

Harper Library Board Meeting Minutes

Harper Library Community Room

January 19, 2026

Present: Tomi Pugh, President, Scot Danner, Vice President; Mari Praisewater, Treasurer; Chuck Leinweber, Director; Ellen Williams, Director; Sivalee Mauldin, Director; Denise Mozingo, Director (took minutes for the meeting)

Absent: JoAnn Chunn, Secretary

Guests: Jane Canfield, Cindy Barkley, Barbara Eastwood

Call to Order: 4:31

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: no public comments

Minutes and Communication:

- Mari Praisewater moved to accept the November minutes; Chuck Leinweber seconded; approved

President's Comments:

- Tomi is resigning her position as President at the March meeting and will be moving to Mansfield. Scot Danner, Vice President will run the April and May meetings. A nominating election committee for the board needs to be formed to fill positions. Director and Secretary are up for renewal in 2026. Director, Treasurer and Vice President have one more year.

Treasurer's Report: attached

Resale Shop Report: attached

- A Year-to-Date Report was presented and the Resale shop brought in \$101,933.33 for 2025. That included eBay sales.

Library Director's Report: attached

The Director presented an overview of 2025.

- 5358 people visited the library in 2025
- Busiest month was July - Thank you Summer Reading!

- 4392 physical items were checked out - 200 more than last year
- The most items were checked out in October 2024
- 2962 volunteer hours for the year
- Adult fiction is the favorite genre followed by E Picture books, Juvenile fiction and Juvenile Nonfiction - DVDs fell out of the ranking
- Top titles of the year were Frozen Storybook, Battle Mountain by CJ Box followed by The Women by Kristen Hannah. The Women was a top title for 2024 as well.
- Mo Willems's Elephant and Piggie series was a big hit in the picture book category.

New Business:

- **Storage shed built on property/5-year plan review** - The vision is to put a metal storage building where the pods are right now on the side of the resale shop to house furniture and other items for the resale shop. A committee needs to be formed and Chuck will be the chair of the committee.
- **Volunteers Needed** - Our volunteers are not getting younger so we need to recruit our friends and patrons that come in to the library and resale shop.
- **Adding to the library collection** - The library needs to add men's fiction and YA books to our collection.
- **Committee for Library Director Annual Review** - need people for the committee

Old business

- **Rainwater catchment tank clean and repair update.** Denise just can't drain that tank when there is so much water left. After we use more of the water, we will get the valves repaired.
- **Homeless in parking lot** - After discussion the internet is going to be cut off between the hours of 11pm to 5am to discourage staying in the parking lot.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:19

Next meeting is February 16th, 2026.

Signed after approval at the next board meeting

President, Tomi Pugh, Secretary
Date

JoAnn Chunn

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board may go into executive session in accordance with Vernon's Civil Statute, Article 6252-17 to discuss personnel, property acquisition or meet with their attorney. No final action will be taken while the board is in executive session. The Board will reconvene in open sessions before adjournment.