LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Community Room - Lester Public Library
1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - President Gadd called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   Board Members Present: Kathryn Gadd, Jack Powalisz, Don Weiss, Katie Stone, Lisa Steinhauer, Mary Glaser, Laura Waalkens and Bonnie Shimulunas. Absent and excused: Shannon Derby.
   Also present: Terry Ehle, Director and Corinne Mathis, Youth Services Coordinator.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT** – None.

4. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
   Motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2026 meeting, made by Weiss, second made by Powalisz. Voice vote carried unanimously.

5. **RECEIVE AND FILE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**
   Motion to receive and file the expenditure and financial reports from September 2026, made by Powalisz, second made by Steinhauer. Voice vote carried unanimously.

6. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**
   Introductions were made to new board member Gerros, who introduced herself. Gadd distributed a quick guide to Robert's Rules of Order for board members and recommended the documentary The Librarians. Powalisz inquired about the possibility of installing a Little Free Library along the trail near Sandy Bay Highlands. Ehle will contact the Parks & Recreation Department to explore the idea. Powalisz is researching the construction of a Little Free Library. Waalkens shared that her daughter's Girl Scout troop is interested in building a bench for the library gardens. Ehle suggested the troop present its proposal to the Library Board at a future meeting.

7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
   Ehle fielded questions and comments concerning her report.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

   A. Newsletter: Lester Public Library *Library Links*—October 2026

   B. Raider Reporter Article: *Books Everywhere*—Sept 2026 Issue 19

   C. City of Two Rivers Ordinance—Section 2-5-8

   D. Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Listing 2026-2026

9. **REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**
   Derby reported that Apple Fest had a great turnout and beautiful weather. Upcoming events include the Senior Information Fair on October 15, Downtown Trick-or-Treating on October 24, and the Zombie Zoom 5K. The Community Baby Shower held on October 2 was the most successful to date, with more than 100 families participating.

10. REPORT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Glaser reported that district enrollment is declining, with more students graduating than entering the district. The district continues to seek paraprofessionals. School report cards will be released soon.

11. REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

Weiss reported that the 2027 budget was presented on October 6, with a tentative increase of 3.9%. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for October 26. The Human Services Department is seeking to add a finance director position. A resolution regarding ATV and UTV use on county roads was sent back to committee for further clarification regarding agreements with villages and townships.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Director Six-month Priorities Progress – Ehle provided an update on progress toward her six-month priorities.

B. 2027 Budget Review – Ehle discussed revisions to the initial 2027 budget presented to the Board the previous month due to changes in projected health care costs and answered questions prior to presenting the revised budget to the Personnel and Finance Committee.

C. Representative Reports – Discussed the online representative reports and agreed to continue the practice.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ehle introduced the new Youth Services Coordinator, Corinne Mathis, to the Board.

B. Reviewed Title 2, Services, Chapter 1: Collection Development. The Request for Reconsideration form was distributed for additional review. The policy will be brought back to the Board for a vote at the November meeting.

14. BOARD EDUCATION—None

15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION—None

16. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn made by Derby, second made by Glaser. Voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Ehle, Director