



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street
La Crosse WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

5:00 PM

La Crosse Main Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

Agenda Packet: <https://www.lacrosselibrary.org/node/47115>

Call to Order

Present: Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey, Aaron Engel, Mac Kiel, Marlene De La Cruz-Guzman, Araysa Simpson, Jess Thill, Rosanne Northwood, Hannah Amann

Staff: Dawn Wacek, Brooke Newberry, Tara Sagehorn, Amber Leibundgut-Peterson

Sue Anglehart called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Agenda Items:

**Motion to move the Closed Session to the end of the meeting.
(Aaron Engel/Araysa Simpson) Carried.**

1 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – May 12, 2026

Sue officially welcomed the newest board member, Marlene De La Cruz-Guzman.

**Motion to approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – May 12, 2026.
(Aaron Engel/Kathy Ivey) Carried**

2 Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole – June 2, 2026

**Motion to approve Minutes from Committee of the Whole – June 2, 2026.
(Aaron Engel/Hannah Amann) Carried**

3 Approval of Bills & Financial Reports – May 2026

*Araysa asked for clarification if the total available funds reflects the amount available after the contingency money was subtracted from the total.
Amber Leibundgut-Peterson confirmed that it was.*

**Motion to approve Bills & Financial Reports – May 2026.
(Aaron Engel/Kathy Ivey) Carried**

4 Reports

4.1 Director's Report

4.1.1 Staffing

Current openings include 1 Supervisor and 1 Full Time Associate in IT. Miranda Greeno has left to pursue other opportunities. Her position will be filled internally. We recently welcomed Chloe Marty as a Part Time assistant to the Create Lab team. Brooke Newberry was confirmed for the Deputy Director position and Paisley Sichone accepted the Service Coordinator role.

There will be more reclassification of positions, and the internal shift of employees will be either cost beneficial or neutral.

4.1.2 Operations and Services

Engberg Anderson is to begin designing the Atrium Project upon completion of the grant project.

The change of Department Supervisors and has been successfully executed. This involved combining Archives and Lifelong Learning departments under Scott Brouwer as Adult Services. Overseeing Frontline, Children's, and Adult services is Deputy Director Brooke.

The Summer Library Program Kick-Off was attended by 518 guests.

The Medora Nelson-Ferris Fund received a generous gift of \$25,000 from the former Friends Board President, Mary Ellen Stolder and her husband.

The Washburn board approved \$5,000 to fund furnishings for older children.

Final steps for closing the North Library Branch is under way. Library staff is making weekly trips to collect materials and furnishings.

The Black River Beach drop box will be in place in the coming weeks.

The potential for new self checks by 2028 is being reviewed for pricing, features, and compatibility with smart lockers.

The second fundraising study committee meeting was held earlier today. More names are being considered and letters will be sent in the coming week.

4.1.3 Facilities and Construction

The Electrical panel bid has been approved.

The air handler project is to be completed by end of June.

A boiler replacement project expense is expected in the next 2 years.

5 Old Business

5.1 Second Reading By-Laws Review and Approve

Motion to approve the new By-Laws. (Aaron Engel/Araysa Simpson) Carried

5.2 Library Director's Evaluation (CLOSED SESSION)

6 New Business**6.1 Position Approvals**

6.1.1 Reclassification of Children's FT Associate to Children's Librarian

6.1.2 Reclassification of PT Archives Associate to FT Adult Services Associate

6.1.3 Reclassification of PT Clerk to PT Community Connector Associate

Motion to approve the reclassification of the three proposed positions effective June 19th, 2026. (Aaron Engel/Kathy Ivey) Carried

6.2 Recommended Service Hours Main

6.2.1 Recommendation to pre-Covid Main Library Service Levels effective August 2026

Proposed open hours would be close to Pre-Covid hours. Changing from 52 hrs a week to 64 hrs a week adds 12 hours of service. With the closing of the North Branch, we are losing 16 hours of service. The additional 4 hours will be made up for with programming and outreach work outside of normal Library hours.

Motion to approve the change of service hours for Main as indicated starting the week of August 10th 2026. (Aaron Engel/Mac Kiel) Carried

7 Topics for Future Meetings

7.1 Election of Officers

7.2 Organizational Structure

7.3 2027 Budget

7.3.1 Fund Balance Priorities (moved to Fall)

7.4 Naming Rights Policy

8 Public Comment / Other**CLOSED SESSION**

Time: 5:34 p.m. (Araysa Simpson/Aaron Engel) Carried

Roll Call Vote:

• Sue Anglehart	Aye
• Kathy Ivey	Aye
• Aaron Engel	Aye
• Mac Kiel	Aye
• Araysa Simpson	Aye
• Jess Thill	Aye
• Rosanne Northwood	Aye
• Hannah Amann	Aye
• Marlene De La Cruz-Guzman	Aye

Motion to reconvene into open session.

Time: 6:09 p.m.

- *Sue Anglehart* Aye
- *Kathy Ivey* Aye
- *Mac Kiel* Aye
- *Araysa Simpson* Aye
- *Jess Thill* Aye
- *Rosanne Northwood* Aye
- *Hannah Amann* Aye
- *Marlene De La Cruz-Guzman* Aye

**Motion to approve a salary step increase for the Library Director from Grade 18, step 3 to Grade 18, step 4.
(Araysa Simpson/Hannah Amann) Carried.**

Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.
(Marlene De La Cruz-Guzman/Hannah Amann) Carried**

La Crosse Public Library Board of Trustees Members:

*Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey, Aaron Engel, Mac Kiel, Marlene De La Cruz-Guzman,
Araysa Simpson, Jess Thill, Rosanne Northwood, Hannah Amann*