TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana
May 5, 2026

MINUTES

Notice of the date, time, place and agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the Library on Thursday, April 30, 2026 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:
Connie Harper, President
Sallie Fahey, Vice-President
Stephen Bultinck, Treasurer
Kay Walton, Member
Terry Gilbert, Member

ABSENT:
Terry Ashlock, Secretary
Melissa McCandless, Member

GUESTS
Brantly McCord, Staff member
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

President Connie Harper chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:02 p.m. President Harper led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Treasurer, Stephen Bultinck moved the **Board Minutes** of April 7th, 2026 be approved as presented. Board Vice-President, Sallie Fahey, provided a second for the motion. The motion passed.

President Harper asked the County Librarian if there were any comments on the Human Resources Report. She also asked about the status of the custodian position. Mr. Holman provided an explanation. No action was taken on the report.

Under the heading of **Personnel Actions,** Mrs. Fahey, moved to approve the **Personnel Actions** of May 5th, 2026 as presented. Board member, Kay Walton provided a second to the motion. The motion passed.

There were no **Committee Reports.**

No information was shared under **Other Reports.**

There was no **Old Business** to consider.

Under the heading of **New Business,** the County Librarian shared insight about the various elements of the new materials collection branded as the *"Library of Things"* (***LOT***). Mr. Holman commented on the funding of the ***LOT*** collection through the TCPL Foundation's annual appeal. Also, he commented on how TCPL started the collection with fifteen "adventure themed backpacks." Using a backpack that was currently checked in, Mr. Holman briefly showed Board members the contents of the backpack. After providing background on the ***LOT*** borrowing agreement, the County Librarian spoke about the implementation of late fees associated with the backpacks. Through discussion, more background was given about why TCPL didn't have late fees for other materials in the collection and why fees were being considered for the ***LOT***. Mr. Bultinck moved to adopt the

recommended fees for the *"Library of Things"* as presented. Board member, Terry Gilbert provided a second to the motion. The motion passed. There was no other **New Business.**

Under the heading of **Other Business,** Mr. Bultinck presented information on the May 5th, 2026 Claims Listing. Mr. Bultinck stated the prewritten claims are numbered 283-312 and the regular claims are numbered 313-362. The prewritten claims totaled $375,209.47 and the regular claims totaled $249,641.92 for a grand total of $624,851.39. Mrs. Walton moved to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Under the heading of the **County Librarian's Report,** Mr. Holman highlighted one item from his written report and then commented on two other topics. From his report, Mr. Holman referenced item number three associated with the recent Indiana Public Retirement System Employer Audit. He stated it was the first time he remembered this type of audit being done and that the work was fairly extensive and a bit unusual for HR Coordinator, Steven Berman. However, the work was completed and submitted as required. Moving on, Mr. Holman briefly reported about an exception made for a vendor to receive their check on Monday prior to the Board meeting. The vendor had already completed the work. For the final topic, Mr. Holman spoke about a very recent change by the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) regarding gift funds. Elaborating, Mr. Holman indicated the SBOA is setting guidelines for unrestricted donations that go into a gift fund. Going forward, unrestricted gift fund use will be governed by a budget approved by the Department of Local Government Finance. If no budget has been adopted, then the additional appropriation process will need to be utilized in order to spend the funds. This approach to gift fund use is different than what is currently in Indiana Code. There are several nuances and undetermined aspects of this change. Mr. Holman indicated he would monitor the topic and bring more information to the Board in the future.

There were no **Comments from the Public.**

Under **Comments from the Board,** one Board member was curious about the PYSP, Partners in Youth Suicide Prevention, training that took place on April 27th. Mr. Holman shared his thoughts on the training and indicated TCPL staff had a concern regarding the expectations of NCHS as the grantor. He believes this concern will be cleared up in a technical meeting with an assigned PYSP liaison. From the County Librarian's Report, President Harper inquired about the ADOLPLI meeting held in New Castle and the upcoming ILF Regional workshop being held in South Bend. Finally, there was a brief discussion about the quarterly statistics and what those statistics tell us about library business. President Harper thanked the Branch Managers for their departmental reports.

Mrs. Fahey moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:58 p.m. Mrs. Walton seconded the motion and it carried.

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Stephen Bultinck, Treasurer

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