

Neenah Public Library Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2026

The meeting of the Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, in the Roger and Nancy 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, Lisa Hemes, Elizabeth Irish, Michael Koller, Pat Rickman, and Kay Doiron

Members excused: Jenn McMahon, Alivia Haller

Also present: Joshua Kutney, Mark Neuman, Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm, director; Nancy Baird, circulation services manager; Mehta Hess, adult services manager; Katrina Wulff, youth services manager.

Minutes

On motion of Erickson, seconded by Hemes, the Board unanimously approved the Library Board meeting minutes of April 15, 2026.

On the motion of Irish, seconded by Rickman, the Finance and Personnel Committee approved the meeting minutes of April 22, 2026

Bills for consideration

On the motion of Erickson, seconded by Rickman, the Board unanimously approved payment of the May bills.

Teen Representative positions

On the motion of Cuthbert, seconded by Irish, the Board unanimously approved the reappointment of Kay Doiron as Teen Representative until May 2027.

On the motion of Rickman, seconded by Hemes, the Board approved the appointment of Emmaxia Rockweit as Teen Representative for a first one-year term.

Director's and Technical Services Report

Director Hardina-Wilhelm announced that Elsa Thiel, a student at Marquette University, has begun her summer internship at the library. She will be helping at programs, summer lunch service, and with Bibliocycle outreach.

Department Reports

Adult Services: Hess mentioned popularity of the Jazz Concert series, the Summer Library Program Kick-Off will be June 16, and registrants for the reading challenge receive a pair of Library Logo socks.

Circulation Services: Baird noted a successful April Food Drive with the the food received going to Fox Valley Community Table, who were very grateful for the donations.

Youth Service: Wulff reported that the summer lunch program will begin June 8, and the Library will be serving lunches Monday-Friday for seven weeks this year. She highlighted several very popular Field Trip Storytimes that took place in May, and described the exciting new props contributed by a patron which enhanced the magical fun for Pint-Sized Prom attendees.

Next regularly scheduled meeting

Wednesday, June 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the Orlady Community Room.

Baird, Hess, Wulff, Doiron, Kutney, and Neuman left the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Closed Session

On the motion of Fieldhack, seconded by Irish, the Board approved moving into closed session as provided for

by Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

On the motion of Fieldhack, seconded by Irish, the Board approved the internal equity increases for three library employees.

Hardina-Wilhelm left at 5:20 p.m.

On the motion of Fieldhack, seconded by Erickson, the Board approved the annual performance evaluation and compensation for Director Hardina-Wilhelm.

Adjournment

On motion of Irish, seconded by Fieldhack, the Library Board adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Baird". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Baird