

**NORTH LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Library Community Room**

Present: Maggie Newman, Valerie Rogers, George Simpson

Absent: Allen Bone, Brooke Wegner

Others: Abbi Dooley, Stephanie Dale, Royalee Bishop

OPEN REGULAR MEETING: Library Director Abbi Dooley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Maggie moved and George seconded the *motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2026.* **The motion passed unanimously.**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Royalee reported that the Friends will have a book sale May 15-16 and there will be no meeting in May. The next meeting will be Friday, June 19th at 1:00 p.m.

FOUNDATION REPORT: Maggie reported the Foundation meeting was cancelled today. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at 4:30 p.m.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Highlights of the written report include:

- The next Mission Valley Live program will be “Tomatoes Tried to Kill Me But Banjos Save May Life” on May 20th at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Tickets are available now at the Polson Library.
- Library is updating EnvisionWare and Printing Services which will include mobile print on May 6.
- There was discussion about the locker system. The library will wait to make the purchase until it is known whether or not the Foundation will fundraise for this. If not, then grants will be sought or existing funds budgeted for FY2027.
- An MPERA audit was completed. There were two findings that have been corrected.
- The financial audit is underway.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Financial: Valerie moved and Maggie seconded the *motion to accept the March 2026 Financial Report as presented.* **The motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Monthly Stats Report: View dashboard online: <https://lookerstudio.google.com/s/qlszxWihWqY>.

Cell Phone for Library Director: George moved and Valerie seconded the *motion to provide the Library Director with a cell phone and plan for library business.* The trustees noted approval for the assistant director as well if there is a need. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Purchase of Percussion Play Instruments and Fund for Payment: Abbi presented two options to the Trustees. There will be a camera added for security. The Library has approval from the HOA of the apartments to move forward. The Library received \$4,000 from the Greater Polson Community Foundation and Abbi will ask the Friends if they wish to contribute. Abbi suggested using the Clarkson Fund to make up any difference. George moved and Maggie seconded the *motion to approve the purchase and installation of three outdoor instruments (including the butterfly) from Percussion play, funding any remaining balance after grants and gifts from Fund 2754.* **The motion passed unanimously.**

Tamarack Federation Meeting Report: The written report is attached to these minutes.

Formation of Finance Committee: The auditor suggested that the Board form a finance committee. There was discussion and it was decided that Maggie, Allen (as ex officio) and Abbi would form the committee.

30+ Day Notice of amendments to Trustee By-Laws: Abbi will draft updates for the May meeting. If the Trustees have any corrections, please email them to Abbi prior to that.

Trustee Training requirement status for FY26: Training has been completed by all Trustees.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the North Lake County Public Library District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Abbi Dooley, Library Director

Minutes taken by Stephanie Dale, Assistant Director

Spring Tamarack Federation Meeting

April 24, 2026

Valerie Rogers (voting Trustee), Alan Bone (Trustee), Abbi Dooley (Director)

- **Joys & Concerns** shared.
- **June Committee meeting** in Helena - Abbi will report to the commission about the Tamarack Federation.
- Fall 2025 Fall Tamarack Federation Meeting Minutes (voted & approved)
- **Montana State Library** - Jenny Stapp had Ned Cooney speak about **Americorps Project** possibilities. She mentioned an early literacy program, but said we can't commit at this time.
 - **Projects** mentioned for Americorps Member workers who could come in and work with our MT libraries:
 - IT Literacy, digital literacy, AI literacy; Early literacy; community members who need help accessing or using technology; Community Health Workers; Teen & Children's programs; Art Programs; Helping people access the resources available by MSL
 - **Americorps** is a national service program that places volunteers in domestic areas nationwide (the program provides housing). Non-profits and government agencies will serve the mission of the agency of the project (in our case, the library). It is federally funded and state-directed. Examples include:
 - Montana Conservation Corps, FWP, AgCorps, Habitat for Humanity, ServeMontana -Governor's office for community service
 - An AmeriCorps member works for one year at a time (with some of that as training time)
- **MSL Cooperative Service Agreements** (Sean Anderson of MT State Library)
 - MSL is documenting existing cooperative agreements between MSL and libraries. Here's why:
 - Document current practices
 - No new rules/policies
 - Protects everyone
- **Continuing Education / Certification program** no longer has separate tracks for certification (between board and staff); streamlining the process.
 - Special meeting Wed., May 6th
 - Moving away from ASPeN- exploring alternative programs to Log CE (not sure of the timeline)
- Annual Statistics Report -
 - Meeting room questions at the branch level
 - SRP data elements were optional in the last report, but are now required.
- Statewide count weeks (1st is Sept 20-26, 2026, and again in March 2027)
 - How the library is impacting patron lives
 - The MT State Library will host a training on sharing these stories with local lawmakers

- Collecting input on IT needs - MSL wants to hear more about the IT needs each Tamarack library has. (Not time in the meeting, so Cara Orben will send this out.)
- **FY 2027 Tamarack Federation Plan** of Service Proposal (voted & approved)
 - Increased funding for the annual meeting in hopes that we can bring in the Extension office to train, but they do charge for this.
 - **Board Training** may need a larger venue; Abbi will check whether we can host it at Red Lion. Bring in the Extension Office, who offer great training for the Tamarack Board.
 - Give Abbi ideas, if you have them, for which topics to get training on.
- October - Brandon Wilson will be the chair. Nominations for Vice Chair
 - Vice Chair keeps the Tamarack meeting going. Monitor the votes, follow the agenda. (Must be a trustee) - Carmen volunteered to be the Vice Chair (voted and approved)
- Upcoming meeting dates
 - Fall Tamarack Meeting: Thurs Oct 15 @ 6 pm via Zoom
 - Tentative Spring Tamarack Meeting: Friday, April 23 & Saturday, April 24
 - Concerns about the date backing up with the MLA conference again; Abbi will put out a poll of dates.