

## Lincoln County Library System

Board of Trustees Meeting, April 16, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chairperson Bluemel. Present were Board of Trustees members - Anne Bluemel, Gayle Chadwick (via video-conference), Jean Kelley (via video-conference), Rosalie Tratnik and Ann Willford; Director - Missy Harris and Operations Manager - October Dunford.

Chairperson Bluemel asked if there were any changes to the agenda or to the minutes of March 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 March 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$131,548.83 and April 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$28,615.02 (Willford/Tratnik); Motion carried.

### Action Items

None

### Discussion Items

### FY26 Strategic Plan

Highlights from the Strategic Plan goals:

- GOAL #1: Seek Partnership for collaboration.
  - Thayne partnered with Silver Star Communications, whose five volunteers helped dismantle old bookshelves and assemble new ones.
- GOAL #2: Provide appealing, inclusive programs of high interest to adults.
  - Cokeville hosted an adult flower arrangement class led by a local artist.

### FY27 Budget Narrative for Commissioners

On March 27, 2026, Director Harris submitted the proposed FY27 budget to the Commissioners, accompanied by a detailed budget narrative.

### FY27 Budget Hearing

The Budget Hearing with the Commissioners is scheduled for May 4, 2026 at 11 a.m. Director Harris and Chairperson Bluemel will attend to present our budget request.

### Summer Food Service Program

On March 25, 2026, Director Harris met with state nutrition officials to discuss using libraries as Summer Food Service Program distribution sites. However, the program cannot be implemented in Lincoln County right now because there is no qualified sponsor. A sponsor must have access to a commercial kitchen to prepare meals, and neither Lincoln County School District #1 nor #2 is able or willing to take on that role.

### Staff

Wendi Walton, Alpine Branch Manager, resigned on March 25, 2026, with her last day set for April 18, 2026. For over 18 years, she helped make the Alpine Branch Library an outstanding community resource and will be greatly missed.

Rhonda Merritt became Thayne Branch Manager on March 21, 2026. She has 11 years of experience as Youth Services Librarian and brings strong leadership and community engagement skills to her new role.

Alicen Rapier was appointed Thayne Youth Services Librarian on March 23, 2026. She has a background in early childhood education and has worked at the branch for three years as a Library Assistant.

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 1:25 p.m. (Kelley/Tratnik); Motion carried.

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Anne Bluemel, Chairperson

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Ann Willford, Treasurer

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