

September 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Lena Library Board was called to order at 5:45 pm by President Charlene Foley. Present: Sue Youngblut, Barb Kepner, Barb Schexnayder, Roger Schulz, Kim Hybarger, Kathy Benters, Library Director Brittany Gaulrapp, and Attorney Ed Mitchell.

The secretary's minutes were reviewed, and after correcting the misspelling of Schulz, Barb K made the motion to approve. Barb S seconded. Voting followed, motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given by Kathy. Balances given: Checking, \$86,079.49; Money Manager, \$215,409.22; Total assets, \$649,893.47. Charlene will sign checks next week while Kathy is out of town. She then made the motion to pay August and September bills, and payroll, and to record the treasurer's report. Roger seconded. Voting followed, motion passed.

Brittany presented the librarian's report. Included: 1,733 checkout-renewals, 24 items added, 11 new patrons, 336 eBook/audiobook checkouts. Story hour/after school programs start September 14, lots of kids signed up. Vacation and story hour schedules were discussed at the staff meeting. Under new business: Highland Community College is presenting a program on Cahokia and the Mississippian Culture on 10/29 and Dr. Maxwell from SSM Health will be here 11/5 to discuss his latest book. There will be 2 board seats open in April 2027, as Barb K and Kim are not running again. One packet containing necessary paperwork has been picked up so far.

The generator has been ordered, hopefully received and installed soon.

The childrens area was discussed. New flooring and paint are first, followed by some new shelving and seating. Brittany will talk to Vanderheyden Furniture and get some prices.

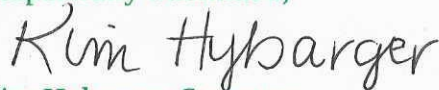
Attorney Mitchell presented the Budget & Appropriation paperwork. Roger made the motion to pass, roll call vote followed. Susan Youngblut, aye; Barb Kepner, nay; Barb Schexnayder, nay; Roger Schulz-aye; Kim Hybarger, aye; Charlene Foley-aye; Kathy Benters-aye. Motion passed 5-2.

Brandon is setting up email accounts for Board members to use, instead of personal accounts.

The repairman for the meeting room doors has not been back, so Brittany will follow up to see what options are. She also will get prices on removing the gas fireplace to make it electric.

Roger made the motion to adjourn, Sue seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Hybarger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Hybarger, Secretary
Lena Library Board