



**LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 14, 2026 AT 5:30 PM
MOORHEAD LIBRARY - 450 CENTER AVE.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Agenda Amendments
3. Approve Minutes
 - A. February 2026 Agenda
4. Information/Update
 - A. The Loop Public Opening and Service Update
 - B. The Loop Sponsorship Opportunities
5. Business Items
 - A. 2026 Endowment Fund Disbursement
6. Director Report
 - A. April 2026 Director Report
7. New Business
8. Adjourn



**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD
MOORHEAD LIBRARY - 118 5TH STREET SOUTH
February 10, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (7): Linda Schell, Cady Rutter, Neely Benton, Karin Olson Held, Samantha Gust, Charley Johnson, Emily Moore

Present Not Voting (0):

Absent (1): Sonja Bloomquist

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm. There were enough board members present to have a quorum. Neely Benton, Board Chair, conducted the meeting.

2. Agenda Amendments

Cady moved to approve the agenda, Linda seconded. Motion passed.

3. Approve Minutes

Sam moved to approve the amended minutes; Linda seconded. Motion passed.

A. November 18, 2025 Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Samantha Gust and seconded by Cady Rutter.

For 7: Linda Schell, Cady Rutter, Neely Benton, Karin Olson Held, Samantha Gust, Charley Johnson, Emily Moore

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

4. Recognitions/Presentations

A. Welcome New Member - Linda Schell

Linda introduced herself and took the oath of office.

B. LARL Overview with Liz Lynch

Liz gave an overview of Minnesota libraries and LARL services.
Congress approved IMLS funding last week.

5. Information/Update

A. The Loop Construction Update and Moving Timeline

Megan shared temporary hours during the transition to The Loop.
Moving begins in early March with a targeted opening date of early April.

B. The Loop Fundraising Update

\$2.3 million raised from the \$4 million goal.
A number of spaces are still available for sponsorship.

6. Business Items

A. Review and Update Bylaws

Megan suggested a wording change to clarify the library board appointment process to the LARL board. Charley moved to approve the change, Sam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Director Report

A. February 2026 Director's Report

Giving Hearts Day is February 12th; events will be held throughout the day.

8. New Business

A. 2026 Officer Elections

The board elected the following individuals as presented on ballots:

Chair: Neely
Vice-Chair: Sam
Secretary: Karin
LARL Reps: Charley and Linda

9. Adjourn

Neely moved to adjourn at 6:34pm. Karin seconded.

Moorhead Library Advisory Board
April 14, 2026

Director's Report

Library Activity

- Library staff spent the month of March moving into The Loop. Leigh Cameron, Circulation Supervisor, coordinated the move of over 50,000 items (books, DVDs, magazines, etc.) to the new facility and worked with staff to arrange these items on the new shelves. Thank you to Leigh and all staff for all of your hard work!
- Library staff welcomed various groups into the new building during the last week of March, including tours for daycare groups and community partners. A donor appreciation event and trial run of our popular Baby Bounce were also held. Reaction to the new space has been positive and we expect heavy traffic over the coming months.

Programs and Services

- The new Moorhead Public Library, located in The Loop, opened to the public April 8th. We are still waiting on a few furniture pieces, however all services are available. Staff have done a great job introducing the community to the new space.
- Upcoming Events
 - Our Spring Legacy Lineup includes an author visit with Patty Wetterling and Joy Baker.
 - A Grand Opening Celebration will be held April 18th at 9:45.
 - Library staff are slowly beginning to host regular weekly events such as storytime, Senior Social and more. Check larl.org/moorhead for a full listing of events.

Moorhead Friends of the Library

- The Friends will host their annual meeting Tuesday, April 14 to elect officers and provide an overview of 2025 activities.
- The Friends will host their first book sale in the new library April 23-25. This sale is part of a metro-wide book sale, with the Friends of the Fargo and West Fargo Public Libraries hosting congruent sales. Shoppers