

Lincoln County Library System

Board of Trustees Meeting, February 19, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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 and Operations Manager - October Dunford. Board of Trustees member Ann Willford was absent.

Chairperson Bluemel asked if there were any changes to the agenda or to the minutes of January 15, 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 January 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$129,482.95 and February 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$34,195.50 (Tratnik/Chadwick); Motion carried.

Action Items

None

Discussion Items

FY26 Strategic Plan

Highlights from the Strategic Plan goals:

- GOAL #2: Provide appealing, inclusive programs of high interest to adults.
 - Cokeville hosted an adult painting class led by a local artist.

Penny Shortage

A new system wide procedure will be implemented to address potential penny shortages when customers are paying with cash. Informational signage will be posted in each library explaining the rounding process.

Legislative Session

We are currently tracking two bills in the Wyoming legislative session that are of concern to libraries: HB10 – Sexually Explicit Materials in Libraries and HB72 – Obscenity Amendments.

Budget Meeting

On January 26, 2026, Director Harris and Board Chairperson Bluemel met with Lincoln County Chief of Staff Stephen Allen to discuss the upcoming FY27 budget and its potential impact on the library.

Annual Report to Commissioners

Director Harris, along with Board Chairperson Bluemel, met with the Lincoln County Commissioners on February 17, 2026, during which Director Harris presented the annual review of library operations for the past year.

Letter to Commissioners

Peter Kwong, M.D., a patron of the Alpine Branch Library, submitted a letter to the Commissioners expressing what a tremendous asset the Alpine library is to the community.

Facilities

Cokeville Branch: The replacement of the front entrance carpet squares by DJ's Glass was completed in January.

Lincoln County Library: The furnace serving the lower level of the library failed on January 26, 2026. County Maintenance responded promptly, diagnosed a faulty blower motor, and restored the system to operation on January 28, 2026.

Evaluations

Employee evaluations were completed in January 2026. The new online forms were well received and ensured a smooth seamless process.

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 1:54 p.m. (Kelley/Tratnik); Motion carried.

Submitted by

Date

Anne Bluemel, Chairperson

Date

Ann Willford, Treasurer

Date