

MINUTES OF THE FENNVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 19,2026

Present: Becky Jamros, Jody Martin, Marilyn Jessup, Bob Sherwood, Donna Matula
Kathy Yankee

Absent: Willow VandenBerg

Staff Present: Teresa Kline

Observers Present: Justin Hunsberger

Meeting Called to Order: 4:00pm

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Yankee, seconded by Jamros to approve agenda.
Passed 6-0

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Sherwood, Seconded by Jamros to approve minutes of
February, 2026 meeting. Passed 6-0

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Financial and Budget: Received and filed.

Director's Report:

- Monday Teresa hosted a group of University of Chicago students and staff from the School of Politics. They had a lot of questions about the role of a public library in the community in the 21st century.
- Our annual audit has been filed with the State of Michigan.
- MERS system has a new portal; cannot access right now.
- Julia and Tyler will run the Gather to Grow program this summer.
- The Anne Frank Project from the U. of S. Carolina is coming to Fennville.
- Teresa will be meeting with Beautify Pullman soon to discuss Alternative ways for persons there to access the library.
- Innocademy director met with Teresa to discuss ways to use FDL with students because they don't have a library.
- June 16 at 7pm Robert "Carlos" Fuentes will speak at FDL as part of the Michigan Notable Authors program. He will talk about his book, "The Vacation: A Teenage Migrant Farmworker's Experience Picking Cherries In Michigan."

President's Remarks: None

- Board Members' Remarks: - Bob Zumbrink at the hardware store will give a 10% discount on tools that the Tool Library will buy from him.
-Yankee offered to bring a card of appreciation to the next meeting to sign and send to Robin Buchler who has moved.
- Committee Reports: None
- Unfinished Business: -Parking Lot Construction Payout Order #6 - \$147,989.69 paid. We should have approximately \$28,000 left to pay.
- New Business: -Boiler repair - a gasket needs to be replaced this summer.
-Summit Fire said our exit signs and lights need replacing. They are original to the building. Sherwood moved, Matula seconded to accept Summit's proposal. Passed 6-0.
-An agreement for use of tools in the Tool Library was presented. The repetition of the word 'return' in Bullet Point #9 was Corrected.
-The Upper Porch dedication plaque wording will be:
"Dennis Martin Memorial Porch
Another Great Adventure"
-Upper Porch Furniture: Teresa suggested a children's picnic table, an adult picnic table, 2 armchairs, and 2 sets of table/ with 4 chairs be purchased. These would be about \$2500.
-Teresa will submit our parking lot project to the ALA for their design showcase issue.
- Gifts: None
- Public Comments: Hunsberger suggested that the library's Code of Conduct could be handed to patrons when they renew their cards. This would ensure that everyone is aware of policies.
- Adjournment: 5:02pm
- Next Meeting: April 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Yankee, Secretary