

Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2026

The meeting of the Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees held on August 19, 2026, in the Orlady Community Room, was called to order by Fieldhack at 4:01 p.m.

Members present: Carol Codner, Frank Cuthbert, Tami Erickson, Randy Fieldhack, Ben Frank, Kate Hancock-Cooke, Michael Koller, Jenn McMahon, Pat Rickman, Kay Doiron, and Emmaxia Rockweit.

Also present: Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm, director; Nancy Baird, circulation services manager; Mehta Hess, adult services manager; Katrina Wulff, youth services manager; Elsa Thiel.

Members excused: Lisa Hemes, Elizabeth Irish.

Minutes

On motion of Cuthbert, seconded by Codner, the Board unanimously approved the Library Board meeting minutes of the July 15, 2026.

On the motion of Rickman, seconded by Cuthbert, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 5, 2026, Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting.

Koller arrived at 4:05 pm.

Bills for consideration

On the motion of Erickson, seconded by Codner, the Board unanimously approved payment of the August bills.

2027 Operating Budget

On the motion of Rickman, seconded by Cuthbert, the Board unanimously approved the 2027 Operating Budget.

Erickson left at 4:56 pm.

Director's and Technical Services Report

Hardina-Wilhelm shared how well the tornado response was handled by staff, and the positive comments she has gotten from the public about the response.

Department Reports

Adult Services Department

Hess shared news of the new Community Art Exchange in front of the library, where people can leave or take art, and that a happy Book Shuttle patron is promoting the service to all their friends.

Circulation Services Department

Baird shared that summer lunches were served to 6,227 people, including adults in the aftermath of the tornado.

Youth Services Department

Wulff shared that Jan Koshalek will be retiring, and Dan Higgins has moved into a position in Youth Services. The Bibliocycle was very popular this summer and was featured in an article in the Neenah News recently.

Next regularly scheduled meeting

Wednesday, September 16 at 4:00 pm in the Orlady Community Room.

Adjournment

On motion of Codner, seconded by Frank, the Library Board adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mehta Hess". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mehta" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hess".

Mehta Hess