

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HARRISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harrison County Public Library was held on May 28, 2026. The meeting took place at the Lanesville branch of the Harrison County Public Library, 7340 E. Pennington St. NE Lanesville, IN 47136 . Members of the Board present: Sharon Mathes, President; Sharon Rothrock, Vice-President; Barbara Smith, Secretary; Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor, Doug Zeidler, Derrick Grigsby, and Pam Bennett Martin, Alisa Burch, Director; Jessica Stroud, Assistant Director/Treasurer; Brandy Wilkerson, Business Manager & Recording Secretary.

Sharon Mathes called the regular meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. and stated that a quorum was present.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Consent Agenda

Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the May 28, 2026, meeting. Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Approval of the Agenda

Pam Bennett Martin made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 28, 2026, meeting. Sharon Rothrock 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 April 2026. Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS Presented by Alisa Burch, Director

Morgan Adams returned as a Summer Reading Assistant on May 18, 2026, at the Grade 4 pay rate.

The Friends of the Harrison County Library are celebrating their 40th Anniversary. On June 3, the Friends will host a reception at Main in the conference room from 1-3 pm.

Starting May 18, stickers with the Evergreen barcode schema are being applied to all new cards issued and to existing cards when patrons check out materials.

Jessica and Alisa will be the featured speakers at Rotary on June 9, talking about all the services HCPL has to offer.

HCPL's upcoming Pop-Up Libraries:

June 5 – 4-8 pm – Corydon Farmer's Market

June 13 – 3-8 pm – Harrison County Parks Department Trail of Health & Safety, Hayswood Park

June 27 – 3-8 pm – Corydon Pride Festival, Rice Island Park

The theme for the June 1 through July 31 Summer Reading Challenge is *Unearth a Story*. All ages are invited to participate. Each library branch will offer storytimes, programs, and activities.

Members of the libraries' sewing groups created an America 250 quilt.

Jessica and Alisa are registered to attend the Harrison County Community Foundation's June 18 Grant Workshop.

HCPL has distributed 535 Super Passes.

Jessica reported that she has reached three architecture firms quotes for phased design master plans for HCPL's Corydon spaces. The board decided to create a committee to review the quotes and discuss next steps.

Alisa explained the recent SBOA changes for accepting donations and the use of gift funds.

BUSINESS

Pam Bennett Marin made a motion to approve Tuition Reimbursement to Jessica Stroud. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Doug Zeidler made a motion to approve the Investment Policy and Resolution. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Sharon Rothrock made a motion to approve the following Endowment Requests:

Leadership Harrison County Class of 2019 Adventure Walk Fund - \$514.98

Marilyn M. Rhodes Memorial Fund - \$12,085.44

Harrison County Public Library Fund - \$1,798.00

Nancy A. Keller Genealogy Library Fund - \$4,026.50

Doug Zeidler seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote with Derrick Grigsby abstained from voting.

Pam Bennett Martin made a motion to approve the closure of all branches on October 12, for Staff Education Day. Derrick Grigsby seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Derrick Grigsby made a motion to approve Resolution to establish Gift Funds Restrictions. Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Pam Bennett Martin made a motion to appoint Jessica Stroud our next Library Director effective January 1, 2027. Barbara Smith seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Pam Bennett Martin stated that she couldn't believe that The Friends of the Harrison County Library were already celebrating their 40th Anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

Doug Zeidler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m. Barbara Smith 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, June 25, 2026, at the Palmyra branch, 689 Haub St. NE, Palmyra, IN

Barbara Smith
Secretary, HCPL Board of Trustees

6/25/26
Date