

Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library
302 East Main Street, Belding, Michigan 48809
Regular Meeting of the Alvah N. Belding Library Board
Library Board Minutes from March 23, 2026

Library Board Members Present: Jan Lamborne, Cynthia Miller, Tom Morse, Caitlin Rodel

Director: Britney Dillon

Guests Present: Betty Jenkins

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Jan Lamborne at 5:33 pm, and Roll was called. A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Cynthia Miller to excuse Andy Hurst's absence. Roll was called and motion passed.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Cynthia Miller to approve the agenda, as presented. Roll was called and motion passed.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Caitlin Rodel and supported by Jan Lamborne to approve the March 9 Board Meeting minutes, as presented. Roll was called and motion passed. A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Cynthia Miller to approve the March 9 Closed Session minutes, as presented. Roll was called and motion passed.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Library Reports:** Director's Report, Adult Services Report, Youth Services Report, Monthly Circulation Report, and Monthly Financial Report were all reviewed. These reports were received for filing.

a. Comments on Reports:

Director's Report: The YES Committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 13. The next step will be meeting with the Ionia County Commissioner on April 14 and April 28 to seek approval of the millage ballot proposal.

Britney also attended the ICLA (Ionia County Library Directors) meeting, the Lakeland Library Cooperative board meeting and advisory council meeting.

Adult Services Report: Michelle's craft programs continue to be very popular. She has been reaching out to local groups to offer more programs for the community. In March the library had a program in conjunction with the Commission on Aging, and the Ionia County Health Department.

Youth Services Report: Barbara holds several fun activities each month for the t(weens), and has many regulars involved in Storytime.

This month Barbara was busy with Battle of the Books. She had five teams participate. Two teams will travel to Portland High School April 23 to compete in the finals.

Barbara also attended the ICLA (Ionia County Libraries Association) youth services meeting, and attended the LLC (Lakeland Library Cooperative) youth services meeting.

Monthly Circulation Report: Digital Book checkouts are up.

Monthly Financial Report: Britney likes the new billing system and says it is working out well.

6. **Notice of Paid Bills:** A motion was made by Caitlin Rodel and supported by Tom Morse to pay the bills for February. Roll was called and motion passed.

a. **Comments on bills:** None

7. **Communication and Correspondence:** None

8. **Unfinished Business:**

a. **LED Lighting**

G&D Electric is looking at ways to separate the LED light replacement project to make it more manageable. This may allow the library to be closed for fewer hours.

b. **Fire Doors**

Britney contacted Overhead Door to make sure the cost proposal is still valid, and to get on the schedule to begin the repairs.

9. **New Business**

a. **2026 Officers**

Treasurer: Caitlin Rodel

A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Cynthia Miller. Caitlin accepted. Roll was called and motion passed.

b. **2025-26 Budget Amendment**

In order to have exact numbers to work with, Britney and Becky will work on the budget amendment when they get the millage check. This should happen in the next 2 weeks.

c. **2026-27 Budget Proposal**

The budget is quite conservative this year, being uncertain if the millage vote will pass.

10. **Council Liaison Report:** Bonita Steele, the City Council Liaison, was absent.

11. **Friends of the Library:** None
12. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Betty Jenkins welcomed Tom Morse and Caitlin Rodel to their new board positions.
13. **Trustee Comments:**
 - a. **Jan Lamborne:** Is thrilled to have our new board members on board, and to have a complete board.
 - b. **Andy Hurst:** Absent
 - c. **Cynthia Miller:** Enjoyed working with Ron and Jenn, but it's nice to be working with Tom and Caitlin now.
 - d. **Caitlin Rodel:** Happy to be here.
 - e. **Tom Morse:** None
14. **Motion to Adjourn:** At 6:09 pm a motion was made by Cynthia Miller and supported by Jan Lamborne. Roll was called and motion passed.

Our next scheduled Library Board meeting will be on **March 23, 2026**, at **5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Miller
Library Board of Trustees Secretary