Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Budget Comparison: No report

Library Director's Report:

Community Outreach:

12/2-Partnered with Recreation Dept. to host Holiday Tree Lighting (postponed from previous weekend). Cocoa and cookies served by the fireplace before and after.

12/10- Hosted warm-up ornament workshop before the Holiday Train.

Youth Services:

Be a Barista program for teens had an excellent turnout and participants have asked to bring the program back in the future.

Wri-mo MOJO Creative Writing Month continued through November for 4th-9th graders led by author Valerie Biel.

There was no Youth or Adult programming over the holidays.

Adult Services:

Kristen is expanding Accessible Services through USPS delivery program and by reaching out to assisted living and nursing home communities. She also is building partnerships and spreading the word to those who could benefit from these services.

11/13-Catherine hosted successful Trivia Night for Adults

11/14-The Annex buzzed with excitement during Murder Mystery Night

12/10&11-Susan Running presented workshops on perimenopause.

Looking Ahead:

1/5-Winter Library Program "Winter Is Bearable with Books" begins and sign-up is open.

1/10-Inga Orth will talk about her book *From Burnout to Backroads* in which she discusses her time as a PBS "Around the Farm" host and how she moved from feeling overwhelmed to finding joy.

1/13-Author Amy Pease will discuss her book *Wildwood*.

Adult piano classes resume in January every Thursday.

January Teen Afternoon will feature a puzzle competition.

Meetings:

CPL closed for a few hours on 12/11 so staff could attend City of Columbus Holiday Party.

Amanda attended the SCLS All Directors meeting on 11/20 which focused on new SCLS strategic plan. The afternoon also included continuing education with Shannon Schultz on working with your municipality. She also attended the Columbia County Directors and Library Board met in Portage on 11/21.

Facilities:

No problems noted.

Library Director's Goals:

Attended City of Columbus Supervisor's Roundtable, a new monthly meeting for people who supervise staff.

Met with Ray Canales to talk about flooring options in the Program Room, stairs and entryway.

Staff is signed up for several continuing education classes.

Winter Reading Program launched.

President's Report: None

Literacy Council Report: Two people expressed interest in assuming coordinator position. Will follow-up after the holidays.

Friends of the Library: No December meeting

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to open the Page position to candidates. The position pays \$12 per hour for 1-2 hours 1-2 afternoons per week. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Nora moved and Shirley seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:11p.m.

Next scheduled board meeting – January 20, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Merry Anderson, Secretary