

Lincoln County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – August 20, 2026
1:00 p.m. – Lincoln County Library, Kemmerer, Wyoming

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 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 July 23, 2026. There were no changes. The agenda and minutes were accepted by consensus.

Acceptance of Bills

It was moved to accept the end-of-month July 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$108,420.63 and August 2026 vouchers in the amount of \$29,962.52 (Tratnik/Kelley); Motion carried.

Action Items

None

Discussion Items

FY27 Strategic Plan

Goal #1: Strengthen marketing and outreach services to improve public awareness of library programs and services.

Lincoln County Library: Partnered with the Rocky Mountain Eye Bank to host a two-week *Circle of Light* photo display featuring photographs by cornea transplant recipients.

Alpine Branch: Promoted *The Wall That Heals* and created a display about the Vietnam War in conjunction with WY Welcomes The Wall That Heals.

Cokeville Branch: Participated in the Cokeville High School Track Team's Community Color Run as a color station.

Thayne Branch: Partnered with the local Fire Department for the end of the Summer Reading Program, including a fire truck for the water party.

Goal #2: Provide appealing, inclusive programs of high interest to adults.

Thayne Branch: Hosted a Women's Personal Safety Class presented by Jayne Barnes, and a Book Binding Class presented by Madison Pantuso.

Public Records Request

The Library was copied on a revised Wyoming Public Records Act request seeking transaction-level general ledger data for the Library and other County component units for fiscal years 2019–2025. The County Attorney advised that the County is not the custodian of the requested records and directed the requester to contact each entity. No further communication has been received. This item was presented for Board awareness and discussion only. No action was taken.

Staff

Employee Anniversaries

The Library System is pleased to recognize two employees celebrating five years of service: Angela Thompson – Cokeville Branch Library and Joanne Seale – Alpine Branch Library.

As part of our recognition of their five-year anniversaries, both Angela and Joanne will receive a book of their choice in appreciation of their years of service and contributions to the Lincoln County Library System.

Employee Resignation

Polly Miner, a part-time employee at the Star Valley Branch Library, resigned from the Library System effective June 29, 2026. We appreciate Polly’s service to the Library System and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Library Service and Funding Impacts

For Board information, two items were reviewed regarding the impact of reduced property tax funding on public library operations in Wyoming. The Library System’s reduced operating hours, effective August 1, 2026, and recent service reductions at Natrona County Public Library were noted. These items provide context regarding the broader impact of reduced property tax funding on library operations and services. This item was presented for Board awareness and discussion only. No action was taken.

Upcoming events were noted.

Financial statements and Branch Manager and Youth Services Librarian reports were reviewed.

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

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m. (Kelley/Tratnik); Motion carried.

Submitted by

Date

Anne Bluemel, Chairperson

Date

Ann Willford, Treasurer

Date