

Elkhart Lake Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Elkhart Lake Public Board of Trustees was held on June 8, 2026. Members present included Lisa Doebert, Mary Farron, Sarah Rudnick, Mike Wolf, Patti Zuelke with Rob Orth attending via MS Teams. Rachel Montes, Library Director, was also present. Rachel Karras and Adam Engelbertson were absent.

President Sarah Rudnick called the meeting to order at 9:02. Motion was made and seconded (Lisa/ Mike) to approve the agenda as posted. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/TRUSTEE COMMENTS - The board was updated on various construction projects ongoing in the village including the groundbreaking for the new public works building.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES - Motion was made and seconded (Lisa / Patti) to approve the minutes as presented for the May 2026 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

- I. The Income and Expense report - Director Rachel pointed out the addition of the county reimbursements. Most other expenses were as expected and fell within budget. The board discussed the expense of Playaway audiobooks. A motion was made and seconded to take funds from recent donations to pay for Playaway audiobooks as they would be used for older readers. (Mary / Patti) Motion was made and seconded to approve income and expense report(Patti / Mary). The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Circulation Report - The overall total circulation for May did not change from 2025. Juvenile and YA checkouts were up, while adult checkouts fell 14%. Hoopla usage continues to rise. Program attendance was quite good as 4K through 6th grade classrooms visited the library to find out about the summer library program.
- III. Director's Written Report - Director Rachel reported that the summer library program preparations took up lots of the staff's time.

NEW BUSINESS -

- I. Library patio - Director Rachel reported that the patio may be getting some attention soon. Engineers have looked at the area and planning is underway.

OLD BUSINESS -

- I. Hoopla - The continued increased usage of Hoopla has been a matter for discussion. Our costs continue to rise. Neighboring libraries do not use it or have discontinued support. This matter will be tabled until the July meeting.
- II. Board of Trustees By-Laws re: officer terms - The board reviewed the by-laws. The question was whether the board had to elect officers every year. According to the by-laws an officer's term is one year from the annual meeting held in May.

NEXT MEETING -July 13, 2026 at 9am

CONFIRM ACTION ITEMS - Continue to gather information about Hoopla.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn was made and seconded (Mary / Lisa). Adjournment was 9:30

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Farron, Secretary