

NEILLSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Neillsville Public Library

409 Hewett Street

Neillsville, WI 54456

TUESDAY, Sept 15, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order at 9:05 am by Graeme Williams

Roll Call Present: Graeme Williams, Cory Peterson, Maggie Gelhaus, Bill Neville, Debbie Perkl. **Absent:** Peggy Buchda, Mary Sladich. Also present Luke Friemoth, Janay Ziebell and Kathy Wegner.

Minutes of July 2026 Motion to file Neville, 2nd Perkl. All aye.

Librarians' reports:

Director: Reported on Committee work; upcoming Fall Crafter's Night, Painted Pumpkin Contest, Sneak Peak, Book Club and author visit November 2 (B.E. Thidemann from Thorp area). The Wisconsin Library Association will hold a conference October 20 – 23. Janay and Kathy will both attend parts of the conference.

Children's Librarian: The summer reading program had 145 sign up; 101 finished the program! Six performances occurred over the summer. Story Hour continued over the summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Buildings & Grounds committee report – roof inspected and found to be in excellent condition; the basement area cannot reasonably be made handicap accessible and the area is musty; preliminary discussion on addition to the East (will info gather and report back).

-Budget & Finance Committee report – Salary & wages increase 2.5%, changes to technology and VCAT. Motion to approve as presented Neville, 2nd Perkl. All aye.

OLD BUSINESS

--see committee reports

NEW BUSINESS

--Discussion/Action on hiring process with following the city procedures
(Tabled)

-BILLS AND VOUCHERS – motion to file Neville, 2nd Gelhaus. All aye.

-BALANCES AND ACCOUNTS

-NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – November 10, 2026 at 9:00 am

-COMMUNICATIONS – none.

-ADJOURNMENT Motion Perkl, 2nd Neville. All aye.