

MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – July 8, 2026

Call to Order: The Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, July 8, 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, Mike Cameron, Jody Green, Janet Hasten, Jenn Smitley, Melissa Strait, and Herman Wallace. Director Alyson Thompson and Head Librarian Jamie Poorman were also present. Steve Schofield and John Tarble were absent.

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

Public Comments:

Swearing in of Officers: All officers had been sworn in previously.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the June 10, 2026, meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Melissa, seconded by Jenn, the minutes were approved as presented.

Correspondence:

Several items of correspondence had been received. These included:

- Thank you notes from Nate Graham, Hannah Vest, the Simpson girls, Olivia Clark, Leanna Morris, Rich Bernardoni, Joyce Stoelting (Springfield, IL), and Bev Peadro (Windsor, IL)
- A letter from Alexi Giannoulis announcing that Marshall Public Library had received a security grant, totaling \$78,550.00 and Per Capita grants for Marshall Public Library, \$6,710.00, and Marshall Area Public Library District, \$6,520.00

Officer's Reports:

Presentation of the Bills: The invoices on the July bill listing were reviewed. On a motion by Melissa, seconded by Jenn, payment of bills in the amount of \$6,197.04 was approved with the roll call votes being recorded as follows: Jenn—yes; Jody—yes; Mike—yes; Melissa—yes; Devon—yes; Herman—yes; Janet—yes.

Later in the meeting, Alyson presented an add-on bill for Bobby Davis for storm cleanup services. On a motion by Melissa, seconded by Jenn, payment of the add on bill in the amount of \$450.00 was approved with the roll call votes being recorded as follows: Jenn—yes; Jody—yes; Mike—yes; Melissa—yes; Devon—yes; Herman—yes; Janet—yes.

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

- Over 2,000 people attended library programs during the past month
- Several memorial donations had been received

Friends of the Library: The Friends met on July 2 at 5:00 p.m. They discussed Chautauqua reimbursements for buses, soliciting new oral histories, annual membership drive and purchasing a new outdoor bench. They will hold their next meeting on September 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Marshall Area Public Library District Report: The Area District met on June 23 at 4:30 p.m. They were introduced to their new attorney, Steve Greene. They reviewed the upcoming appropriation figures. They also approved helping with potential plumbing expenses for the library. They are scheduled to meet on August 25, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

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

- Nora Swalls gave notice on June 24. Her hours will be picked up by Cheryl Martin. Cheryl's hours will be taken over by Wes Tingley.
- A USDA Rural Business Development Grant was submitted by the City to pay for half the cost of creating parking lots on Plum Street. The grant did not include rear entrance construction for the library.
- A detailed building and facility update was included in our board packets.
- Bank account balances as of the end of June were as follows: Operations--\$103,129.24; Retirement--\$10,000.00; Special Reserve--\$44,494.02; for a Total of \$157,623.26.

Old Business:

- IPLAR Trustee Recommendations from Secretary's Audit
This item of business was taken care of at our May meeting. It appeared on the agenda in error.
- Consideration of Annual Library Tour Date—We will tour the Mattoon Public Library on August 12, 2026.

New Business:

Other:

Adjournment: Melissa made a motion, seconded by Jenn, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 12, 2026 after our library tour to Mattoon. The place for the meeting is still being determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Hasten, Secretary