

Mars Area Public Library Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Anastacia “Staci” Nelson made a motion to call the meeting to order. Katie Johnston seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Staci made a motion to approve the minutes with a change in date. The motion was seconded and approved.

Committee Reports

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report was presented. Monica made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Staci seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Librarian’s Report

Janae presented the Librarian’s Report. The library held 36 programs with a total attendance of 1,030.

Additional updates included:

- RAD Passes/Experience Kits
- Dinosaur print community naming activity
- Neighborhood Forest program
- 2025 audit
- Wonderbooks/Lego storage: Rich-Mar Rotary assisted with completing the shelf
- Teen Steering Committee: Janae will be presenting a flash talk
- Watermelon Welcome held April 24
- Collection updates: staff shifted and organized collections
- Technology: Friends of the Library agreed to cover the cost of Playaway Quest
- “Unearth a Story” Summer Reading Program will run June 5 through July 31

BCFLS Report

There was no BCFLS meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026.

Building & Maintenance

Updates included:.

- The back door is rusted, and Janae will obtain quotes.
- The front door is having issues, and the library is reaching out to a locksmith.
- Brady provided Janae with a quote.

HR/Personnel

The library explored the Pitt Partner internship program, but there were no available summer interns in the area. Another email will be sent.

Planning

No report.

Fundraising

Fundraising efforts are still in progress. More information will be shared at the next meeting.

Friends of the Library

The Friends purchased two Launchpad/STEAM iPads, which include an additional STEM pack and will be a great addition to the library.

Baby chicks will arrive on June 10 and will be at the library for two weeks.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The library is working on receiving the remainder of the insurance check. The library has received \$47,704.46 so far.

Public Comment

Frank Haustovich commented on the library's assets and requested that the library post its cumulative assets. Jenn Bainbridge stated that she would look into it.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2026.

Adjournment

Staci made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emily Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed.