



## Library Board Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Admin Office

126 E Main St

Ionia, MI 48846

**March 18, 2026**

### Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Yeomans called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

**Members Present:** Amy Fuller, Kyle Ondersma, Ashley Reisbig and Gale Yeomans

**Members Absent:** Toni Ann Buys and Nancy Miller

**Other Attendees:** Director Dale Parus, Union Representative Shanni Kerr and Manager of Library Operations Paula Wood

**Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Reisbig to approve the agenda, supported by Ondersma. Motion carried unanimously.

**Previous Minutes:** **Motion** by Fuller to accept the February 18, 2026 meeting minutes, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** The February 2026 financial reports were received and filed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Director's Report & Statistics Report:** The Director's Report and the February Statistical Report were received and filed.

### **Committee Reports**

--*Finance Committee:* No report.

--*Personnel Committee (Yeomans, Buys & Parus):* No report.

--*Policy Committee (Miller, Buys, Parus & Kerr):* No report.

--*Building and Grounds Committee (Fuller, Reisbig & Parus):* No report.

--*Grant Committee (Yeomans, Reisbig & Parus):* No report.



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**Continuing Business:**

--*Ionia Community Library Foundation (ICLF):* A grant writer from Davenport University is interested in assisting the ICLF in locating grants and with the application process.

--*Ionia County Library Association (ICLA) 2026:* The committee filled all four officer positions. The ballot language will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners for their consideration; Yeomans and Parus will attend the meeting. The committee debated the scope of the advertising campaign; a firm decision on what that will entail has yet to be determined.

**New Business:**

--*Proposed DDA and Tax Increment Financing Plan:* The city will be creating a new Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan (TIF) Plan (Ordinance No. 603) to replace the current Plan, which expires soon. The ICL was notified by mail of the proposal, as the Future ICL is in the DDA district.

The ICL millage is currently exempt from DDA and TIF tax capture as per Public Act 506 of 2017, and others. The Acts exempted libraries from all tax captures schemes (except Brownfield authorities) under certain conditions, which ICL met at the time. Parus reviewed the new Plan that was in the DDA's February meeting packet and it indicates that the library millage will continue to be exempt.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** **Motion** to adjourn by Fuller, supported by Yeomans. Motion carried unanimously. President Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood  
Manager of Library Operations