



## **Ecorse Public Library**

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### **Ecorse Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

**Monday, April 14, 2025 @ 6:00pm**

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**4184 W Jefferson**

**Ecorse, MI 48229**

1. Call to order: 6:04p.m.

2. Roll call: Alexander **X** Brooks **X** Holmes-Hill **X** Morgan Excused Reddick **X**

3. Approval of agenda:

a. Motion: Alexander/Support: Holmes-Hill

b. Yes: Alexander, Brooks, Holmes-Hill, Reddick

c. No: None

4. Approval of minutes March 10, 2025:

a. Motion: Reddick/Support: Holmes-Hill

b. Yes: Alexander, Brooks, Holmes-Hill, Reddick

c. No: None

5. Consent Agenda – No discussion

6. Financial Report:

a. Motion: Holmes-Hill/Support: Alexander

b. Yes: Alexander, Brooks, Holmes-Hill, Reddick

c. No: None

7. Public comment – None

8. Director's report – See attached

9. Old business

- a. Electrical work update – Library will be powered down for two Mondays April 21, and April 28, 2025 for Haddox Electrical to complete electrical work
- b. New tables - purchased
- c. Library card design – Competition in progress
- d. Website update – Discussion and research is progress

10. New business

- a. Photography policy – Policy to be reviewed and tabled until June 2025 meeting
  - 1. Motion: Holmes-Hill/Support: Reddick

- 2. Yes: Alexander, Brooks, Holmes-Hill, Reddick

- 3. No: None

- b. Meeting room bid:

- 1. Motion to engage: Holmes-Hill/Support: Reddick

- 2. Yes: Alexander, Brooks, Holmes-Hill, Reddick

- 3. No: None

- c. Window leak repair research to be done contingent on consult with T. Sadowski and David Hall. Updates to be provided at May 2025 ELPB meeting.

11. Vote on alternate work schedule for Easter 2025 weekend. Offer vacation day for Saturday April 19, 2025 or Work April 21, 2025 as make up day as replacement hours for Saturday April 19, 2025

- a. Motion: Alexander/Support: Holmes-Hill

- b. Yes: Alexander, Brooks, Holmes-Hill, Reddick

- c. No: None

12. Well Wayne station from Wayne State University to arrive April 15, 2025 with no cost to EPL. Installation is to be determined.

13. Adjournment: 7:14p.m.

- a. Motion: Alexander/Support: Holmes-Hill

- b. Yes: Alexander, Brooks, Holmes-Hill, Reddick

c. No: None

The next general meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 12, 2025 at the Ecorse Public Library.

Completed by Kimberly Alexander 5/12/2025

## Library Statistics

	January	February	March
Total Circulation	33	226	259
Kits	0	0	5
Mobile Hotspots	0	0	0
Library of Things	0	10	4
Door Count	0	1223	1658
Library Card Registrations	2	28	23
Library Card Totals	814	839	864
Materials added	386	164	33
Collection Totals	18193	18337	17849
<b>Programs</b>			
Adult	0	2	14
Children	0	6	13
Outreach Programs	0	0	0
MAP checkouts	0	0	0
Overdrive	179	131	145
OD Digital Magazines	13	14	18
Gannet Media	0	0	3
Public Computer Sessions	0	212	190

The library collection decreased in size by 521 items last month, this was because we found several hundred books listed in the catalog as being on the shelf behind the service desk. These items had already been physically removed from the collection but were not removed from the library database. Finding issues like this and correcting them will happen occasionally as time goes on.

## Staffing

Celeste Moutos joined the library on March 19, she brings enormous experience and expertise with her. Staff has enjoyed getting to know her!

Fatemeh Lagizian started as adult librarian on March 31, she has already begun creating a friendlier user experience for our community! We look forward to working with her!

## **Programs and Outreach**

Crazy Craig performed for a group of 13 on 3/25 and our adult computer class learned about Artificial Intelligence on 3/20.

## **Library Operations**

Electrical work is continuing. The new lights are all installed inside, the exterior lights will be complete before the end of the month. The new electrical panel is almost ready to be installed, installing the panel requires power to the library to be turned off completely. We are doing our best to schedule these times during normal closed hours.

The Library will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 18.

An estimate to create a meeting room in the library is attached to this packet.

## **Funding news**

### **Joint Statement on IMLS from Michigan Libraries, Museums, and Archives.**

On March 14, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) that adversely affects the only federal agency that provides resources to our nation's libraries, museums, and archives. The EO "Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy" directs the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to eliminate non-statutory programs and reduce its functions and personnel to the minimum required by law. For IMLS, this would mean a dramatic reduction in its scope and capacity to support our nation's cultural institutions. Libraries and museums across the country will feel the effects of these cuts, particularly in areas reliant on discretionary funding and special initiatives.

Michigan receives modest federal funding from IMLS, but our 397 public library systems, 87 academic libraries, nearly 3,000 school libraries, 650 museums, and hundreds of historical organizations pride themselves on using these resources efficiently and innovatively to deliver outstanding programs and services. The changes to IMLS ordered in the EO would be devastating to the cultural and literary landscape enjoyed by all Michigan residents.

What is at stake if IMLS reduces its workforce and dismantles programming, funding, and services to our libraries, museums, and archives?

Close to \$2.25 million/year in individual grants to our libraries, and an additional \$1.77 million/year for our museums and archives could be affected.

In addition, the Library of Michigan may be adversely affected if the \$4.78 million Grants to States were to cease including:

the Michigan Electronic Library (MeL and MeLCat) – a centralized catalog and resource-sharing service (inter-library loan) created to lend and share materials among all types of libraries in Michigan

MeL databases that are used extensively by our academic and school libraries

travel stipends for library staff to attend professional development opportunities to stay current with trends that affect the profession

funding for cohorts on financial sustainability, digital literacy, artificial intelligence, and public library management

excellent training and educational opportunities for all library workers through participation in Niche Academy offerings

We strongly support continued funding and staffing and implore President Trump to rescind this Executive Order. Our goal is to ensure that the IMLS continues to fund worthy and essential library, museum, and archival programs that benefit Michigan communities well into the future.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the government spent \$6.75 trillion, exceeding its revenue and resulting in a deficit. While the stated purpose of the EO is to reduce bureaucracy and waste, it is unreasonable to target the federal funding allocated to libraries and museums that represents just a tiny fraction – approximately 0.0043% in FY 2024 – of the federal budget. This minimal investment supports institutions that are vital to education, cultural preservation, and community enrichment.

While funding for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025 (ending Sept. 2025) has been appropriated to the IMLS in the newly approved Continuing Resolution, we have no guarantees of funding for IMLS in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

It is time to take a stand and speak up today by calling, writing, emailing, visiting, or sending a letter to your federal elected officials. We encourage you to use one of the links below that have been set up by various national organizations.

Contact your legislators and tell them to continue fully funding IMLS – both discretionary programs and those explicitly mandated by law. Don't forget that your communication will be stronger by adding your own words, and how this will affect you, your cultural institution, and your community.

American Library Association:

<https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign-page?cid=9CyapZUB9sorxFLO4J0c&lang=en>

EveryLibrary: <https://action.everylibrary.org/saveimls2025>

American Association for State and Local History:

<https://www.congressweb.com/aam/94/>

American Alliance of Museums: <https://www.congressweb.com/aam/95/>

Collectively, we the undersigned, stand together and call on all Michiganders who value reading, learning, history, and enrichment to take a stand in support of our libraries, museums, and archives. We urge President Trump to rescind the EO targeting IMLS and implore Congress to continue fully funding IMLS at levels that protect both discretionary and statutory programs.

Sincerely,  
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Steven Bowers  
President, Library Cooperatives of Michigan  
Christine Beachler  
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