



Library Board Meeting
Wells County Public Library
Main Library
200 W Washington St Bluffton, IN 46714
Small Meeting Room
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Meeting Agenda
6:30pm

Present: Andrews, Johnson, MacNeill, McFarren, Mentzer, Ulfig, Yergler

Absent: Tabor

1. Call to Order: McFarren called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Input: A patron shared concerns about service issues and voiced her dislike of the ipads at the front of the children's area. McFarren referred to the outcome of discussions from the January and February board meetings with the patron (in which this issue was discussed but cost and logistic issues were determined to make this change extremely difficult at this time). Further, McFarren suggested the patron first share concerns with the library director before coming to the board with the service concerns.
3. Consent Agenda: Johnson made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Andrews seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - a. February 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Librarian's Report
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. February 2026 Register of Claims
4. March 1-10, 2026 Register of Claims: Andrews made a motion to accept the register of claims in the amount of \$28,869.72. Yergler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
5. Correspondence: None
6. Staff Report- Danielle from the Special Events Committee shared information about the recent mini-golf fundraiser held at the library. This year a family fun night was added which included laser tag and arcade games in addition to the mini golf. The event earned \$5,271, a significant increase from last year.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Building
 - b. Budget
 - c. Policy and By-laws
 - i. Library Patron, Medical Emergency and Meeting Room Policies
 - d. Public Awareness/Outreach
 - i. Winter Reading Stats
 - e. Nominating
 - f. Director Evaluation
8. Unfinished Business: None
9. Personnel Updates: None
10. New Business
 - a. Review of 2023-2027 Long Range Plan
 - b. WCPL Endowment Funds: Johnson made a motion to not take any money out of the endowment and to have them reinvest the funds. Ulfig seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - c. Street Fair Request: Yergler made a motion to approve the rental of the parking lot annex to the Bluffton Street Fair in the amount of \$150. Andrews seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
11. Other Items for Consideration
 - a. Director Updates
Community Meetings/Activities attended outside the library:
Bluffton NOW! Board Meeting
Chamber Board meeting
Chamber Board Drug Task Force Committee
Rotary Meetings
Wells County Foundation Board

Wells County Foundation Grants Committee

Bluffton Land Trust Meeting

United Way Board Meeting

Meeting Updates inside the library:

Department Head meeting – Budget/cost savings ideas, Long Range Plan Goals Chart, Stats, Managers Handbook review, Policies.

Current Projects/Big Programs/News:

-Evergreen

-We are still waiting for a timeline for the 2026 update, but we have been reassured that we won't need to renew SirsiDynix again!

-We had staff visit Morrison Reeves Library in Richmond in August. Morrison Reeves recently switched from SirsiDynix to Evergreen. It is really good to hear about the nitty gritty of what is different/will change from a library that has recently switched and is slightly larger than Wells County.

-To make sure we are being proactive in our switch to Evergreen. We will be weeding our entire collections from January 2026-March 2027. We typically weed our collection on a 3-5 year rotation, but we do not want to transfer records of books that would just be weeded a year later. Also, we will lose our past circulation stats in the system, which we use when making weeding decisions. This will ensure stats going forward are being reset within the same timeframe. We are also working on breaking the connection of long-overdue fines on material that has been discarded. If an item has a fine on it, even though it has been discarded, the record remains in our system. We would prefer to not transfer this record, so we are breaking the link, charging the patron as a miscellaneous fine, and then removing the record.

-Friends of the Library Book sales

Book Sale Dates 2026

June 24-27, 2026 with Friends Only Sale on June 23rd

October 21-25, 2026 with Friends Only Sale on October 20th

FOL Book sale results for February:

Taxable Sales \$20.00

Memberships/Donations \$131.95

Regular Sales \$1,508.35

Total Sales: \$1,660.30

This is \$234.15 more than last February

Grants and Large Donations

The library is very blessed by our patrons and community! In 2026, we have received:

A private donation of \$17,000!

A grant of \$7,000 from the Wabash Endowment/Wells County Foundation for Teen programming.

A donation of \$10,000 from the Carnegie Foundation to all former and current Carnegie Libraries.

A donation of \$700 from Brickhouse Farms from their January community donation campaign.

Business Sponsors for the Friends Mini-Golf Fundraiser and Family Fun Night:

Archbold & Lewis Insurance

Parlor City Brewing Company

Bluffton Family Eye Care

State Farm

Bluffton Roofing Co.

Steffen Group Inc. – Isaac Stoller (Family Fun Night Sponsor \$500)

Eyecare Associates of Bluffton

Stylus Technologies – 2 holes

Jerry Flack's Investments & Insurance – 2 holes

Renovate Counseling Services LLC

Honegger, Ringger & Co. – 2 holes

Inteva Products

Outdoor Concepts – 2 holes

Peyton's Northern

This fundraiser raised \$5,271.00. We had 25 sponsored holes \$1,875.00

\$334.00 for Friday tickets \$1,652 for Family Fun Night tickets \$510.00 for Saturday tickets sold. \$400 for

Concessions. We were up \$2,555.00 from last year, up \$300.00 in sponsored holes and \$1,355.00 in ticket sales mostly due to Family Fun Night and the ARCADE!

12. Roundtable

13. Next Meeting Announcements:

a. Regular Meeting– Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:30pm at Bluffton in the Small Meeting Room

14. Adjournment: McFarren adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.