



**Hudson Area Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Sept. 16, 2025**

- 1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Paul Berning. Roll call, certification of quorum, certification of compliance with WI open meeting laws and public records laws, introduction of visitors and guests.**

Board members present: Paul Berning, Barb Peterson, Gerry Klecker, Bryan Wells (joined via Zoom at 7:45 p.m.), Jim Dalluhn, Bill Fehrenbach, Chad Wiertzema, Rich O'Connor (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Board members absent: Sammi Dittloff

Staff: Jamie Smith, Shelley Tougas

Visitors: Julie Irwin, New Richmond

- 2. Citizen Comments**

None

- 3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Fehrenbach to approve consent agenda items a-d

Second by Klecker

Discussion: None

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED - 7 Ayes/0 Nays

- 4. Presentations**

Friends of the Library: Tougas reported the FOL will fund the coffee cart and new hotspots in 2026.

Foundation: Klecker reported the HALF advisory committee will meet in October.

- 5. Updates/Reports**

President: Berning called for a 31-second moment of silence to heal our country.

City of Hudson: None

School district: Dalluhn stated the school district is holding community conversations.

- 6. Committee Updates**

Hudson Area Public Library ... books are just the beginning

Policy and Personnel: None

Finance: Committee met before the regular meeting

7. Director's Report

The written report was presented by Tougas. This report can be found in the LBOT packet dated 9/16/2025.

8. PRESENTATION: HAPL trends

Tougas presented trends in meeting room use, study room use and circulation.

9. PRESENTATION: Budget Revenue Report

Tougas presented via slideshow the 2023-2026 budget comparison covering funding from the county and city as well as grants, and how our level of funding got to the point where it is.

10. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Budget and Revenue Report

Discussion was held about the library's 2026 funding and budget. Board will vote on the budget after the City of Hudson has approved its expenditure for the library, likely in November.

11. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Dalluhn

Second by O'Connor

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 8 Ayes/0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Tougas