

## Prescott Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes August 21, 2025

**In Person:** Anne Kressly, Jerry Klasen, Carissa Langer, Tasslyn Magnusson, Susan Oney, Penny Peterson.

**Absent:** Amy Fiege, Adam Granquist

**Call to Order:** Anne Kressly called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm with a roll call of Board members confirming that a quorum was present and that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law.

**Agenda:** A motion to accept the agenda for August 21 was made by Jerry Klasen and seconded by Penny Peterson and carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve July 17, 2025 Library Board was made by Anne Kressly and seconded by Jerry Klasen and carried.

**Director's Report:** Carissa Langer presented a Director's Report. Jerry Klasen made a motion to accept, seconded by Penny Peterson and carried.

**Financial Report – Library Expenditures:** A list of expenditures and summary were provided. Budget continues to be slightly below projections, but Carissa reminded the board that expanses are often staggered. A motion to accept the Financial Reports was made by Anne Kressly and seconded by Tasslyn Magnusson. The motion carried.

### **Director's Report Highlights Included:**

#### *Programs*

- 947 participants in 46 programs in July.
- Children/Teen Engagements
  - Storytime at Heart, Hands, and Mind
  - New Adventures Library visits
- The Mississippi Meeting Room received 4 (5 people) reservations in July.

#### *Library Updates*

- **County Funding:**
  - Prescott and Ellsworth library directors attended the Pierce County Finance and Personnel committee on August 4 to discuss ACT 150 funding for 2026. The committee said it was going to be challenging budget year and would like the libraries to come back in 2026. Their recommendation is to keep the libraries at 90% reimbursement for 2026.
- **IMLS/IFLS Update:**

- Carissa presented information from IFLS about the impact of IMLS funding in the state of Wisconsin.
  - IFLS received only about \$27,000 from LSTA/IMLS grants last year, which mostly funded Continuing Education scholarships for library workers. It's a small amount of money that has a big impact.
  - IMLS grants support critical services, especially in small, rural, and tribal communities, including broadband access, workforce development, early literacy, and technology resources. IMLS was last renewed in 2018 with overwhelming bipartisan support, passing by unanimous consent in the Senate and by a vote of 331 to 28 in the House. In 2024, IMLS's \$294 million budget represented roughly 0.0046% of the overall federal budget— about 75¢ per taxpayer.
- **Advocacy**
  - Library director attended the Pierce County Board of Supervisors meeting on July 22 to update the county board about Pierce County libraries news. Carissa talked about Summer reading statistics and programs and shared an update about how the grant-funded teen internship has been going and the community outreach project she is working on.
  - In July, State Senator, Rob Stafsholt, visited the Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) for a tour and to talk about why libraries are important to the community. EPL's library director invited all Pierce County Library Director's to come and join the conversation. Carissa attended and met Senator Stafsholt.
- **Summer Programs**
  - Carissa updated the board on the Summer programs which are doing extraordinarily well.
- **Library of Things:**
  - After \$2K was assigned to purchase items for the library's Library of Things collection, Carissa updated the Board on items to date. 13 different kinds of items have been purchased.
- **Donations:**
  - Ace Hardware donated two boxes of PEZ dispensers to hand out to kids and families. A patron donated a box of PEZ and slime/putty. Carissa shared the items will be used as donations for prizes and handouts for school visits. Strategic Plan
- **Strategic Plan:**
  - Carissa presented the final version of the strategic plan. After discussion, Jerry Klasen made a motion to adopt the strategic plan as presented. Susan Oney seconded. The motion carried.

## Discussion

- **Parking Lot Repairs/Library Reserve Fund/Building Agreement**
  - Continued discussion on the interrelated issues of the request from the City for support of parking lot repairs, the reserve fund, and the building agreement between library and city.

- Carissa presented a draft of an agreement with Prescott. After discussion, the board asked Carissa to send the draft agreement to IFLS for review and the Board is considering having an additional consultation with a lawyer.
- Jerry Klasen made a motion that the Board grant \$30,000 from the reserve fund to the city for the parking lot expenditures. The motion was seconded by Penny Peterson.
  - Vote:
    - Yea: Susan Oney, Penny Peterson, Jerry Klasen.
    - Nay: Anne Kressley, Tasslyn Magnusson
    - The Motion Carried.

**Review/Action – Policies:**

*None this month.*

**Treasurer’s Report:** Amy Fiege was absent. There was no report.

**Issues and Assignments for Next Meeting:**

- Discussion – Draft agreement with City of Prescott
- Budget Draft for Review
- Policies per the regularized schedule.

**Adjourn:** Penny Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Susan Oney, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Tasslyn Magnusson