

Algoma Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026 – 4PM
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Members Present: Director Cathy Kolbeck, Midge Swedberg, Nicole Meverden, Lila Schlorf, Braelyn Dempsey, Diana Vlies, Sue Hass

Members Excused: Linda Sherman

April 20, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was called to order by Nicole Meverden at 4:00pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Midge Swedberg seconded by Sue Hass. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Diana Vlies, seconded by Sue Hass. Motion carried.

Kewaunee County Library Services Board Report: Jan Tess from the Kewaunee County Library Services Board presented the 2024 Annual Report.

Friends of the Library Report: Sue Hass provided an update on the Algoma Library Friends and the Algoma Book Corner. The Book Corner will be open extended hours during cruise ship visits. The Friends are also providing support for several upcoming initiatives, including funding lunch for library staff on Library Workers Day, contributing \$500 toward the Outdoor Movie, and \$1,000 to support the Summer Reading Program.

Directors Report: Cathy provided an update on upcoming programs and events, including Money Matters sessions with Renee Koenig from UW Extension, Family Forts & Stuffie Sleepover, and a genealogy program in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution. Monthly programs and outreach efforts continue, along with a community scavenger hunt and planning for the Summer Reading Program.

Cathy shared professional development and system updates, including upcoming Polaris training, participation on the OWLSnet Training Committee, and involvement in the Nicolet/OWLS Merger Exploration Committee. Staff are not attending the WAPL Conference this year, though grant opportunities for future training are being pursued.

Cathy reported that library and personnel policies were reviewed, with no changes recommended at this time.

Updates were also shared on the Marketing Makeover project and Google Ad Grant progress.

Treasurer's Report: Revenues and disbursements were presented to the Library Board.

Library Bills: A motion to approve the April expenditures was made by Lila Schlorf, seconded by Diana Vlies. Motion carried.

Old Business: Library Building/Space Needs Assessment: The Board reviewed the completed plans from ISG and the associated cost estimates for each of the three design options. Discussion followed, and no decisions were made. The Board will use this information in conjunction with the Strategic Plan to help guide future direction.

Strategic Planning Committee Update: Cathy reported that the committee held its second meeting and is working to finalize a survey to be distributed in May. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 4pm.

New Business: Midge Swedberg moved, seconded by Nicole Meverden, to close the library on Thursday, September 24, 2026, to allow all staff to attend Nic-Con, the annual fall library conference sponsored by the Nicolet Library System, to be held in Green Bay.

Nicole shared information about Algoma High School's upcoming "Unite the Pack" Day of Service for consideration of participation by the library and Friends group.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Braelyn Dempsey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, May 18, 2026 at 4:00pm.

Minutes Recorded by Lila Schlorf.

Written by Cathy Kolbeck

April 21, 2026