



MINUTES

Rocky Mountain House Library Board

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 7pm

Library Meeting Room

Present: Ben Worth, Lori Pratt, Denise Boniface, Karen Travis, Lynda Huseby, Lori Sunde-Cooper, Elyse Morin

Via Zoom: Tyler McCauley

Absent: Mimi Cole

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Pratt on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 7:06 pm.

1.1 Agenda and Minutes

1.1.1 Additions/changes to the agenda: Revise next meeting date to June 24, 2026. Additions of 3.3 Stronger Together and 2.4 Staff PD Day.

Motion #846 Denise moved to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Seconded by Karen. **CARRIED**

1.1.2 Chair Lori asked if there were any changes for the April meeting minutes. There were none.

Motion #847 Lynda moved to adopt the April 22, 2026 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Elyse. **CARRIED**

2. ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Financial Report: Ben presented the financial report. Ben confirmed that the budget is trending as expected. Lori SC inquired about usage of the Group Pension Plan and Ben advised that this is administered by the Town of Rocky and there are no concerns.

Motion #848 Denise moved to accept the financial report as presented.

Seconded by Lynda. **CARRIED**

2.2 Term deposits/reserve funds: Ben showed work to date and current gaps. Options will be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Decision tabled to the next meeting.



2.3 Advocacy Committee: Plan of Service: Karen presented the draft Plan of Service and highlighted updates since the last review. The Advocacy Committee suggested sending a copy of the Plan of Service to Town and County Councilors.

Motion #848 Tyler moved to accept the Plan of Service as presented.

Seconded by Denise. **CARRIED**

2.4 Staff PD Day: Ben referenced the May Managers Report for the Parkland Regional Conference and suggested closing the library for the day for staff to attend. Ben will send a link to Board members who may also choose to attend.

Motion #849 Lynda moved to close the library on Monday, September 21 to enable staff to attend the Parkland Regional Conference in Lacombe.

Seconded by Elyse. **CARRIED**

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Alberta Government Bill 28: Ron Sheppard, Director of Parkland Regional Library System, confirmed Bill 28 received Royal assent. Lori P thanked the Town and County Councils for welcoming the Library's presentation at Council meetings. Ben advised that the next steps will be for CAPL to communicate with the government during the establishment of the regulations.

3.2 Councillor Meet & Greet: 4 Town and 4 County councilors attended the Library from 11am -1pm on May 27, 2026. Ron Sheppard from Parkland Regional Library Services and RPL Board members were in attendance. Councilors had an opportunity to see the layout of the library and overview of the programming. Lori P asked for feedback from the Councilors McCauley and Boniface. Tyler thought it went really good and Councilors understood more; County councilors may now be more likely to advocate for the library. Denise had a discussion with some Councilors following the Meet & Greet and it was suggested that they didn't get sufficient information regarding the Bill 28 concerns.

3.3 Stronger Together Conference: Lynda shared information about the conference in October. Ben will share the information with staff and Board to determine interest. Item



for decision for next meeting.

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 4.1 Library Manager's Report: Ben highlighted that the Library Trivia was well attended; Lynda and Lori SC had teams participate. Next Trivia will be June 17th. There were sufficient volunteers for the highway cleanup.
- 4.2 Library usage stats to the end of April 2026: Karen noted that stats were positive. Ben confirmed that new programming, such as Story and Splash, have been going well. Ben confirmed that the Library will be at the Seniors Week Country Market on June 1 and Kids Wellness Fair on May 29.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

6. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Lori P - Happy with Council Meet & Greet, Council Meetings, and recent media coverage.

Elyse - Democracy in Alberta presentation by Dr. Lori Williams, professor from MRU, will be in Lacombe June 8th; Ben will distribute the information. She will be in Italy next month at a conference and unable to attend the meeting.

Lori SC - Advised that she has a contact with the St. Albert Public Library and is able to reach out with any questions/ advice.

Tyler - Glad councilors showed up for the Meet & Greet and questions were asked.

7. NEXT MEETING: June 24, 2026 7 pm

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion #850 Karen moved to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Seconded by Denise.

CARRIED