

MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – June 10, 2026

Call to Order: The Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room of the library. Vice President Herman Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. CDT. Board members present were Devon Burkybile, Jody Green, Janet Hasten, Steve Schofield, Jenn Smitley, Melissa Strait, and Herman Wallace. Director Alyson Thompson and Head Librarian Jamie Poorman were also present. Mike Cameron and John Tarble were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: Herman opened the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: No comments.

Swearing in of Officers: Janet Hasten was sworn in as secretary for the 2026-2027 fiscal year by Jamie Poorman.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the May 13, 2026, meeting were reviewed. The meeting date was corrected from May 18 to May 13, and a sentence was added as follows: Janet Hasten was absent; therefore, she will be sworn in as secretary at our June meeting. On a motion by Jenn, seconded by Steve, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Correspondence:

Several items of correspondence had been received. These included:

- Thank you notes from Tom Vice, the Simpson family, Carla Geno, and Wyatt Evola

Officer's Reports: Janet mentioned a patron had approached her about a problem with the men's restroom. Alyson will look into the issue.

Presentation of the Bills: The invoices on the June bill listing were reviewed. On a motion by Melissa, seconded by Jody, payment of bills in the amount of \$9,039.03 was approved with the roll call votes being recorded as follows: Herman—yes; Jenn—yes; Melissa—yes; Devon—yes; Jody—yes; Steve—yes; Janet—yes.

Librarian's Report: Jamie reviewed her report for May 2026. See her report for a detailed listing of topics. Highlights included:

- She is working on uploading the photos scanned from our genealogy collection when the Mobile Memory Lab was here.
- Every school class from K-8 and most of the 10th grade visited the library during May. Most of these visits were in conjunction with the visiting author presentations.

Friends of the Library: The Friends have not met since our last meeting. They will hold their next meeting on July 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Marshall Area Public Library District Report: The Area District did not meet this month. They are scheduled to meet on June 23, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Director's Report: Alyson reviewed her report for May 2026. See her report for a detailed listing of topics. Highlights included:

- Alyson reported that the elevator again failed to work on 5/7. The tech feels it is due to power surge failure. She is looking for solutions, but is concerned about the cost.
- Programming for the Chautauqua at the Crossroads. Seats are still available for the dinner theater and the bus tour.
- Bank account balances as of the end of May: Operations--\$121,207.43; Retirement--\$10,000.00; Special Reserve--\$44,494.02; for a Total of \$175,701.45. Alyson noted that the budget items on the May report were not updated to reflect the amounts for the current fiscal year. This has been corrected and the revised amounts will be displayed on the June report.

Old Business:

- IPLAR Trustee Recommendations from Secretary's Audit
Melissa presented the findings of the audit. Jenn made a motion, seconded by Steve, to submit the Report of Minutes Audit as presented. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Consideration of Annual Library Tour Date—Mattoon Public Library recommended
Discussion was held on whether to hold the tour in August or September. Alyson will check with Mattoon before selecting a date.

Other: Herman mentioned a plaque which the Class of 71 wanted to donate to the library in memory of their classmate Tim Crumrin who had authored several books. Alyson and Jamie thought it could be placed in the local author's section of the library.

Adjournment: Steve made a motion, seconded by Jody, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

The next meeting will be July 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room of the Marshall Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Hasten, Secretary