



Library Board Meeting

2nd Floor Admin Office

126 E Main St

Ionia, MI 48846

January 21, 2026

Minutes

Call to Order: President Yeomans called the meeting to order at 6 PM and welcomed new City of Ionia appointed board member Kyle Ondersma.

Members Present: Toni Ann Buys, Amy Fuller, Nancy Miller, Kyle Ondersma, Ashley Reisbig and Gale Yeomans

Members Absent: None.

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

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

Previous Minutes: **Motion** by Buys to accept the November 19, 2025 meeting minutes, supported by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The November and December 2025 financial reports were received and filed.

Public Comment: None.

Director's Report & Statistics Report: The Director's Report and the November and December Statistical Reports 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)*: The next fundraising event the ICLF will host is Holocaust Survivor Irene Miller on Saturday, April 18 at 2 PM at the Future ICL. Admission cost is a donation to the Foundation.

The ICLF has produced a video, which will be released soon, to use for social media purposes to draw attention to the ICLF's mission and generate donations.

New Business:

--*Ionia County Library Association (ICLA) 2026*: Parus and Yeomans will attend the first meeting on Thursday, January 22 to begin planning for the county-wide millage renewal campaign.

Announcements: Yeomans was down at ICL when the County was getting out of work and noticed the spaces on Library Street were all full with County employee vehicles. The time to park on Library Street is supposed to be a 2-hour limit. Library patrons struggle to find any close space to park to use ICL and it was suggested that the County be contacted regarding this matter.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Fuller, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously. President Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood
Manager of Library Operations