JASPER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 4:15 PM
Jasper Public Library Meeting Room

Present: Nona Baker, Lisa Kincer, Kathy Eckerle, Amy Rasche (virtual), Ann Shappard, Anna Grant, Director Christine Golden, Experience Manager Jordan Schuetter **Absent:** Pamela Catt

1. **Call to Order:** Vice President Baker called the regular Jasper Public Library meeting to order in the directly following the DCCPL regular meeting at 4:30 PM.

2. **Consent Agenda:**
   a. **Minutes:** Minutes from the regular Jasper Public Library meeting held on July 9, 2026, were given to the board for review.
   b. **Financial Reports:** The Treasurer's Report covering July 1 through July 31, 2026, was provided to the Board for review.
   c. **Claims:** Copies of the Claims were provided to the Board for review and approval.
   d. **Manager's Report:** The Manager's report was included in the board packets for review.
   e. **E-Rate Resolution:** Discussed during Contractual Board Meeting.
   f. **Updated Gifts and Donation Policy:** Discussed during Contractual Board Meeting.

On a motion by Grant, second by Kincer, the Consent Agenda was approved. (5-0)

3. **Public Forum: none**

4. **New Business**
   a. **Resolution to Establish Gift Funds:** Golden presented a resolution to establish gift fund 226 for library for restricted gift funds that can be expended without appropriation.

On a motion by Kincer, second by Shappard, the Consent Agenda was approved. (5-0)

   b. **2027 Budget Discussion:** Golden shared the proposed 2027 Budget with the Board and discussed areas of focus for the coming year. The budget includes a 3% wage increase for employees and continued increase in areas that have seen increase in expenditures such as insurance and utilities. The overall budget stays within the maximum growth quotient allowed for library boards to approve their own budgets.

5. **Director's Update:**
   a. **Summer Reading 2026**: Jasper completions topped the previous year completions increasing from 1187 to 1284 this year. Overall another extremely busy summer that saw big crowds at every event held. Golden thanked staff for their dedication and willingness to go above and beyond for another successful summer reading program.
   b. **New Staff:** The library welcomed several new library pages in the past few weeks to replace staff going off to college. Claire Faulkner, Joel Flamion, and Mary Olsen all joined the staff in the last few weeks. Holden Bastien, who had previously been summer help has accepted a year round position as well.

6. **Upcoming conferences/workshops/meeting:** None

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular Jasper Public Library meeting has been scheduled to begin directly following the DCCPL meeting but not before 4:15 PM at the Jasper Public Library on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

8. **Adjournment**: On a Motion by Kincer, second by Shappard, the meeting adjourned vote. (5-0)

Signed this 10th day of September, 2026

Lisa Kincer

Amy Rasche

Pamela Catt

Amy Shappard

Anna Grant

Kathy Echelle

ATTEST:

Amy Shappard
Secretary

Resolution To Establish A Restricted Gift Fund

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Jasper Public Library ("Library Board") finds that a restricted gift fund (Fund 226) needs to be established to receive donations for any donor restricted donations; and

WHEREAS, as money is received by the Library Board as a gift, the donation may be:

(A) set aside in the restricted fund and expended, without appropriation, in accordance with the conditions and purposes specified by the donor; and

(B) the earnings on the funds in the account are deposited into Fund 226 by the library; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Jasper Public Library do hereby establish the Restricted Gift Fund for the purpose(s) of paying the necessary bills associated with the restricted donor wishes at Jasper Public Library.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Jasper Public Library at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of August, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.

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	Lysa Kinnear
	Kathy Eckert
	Nora Baker
	Amy Sheppard
	Anna Grant

ATTEST:

Amy Sheppard

Secretary

COMMITMENT TO JOIN INDIANA STATE LIBRARY CONSORTIUM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET ACCESS for FUNDING YEAR JULY 1, 2027 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028

WHEREAS, the board of the Jasper-Dubois County Contractual Public Library has determined that it is beneficial to its operations to join the Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes that being part of the Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access requires following certain rules, including:

1. Filtering all computers in order to receive the e-Rate discount on vendor invoices (If the library chooses not to filter, they can be in the consortium and not receive e-rate discount);
2. ensuring that the total cost of non e-rate services is included in at least one fund budget;
3. assuming financial responsibility for non-eRate portion;
4. working with AdTec in the filing of all forms, except Form 470, with the Universal Service Administrative Company Schools & Libraries Division; and

WHEREAS, the board acknowledges that by joining the Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access it receives certain benefits and that by opting out of the consortium, or by failing to abide by the Consortium rules, the library will lose the benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the library shall be a member of the Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access and, as a member, the library shall abide by the rules of the Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Jasper-Dubois County Contractual Public Library at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of August, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.

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	Stephen Sigrist
	Heidi Ehlard
	Kathy Eckert
	Taylere Laubscher
	Nola Baker
	Ann Hammond
	Anna Grant
	Lisa Kineer

ATTEST:
Taylere Laubscher
Secretary