

Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Crystal Lake Public Library, Ames Room

I. Call to Order: The meeting of the Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Cary Waxler at 7:00 p.m.

II. Call and declaration of quorum:

Present: James Becker, Bonita Drew, Mary Fisher, Stacey Lorenz, Nancy McFadden, Rebecca Sisler, Charles Stump, Cary Waxler, William Weller.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Becky Fyolek, Executive Director; Karen Migaldi, Assistant Director; Veronica Morales, Recording Secretary; Kriste Amherdt, Business Manager; Nancy Weber, Head of Adult Services; Penny Ramirez, Head of Technical Services; Dawn Dvorak, Head of Youth Services; Sylvia Buehler, Circulation Services Library Technical Assistant.

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Board Development: Penny Ramirez, Head of Technical Services, and Sylvia Buehler, Library Technical Assistant in Circulation Services, presented an overview of the new TranslateLive devices, highlighting their many features and how they will enhance customer service both in the library and at outreach events.

V. Approval of minutes of previous meeting(s):

It was moved by Stacey Lorenz and seconded by Nancy McFadden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2025, as presented with a minor typographical correction.

Voice Vote: Aye-9; Nay- 0; Absent-0; Abstain- 0; Motion Passed.

VI. Committee and Board Member Reports: There were no updates or items for discussion.

VII. Financial Reports: It was moved by Charles Stump and seconded by Stacey Lorenz to approve the FY 2025 Financial Report as of December 31, 2025.

Voice Vote: Aye-9; Nay- 0; Absent-0; Abstain- 0; Motion Passed.

VIII. Approval of Disbursements: It was moved by Stacey Lorenz and seconded by Nancy McFadden approve the Regular Disbursements for January 2026 in the amount of \$363,723.18, as follows:

OPERATING	142,615.94
	214,188.97 ⁽¹⁾
IMRF/FICA	37,412.44 ⁽²⁾
CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR	10,993.39
SPECIAL RESERVE FUNDS	16,468.00
GIFT & MEMORIAL	903.50
GRAND TOTAL	422,582.24

(1) Operating Total

(2) IMRF/FICA

ROLL CALL:

Aye: Bonita Drew, James Becker, Mary Fisher, Stacey Lorenz, Nancy McFadden, Rebecca Sisler, Charles Stump, Cary Waxler, William Weller.

Absent: None

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

IX. Communications: Executive Director Fyolek shared communications received since the December 17, 2025, board meeting.

X. Board Action:

A. LIRA Renewal – FY2026

It was moved by Charles Stump and seconded by James Becker to approve the LIRA Property/Casualty Invoice in the amount of \$47,702.16 for the period covering December 31, 2025 – December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

Aye: Bonita Drew, James Becker, Mary Fisher, Stacey Lorenz, Nancy McFadden, Rebecca Sisler, Charles Stump, Cary Waxler, William Weller.

Absent: None

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

XI. Board Discussion:

Trustee Stump shared the following updates with the Library Board:

- The 2026 ILA Annual Conference will be held October 6–8 at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, IL.

- Upcoming Library Trustee Forum Spring Webinars (10 a.m.–12 p.m.):
 - March 7 – *Trustee Budgeting Toolkit: Driving Library Goals*
 - April 4 – *Empowering Patrons Through AI Literacy*
 - May 9 – *Book Bans and Intellectual Freedom for Trustees*
- Trustee Stump reported that there are ongoing state-level discussions about implementing annual required trustee training.
- Trustee Stump encouraged trustees to register for the *Film Screening: The Librarians*, which will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the McHenry County College’s Luecht Auditorium.
- Trustee Stump also shared that he recently read to preschoolers at the YMCA.

Trustee Lorenz shared that she attended the recent Library Foundation meeting and reported that the Foundation website is now linked to the library’s website. She also noted that there are currently two open seats on the Library Foundation Board.

Trustee Sisler inquired about the 2026 Library Lovers Expedition, and Dawn Dvorak, Head of Youth Services, along with Nancy Weber, Head of Adult Services, provided an overview.

Trustee Drew inquired about the current librarian job opening, and Executive Director Fyolek provided an update.

XII. Staff Reports: Written reports from Executive Director, Adult Services, Circulation Services, IT/Technical Services, Marketing, and Youth Services reports were included in the packet.

XIII. Adjournment: It was moved by James Becker and seconded by William Weller to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Voice Vote: Aye-9; Nay- 0; Absent-0; Abstain- 0; Motion Passed.

Rebecca Sisler, Secretary