

Western District Library Board Minutes
February 23, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jan Gustafson. Those present were Sue Routt, Rod Ward, Kathi Parrish, Jeanine McGaughy, Julie Abbott, and Beth Hoffman. Also present was Michelle Bailey.

Public Comments

No public comments.

January Minutes

Meeting minutes from January 26, 2026 were reviewed. Jeanine moved to approve as presented, Sue seconded. Voted, approved.

Communications

Anonymous donation of \$15,000 was received. Michelle also donated \$1,500.

Treasurer's Reports

Rod presented the January report, noting that audit fee was \$1,300 over budget. Utilities, however, are under budget. Kathi moved to approve, Beth seconded. Voice vote, 7-0 approved.

Director's Reports

Board reviewed the director's report for January, including the following:

- Winter reading program had only 5 reading logs submitted.
- Circulation numbers were slightly lower than a year ago.
- Various children's activities were held.
- A class was held for making beaded plants, with great participation.

Committee Reports

No committees met.

Old Business

- A. Michelle provided update on basement project. Prebid session is scheduled for March 6, bids to be accepted on March 18.

New Business

No new business

Closed Session

No closed session.

Other Business/Future Agenda Considerations

Michelle is watching Illinois legislature for bill to raise minimum wage.

Jan noted that Iowa is considering removing library boards, with libraries to be managed by town boards. This won't affect WDL, of course, in Illinois.

Sue moved to adjourn, Jeanine seconded. Voted, approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Parrish, Secretary