

Algoma Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2025 – 4PM
406 Fremont St, Algoma WI 54201
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Members Present: Director Cathy Kolbeck, Lila Schlorf, Midge Swedberg, Diana Vlies, Braelyn Dempsey, Nicole Meverden

Also Present: City Administrator Matt Murphy

Members Excused: Linda Sherman, Sue Hass

February 17, 2025 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 Lila Schlorf, seconded by Midge Swedberg, Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Diana Vlies, seconded by Midge Swedberg. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library Report: Nicole Meverden asked for clarification on the price of a yearly membership. The annual membership for the Algoma Library Friends is \$10 a year.

Directors Report: Director Cathy Kolbeck gave an update on some upcoming library programs:

- Storytimes continue on Tuesdays at 10:30am
- Tuesday, February 25, 3pm-5pm – Teen & Adult Coloring Session
- Monday, March 3, 12:30pm – Afternoon Matinee
- Monday, March 10, 3pm – Mario Escape Room
- Wednesday, March 12, 1pm – Paper Flowers
- Friday, March 14, 3:30pm – St Patrick's Day Cupcake Contest

The library has been selected to join the 2025 PBS Kids Library & Community Learning Cohort. Stephanie applied for this through PBS Wisconsin Education late last year. With this opportunity, the library will be expanding our programming for children and families with PBS Kids resources. They are hosting webinars for librarians to learn about high quality, free educational media from PBS Kids and getting trained in media literacy. Stephanie is attending those and then in March/April will be working on programming based off these webinars. Participating libraries will receive a stipend for program costs.

All of our tax forms are in and available for community members. Wisconsin State Park passes are here and available for check out as well.

The Kewaunee County Library Services Board is looking for another member. Please contact Cathy if interested or know of anyone who would be interested.

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

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

Old Business: Discussion of New Library Building & Move.

The board was presented with the proposed library plan from Bayland Buildings. City Administrator Matt Murphy was on hand to discuss some of the layout that was put together and answer questions from the board. The library board was in consensus and support the proposed plan. Administrator Murphy explained that the next step is for City Council to give the go ahead to have Bayland Buildings provide an estimate on the renovations for the building.

New Business: A motion to approve the 2025 NFLS Youth Services Support Grant application was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Braelyn Dempsey. Motion carried.

2024 Annual Report: The 2024 annual report for the State of Wisconsin has been completed. Cathy presented the report to the board. A motion to approve the report was made by Lila Schlorf, seconded by Braelyn Dempsey. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Midge Swedberg seconded by Braelyn Dempsey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, March 17, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Minutes Recorded by Lila Schlorf

Written by Cathy Kolbeck

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