Algoma Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2026 – 4PM
406 Fremont St, Algoma WI 54201
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Members Present: Director Cathy Kolbeck, Lila Schlorf, Diana Vlies, Braelyn Dempsey, Midge Swedberg, Sue Hass

Members Excused: Linda Sherman, Nicole Meverden

The October 19, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was called to order by Diana Vlies at 4:00pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lila Schlorf, seconded by Midge Swedberg. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Diana Vlies, seconded by Lila Schlorf. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library Report: Sue Hass provided an update on the Algoma Library Friends and the Algoma Book Corner.

Directors Report: Cathy gave an update on the library.

- The Techquity event with United Way was held, and 25 computers were distributed.
- The Halloween Party will be held October 26 at 5:00 p.m. in collaboration with the Girl Scouts.
- November programs will include Paper Quilled Cards, Quilting with Niki, Gratitude Journaling, and more. Patrons can find additional details in the newsletter, on the library website, and on Facebook.
- Cathy and Faith will attend the Wisconsin Library Association Conference October 21-23. Cathy received a $1,000 scholarship from WLA, and Faith received a scholarship through Nicolet Library System to help cover conference expenses.

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

Library Bills: A motion to approve the October expenditures was made by Lila Schlorf, seconded by Sue Hass. Motion carried.

Old Business: Library Building Update: Cathy reported that there is no definite timeline for the library building project yet. Some asbestos removal was completed a few weeks ago around the exterior windows and the janitor's closet floor. Work is currently taking place at the Fremont Street entrance. Water, sewer, electrical, and HVAC work is still pending, and a start date has not yet been confirmed.

Discussion: Future Planning for the Library: The Board briefly discussed the library's future priorities, including planning for upcoming needs and potential funding and fundraising opportunities.

New Business: Library Bylaws: Second Reading & Approval: A motion to approve the bylaws with an amendment to the quorum requirement, changing it from three or more members to a majority of the Board membership was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Braelyn Dempsey. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Sue Hass. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:24pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, November 16, 2026 at 4:00pm.

Minutes Recorded by Lila Schlorf
Written by Cathy Kolbeck
October 20, 2026