

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HARRISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harrison County Public Library was held on March 26, 2026. The meeting took place at the Corydon branch of the Harrison County Public Library, 105 N. Capitol Avenue, Corydon, IN 47112. Members of the Board present: Sharon Mathes, President; Sharon Rothrock, Vice-President; Barbara Smith, Secretary; Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor, Pam Bennett Martin, Alisa Burch, Director; Jessica Stroud, Assistant Director/Treasurer; Brandy Wilkerson, Business Manager & Recording Secretary; Leah Porter of Blue Dot Harrison County. Derrick Grigsby and Doug Zeidler were absent.

Sharon Mathes called the regular meeting to order at 3:16 p.m. and stated that a quorum was present.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Consent Agenda

Pam Bennett Martin made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the March 26, 2026, meeting. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Approval of the Agenda

Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 26, 2026, meeting. Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Treasurers' Report

Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the claims and financial reports for February 2026. Pam Bennett Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS Presented by Alisa Burch, Director

Alisa gave an update on HEA 1406.

The Lanesville branch closed at 5 pm on Thursday, March 19, and was closed Friday, March 20, for plumbing issues.

Sharon Mathes, Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor, and Alisa attended the Commissioners Meeting on March 19, and Derrick Grigsby and Alisa attended the Council Meeting on March 23 to give a brief update on HCPL.

Ellie Tucker-Brown resigned her position in Reference due to family and community commitments. Nancy Kitchen was hired as her replacement at the Grade 4 pay rate.

Eden Ransdell, youth services manager, and Sara Deatrick, Elizabeth lead circ associate, attended the ILF Youth Services Conference in Muncie on March 22 and 23.

New tires are needed for the Buick Encore. Steven Schifcar reached out for bids and is going with the best deal from Rick Service Center, Inc.

Sharon Mathes will attend the HCCF Board Governance Training on April 14.

National Library Week is April 19-25. This year's theme is *Find Your Joy*.

- Monday, April 20, is Right to Read Day, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read.
- Tuesday, April 21, is National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Recognize a stellar library worker by nominating them at <https://ala-apa.org/nlwd/>.
- Wednesday, April 22, is National Library Outreach Day, a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.
- Thursday, April 23, is Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

National Volunteer Week is also April 19-25. HCPL will host a Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Thursday, April 30, before the board meeting.

HCPL will be sponsoring the SoIN to Shakespeare 2026 performance of *Pericles, Prince of Tyre* on Friday, May 8, at 6:30 pm on the grounds of the Corydon Capitol State Historic Site.

HCPL's E-Rate consultant AdTec completed the 2026-2027 Indiana State Library 471 annual application for Category 1.

The Indiana State Library Annual Report was launched on March 5. HCPL's report has been completed. The board president must sign, and the report will then be submitted.

Alisa signed all board members up for an ILF Trustee Membership. ILF has received a grant to provide trustee trainings. Board members are asked to complete the Library Board Trustee Training Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ILFBoardTraining>.

Jessica reported that she reached out to six architecture firms to request proposals for phased design master plans for HCPL's Corydon spaces, and that the library will seek grant funding to finance the chosen architecture firm's space planning. She received a proposal from one of the

firms on March 25; she will meet with a second firm on March 31 and a third firm on April 22, 2026.

Alisa asked for an update from the Investment Committee. JoAnn Spieth-Saylor reported that they are making progress, but haven't met yet.

BUSINESS

Pam Bennett Martin made a motion to adopt the Proclamation for National Library Week, April 19-25. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Alisa requested that HCPL close the Main and Lanesville branches for staff to attend the 2026 ILF Regional Conference on Friday, April 17, at the Floyd County Library in New Albany. The Fredrick Porter Griffin Center, Elizabeth and Palmyra branches will remain open and operate regularly. Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the request. Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

A review of the HCPL Internet Access Rules was conducted. Sharon Rothrock made a motion to approve the Internet Access Rule as presented. Barbara Smith seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Sharon Rothrock made a motion that the Director Search Committee could negotiate employment packages and associated expenses with prospective candidates. Barbara Smith seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor said she appreciates fellow committee members.


Barbara Smith said she was pleased with the quality of candidates for the Director position.

ADJOURNMENT

Pam Bennett Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

The Board will meet again for the next regular Board meeting at 3 pm on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the Corydon branch.


Secretary, HCPL Board of Trustees


Date