

## Lincoln County Library System

Board of Trustees Meeting, March 19, 2026

1:00 p.m. – Lincoln County Library – Kemmerer, Wyoming

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairperson Bluemel. Present were Board of Trustees members - Anne Bluemel, Gayle Chadwick (via video-conference), Jean Kelley (via video-conference) and Rosalie Tratnik; Director - Missy Harris. Operations Manager - October Dunford and Board of Trustees member - Ann Willford were absent.

Chairperson Bluemel asked if there were any changes to the agenda or to the minutes of February 19, 2026. There were no changes. The agenda and minutes were approved by consensus.

### Acceptance of Bills

It was moved to accept the end of month February 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$139,109.16 and March 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$41,032.51 (Tratnik/Chadwick); Motion carried.

### Action Items

#### Approve FY27 Proposed Budget

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the proposed FY27 budget in detail. After addressing several key considerations, the Board approved the budget as presented in the amount of \$2,312,903.00 (Kelley/Chadwick); Motion carried. The approved budget will be presented to the County Commissioners in April.

### Discussion Items

#### FY26 Strategic Plan

Highlights from the Strategic Plan goals:

- GOAL #1: Seek Partnership for collaboration.
  - LCLS partnered with Jackson Hole History Museum to provide three museum passes, each admitting up to four patrons at no cost.
- GOAL #2: Provide appealing, inclusive programs of high interest to adults.
  - Thayne hosted an adult “Junk Journaling” class led by local artist Rosa Montano, as well as a four-week landscape drawing series with local artist Tawna Allred.

#### Legislative Session

We monitored two Wyoming legislative bills affecting libraries: HB10 (Sexually Explicit Materials in Libraries) and HB72 (Obscenity Amendments). HB10 passed the House but failed in the Senate on March 4, 2026; HB72 was not introduced. We are pleased with the outcome and appreciate the strong support for Wyoming libraries and their communities.

#### Court Navigator

The Wyoming Judicial Branch Court Navigator Program is expanding to Lincoln County, providing remote support via Microsoft Teams for residents handling their own legal matters. Trained volunteers assist with court procedures, forms, and cases such as protection orders, evictions, and family law. Libraries will help promote this resource to the community.

#### Letter to Commissioner

Jane Clemens, a patron of the Alpine Branch Library, submitted a letter to the Commissioners sharing her appreciation for and highlighting what a wonderful asset the Alpine library is to the community.

Jackson Hole History Museum

The Lincoln County Library System has partnered with the Jackson Hole History Museum to provide library patrons with complimentary passes for up to four individuals. These passes may be reserved or checked out by contacting or visiting the Alpine, Star Valley, or Thayne branch libraries.

Staff

Kelsey Richards, Thayne Branch Manager, submitted her resignation on February 26, 2026. Her last day of work will be March 20, 2026. Kelsey has been a dedicated employee and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Upcoming events were noted.

Financial statements, Branch Managers and Youth Service Librarians reports were reviewed.

Chairperson Bluemel asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 p.m. (Kelley/Tratnik); Motion carried.

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Anne Bluemel, Chairperson

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