

MINUTES OF THE FENNVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 16, 2026

Present: Bob Sherwood, Marilyn Jessup, Barb Raak, Donna Matula, Willow VandenBerg,
Kathleen Yankee, Jody Martin

Absent: Becky Jamros

Staff Present: Teresa Kline

Observers Present: Justin Hunsberger

Meeting Called to Order: 4:00 pm

Approval of Agenda: Yankee moved to approve agenda with addition of one item, "Event",
under New Business. Seconded by VandenBerg. Passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes: VandenBerg moved, Sherwood seconded, approval of minutes of
March 19, 2026 meeting. Passed 6-0.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

Financial and Budget: Received and filed.

Director's Report: *ACLA meeting attended. There is hope that a literacy program will be
Started in conjunction with the ACCF!
*Various building issues are arising.
*Teresa attended Feeding America orientation.

President's Remarks: Jessup welcomed Barb Raak, new member from Ganges Township!

Board Member Remarks: Kathleen Yankee is moving to Holland and therefore leaving the
FDL district. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to
serve on the board and for the friendship that developed.
She will be back to visit!

Committee Reports: None.

Unfinished Business: *Anne Frank Project: at least 4 libraries will help with presentation in 2027. Friends of the Library are working on it.
 *Outdoor furniture for the porch has arrived! Waiting for Handyman to be available to put it together.
 *Summit Fire Protection service will require an electrician to complete.
 *Tool library agreement draft - waiting for attorney input.

New Business: *Elevator - not working again. Original to the building and needs to be replaced.
 *Integrated Library System / Polaris - Current system Sierra is clunky and very difficult to use. A committee of librarians has recommended switching to ILS Polaris. If Lakeland Board approves, all libraries will switch to Polaris, which Teresa likes. It will take time to make the change and to get used to it.
 *Lakeland delivery service: The business manager is retiring. Due to a variety of truck issues/expenses, the trucks will be sold and delivery done by SameDay Delivery service. Sorting will still be done by Lakeland staff.
 *Michigan Humanities Grant - Krysta applied for and was awarded an \$800.00 grant which will cover about half of summer entertainment Expenses.
 *Reconsideration form: due to recent publicly posted controversies, The "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials and Programs" form is attached and being reviewed. A review of books on the lower level of the library was done. Of 15,694 books on that level, 172 referred even slightly to LGBTQ+ issues.
 * Jessup and VandenBerg suggested developing an adult art class or workshop or community sharing group at the library.

Gifts: None.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: 4:50pm

Next Meeting: May 21, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Yankee, Secretary

