

Turtle Lake Public Library Board
July 14, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Todd B., Georgeina O., Shelley B., Laurie T., and Colby P.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm by President Todd Beaver. Present at the meeting were board members Todd Beaver, Georgeina O'Connell, Laurie Tarman, Library Director Colby Peterson, and new school district representative, Shelley Bauer. A quorum was present.

Public Comment: None

Director's Report:

I. June Events

- o Summer Reading Program began on June 10th with the Wonder Weavers and Ann Lamphere's book reading of her debut children's story, *Pebble's Golden Stripes*. We had 31 people attending the grand opening. The day was very stormy, but we were pleased that so many people were able to join us!
- o Each week of Summer Reading, we offer crafts on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Story Time on Friday mornings, and special guest presenters or movie showings on some Mondays and some Wednesdays. Next month, I will have the full attendance report for the Summer Reading Program after it ends.

II. June Updates

- o Teen intern Ella Koenig is hosting a children's book drive! The books from the drive will be distributed to kids in our community at the National Night Out event on August 4th in the Village Park.
- o The Delta Kappa Gamma society chapter from Cumberland will donate \$300 worth of like-new books to Ella's book drive! The group saw the announcements for the book drive, and they were excited to help give surrounding communities more books. Congratulations to Ella for this latest achievement!
- o The Seed Exchange has been a huge success, and the Garden Club cabinet is built and storing the Garden Club's parade trophies!

Old Business:

I. Annual Director Performance Review

- a. Colby is seeking aid from the IFLS Library System director about the best way to go about completing a performance review for a library director.

New Business:

- I. Circulation policy additions: support from law enforcement in the collection of replacement fees for lost or damaged items & library cards for out-of-state and visiting patrons
 - a. If items are not returned or paid within 65 days, the matter may be turned over to the police and processed in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 943.61 and Wisconsin Statutes, Section 43.30(6) if the charge is \$50 or more. This policy addition came about due to issues we are experiencing with patrons who check out expensive items, and who have not returned the items for several months despite many attempts to contact them.
 - b. When a patron registers for a new card, available material check outs will exclude any Wi-Fi Hotspots, Library of Things kits, the Metal Detector, or the Nintendo Switch for the first 4 weeks to avoid theft. There have been incidents where a patron got a library card, checked out a Wi-Fi Hotspot on the same day, and did not return the hotspot until the hotspot service was turned off by the carrier at our request.
 - c. Visitors from out of state can have a library card. Applicants must provide all the information required to get a library card, and the maximum number of items allowed on a temporary resident card at any time is two (2). The patron is not allowed to check out circulating Wi-Fi Hotspots, the Nintendo Switch, the Metal Detector, Library of Things items, videogames, or out-of-system interlibrary loan materials.
 - d. Georgeina O'Connell made a motion to approve both the support from law enforcement in the collection of replacement fees for lost or damaged items & library cards for out-of-state and visiting patrons policy additions, seconded by Laurie Tarman and passed by voice vote on condition that the first paragraph on page 6 of the circulation policy is corrected so that the library director decides whether or not the patron was charged unfairly and how to remediate the situation if necessary.

Budget: Laurie Tarman made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Georgeina O'Connell and passed by voice vote.

Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, at 4:30 pm in the library.

Adjournment: Laurie Tarman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Todd Beaver and passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.