The Riverside Regional Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 26, 2026

The Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees conducted a meeting Thursday, February 26, 2026, at Riverside Regional Library, 1997 E. Jackson Blvd., Jackson MO 63755

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Andy Meyer at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Lana Arnzen, Tom Gross, JoAnn Hahs, Beverly Hemmann, Chris Hurst, Michele Irby, Amanda Layton, Andy Meyer, Cheryl Ray-Layton, Kathy Scholl, Deborah Wideman and Gary Ziegler. Members absent: Denise Glastetter, Sherry Mitchem and Sarah Pruden. Also present was Library Director Frankie Lea Hannan and Recording Secretary Alea Belmas.

Open Forum for Visitors – None

Reports to the Board – None

A. Action Items

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lana Arnzen, seconded by Beverly Hemmann, and approved unanimously to accept the *January 2026 minutes*.

A motion was made by Amanda Layton, seconded by Sherry Mitchem, and approved unanimously to accept the *January Allowance of Bills and Financial Reports.*

B. Information Items

1. **Correspondence –**

- A phone call from a Perryville patron talking highly of the staff at their branch.

2. **Librarian's Report** (Written report)

   - *Institute of Museum and Library Services* (IMLS) is fully funded for this fiscal year. The State of Missouri saw a slight increase in funding. With a fully funded IMLS, State support for Missouri Evergreen, Courier Services and grants will be sustained.
   - State legislators are proposing cutting the *A&E funds* provided to libraries by 50%. This will significantly impact our FY2027 budget.

3. **Committee Reports –**

   - *The Personnel Committee* met prior to tonight's meeting to discuss the Personnel Manual revisions.

C. Unfinished Business –

- Quotes were discussed regarding the electrical work and the roof work needed at our new Scott City building. A motion was made by Lana Arnzen, seconded by Gary Ziegler, and approved unanimously to accept the quote from Wesbecher Construction for the electrical work and Riverside Roofing for the roof work. We also discussed the need for an electric stove, a new circulation desk and an awning at the new building.
- We discussed our *Jackson building* needing some updates, including remodeling the patron bathrooms and new doors.
- A motion was made by Tom Gross, seconded by Michele Irby and approved unanimously to purchase a new Fire King Safe and have the garage door fixed at the Jackson branch using *Unrestricted funds*.

D. New Business –

- We discussed the *Jackson staff restructuring*. Robbie Black will be our branch manager, which is a new position. She will also be doing adult programming. We will also hire a Children's Librarian assistant for 20 hours per week.

E. Closed Session – None.

F. Board Orientation and Training – None.

G. Adjournment

Cheryl Ray-Layton made a motion, seconded by Beverly Hemmann and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held at Jackson MO on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alea Belmas

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Recording Secretary

Approved by the Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees
Date: 4/23/2026
Presiding Officer: