

DUBOIS COUNTY CONTRACTUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Jasper Public Library Meeting Room

Present: Steve Scott, Pamela Catt (arrived later), Heidi Ehrhard, Anna Grant, Ann Shappard, Lisa Kincer, Kathy Eckerle, Nona Baker, Gaylene Laubscher, Director Christine Golden, Experience Manager Jordan Schuetter, Attorney Greg Schnarr **Absent:** Abby Kennedy, Marc Steczyk

1. **Call to Order:** President Scott called the regular Dubois County Contractual Public Library meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Jasper Public Library Meeting Room.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Minutes:** Minutes from the regular Dubois County Contractual Public Library meeting held on January 8, 2026 given to the board for review.
 - b. **Financial Reports:** The Treasurer's Report covering January 1, 2026, through January 31, 2026, was provided to the Board for review.
 - c. **Claims:** Copies of the claims were provided to the Board for review and approval.
 - d. **Managers' Reports:** The Ferdinand, Birdseye, and Dubois Branch Managers' reports were included in the board packets for review.

On motion by Eckerle, second by Shappard, the Consent Agenda was approved. (8-0)

3. **Public Forum:** none

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Conflict of Interest Review:** Golden reviewed with the board procedures on what to do should a situation occur where there would be a conflict of interest for a board member. At this time, no conflicts have been disclosed, but board was reminded they can be submitted at any time should the situation present itself.
- b. **2025 Statistics:** Golden presented the board the 2025 statistics and infographic for all four library branches. Total circulation of physical materials for the year was 309,927 items with another 112,596 digital items checked out. The libraries hosted 1,267 programs during 2025 and saw 104,025 connect to the wireless network.

5. **Library Updates, Director Golden:**

- a. **Legislation:** Golden gave an update on Legislative Bills that all board and staff should keep an eye on. Most concerning this go-around continues to be Senate Bill 8.
- b. **Snow Days:** The libraries only ended up having to be closed for two days for the snow storm in early February.
- c. **Maintenance Projects:** Golden shared that Maintenance staff has been hard at work on their winter projects such as door repair and having benches powder coated to get several more years of life out of them.

6. **Upcoming conferences/workshops/meetings:** none

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular Dubois County Contractual Public Library meeting is scheduled to be held at the Dubois Branch Library on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 4:30 PM.

8. **Adjournment:** On a Motion by Laubscher, second by Ehrhard, the meeting adjourned. (9-0)

Signed this _____ 12th _____ day of _____ March _____, 2026

<u>Kathy Eckerb</u>	<u>Steve Smith</u>
<u>Hedy Ehrhard</u>	_____
<u>Ann Stappard</u>	_____
<u>Kevin Stappard</u>	_____
<u>Dona Baker</u>	_____
<u>Joan Kneer</u>	_____

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Secretary