



Library Board of Trustees Meeting
502 Main St West
May 13 2026

Call to order: MA, CC, JC, LG, MJ, PL, MR

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes April 2026
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renovation Update/Progress Report
5. New Business
 - a. Library Board Positions
 - b. Library Staff Positions
 - c. Strategic Planning
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

May 2026

Building Update

We are still working through some punch list items. The Main St entry doors need panic bar hardware, this is about \$8,000. The AV systems are still not all working as they should be. The main meeting room is working great and people are really happy about the ease of use of the technology. However, there are still two rooms that don't function as they should. We are holding retainage until things are finalized. The roof bid will go out in June, work done before the end of August.

Personnel

Lisa is the lead person for meeting room scheduling and she is very busy. The past year at Beaser gave everyone a bit of a break and now we are working! So, it feels a bit overwhelming, but this is true for anything new. It is about time to consider hiring a part time person. Traditionally, the Vaughn employs one or two high school students as pages. I am evaluating the needs of the library and cost effectiveness of this model and leaning toward hiring someone who is not a student and could take on more responsibility than a traditional page. Your input is valued, so perhaps we can discuss further at the meeting.

Programming

Summer Reading kicks off on June 13. We will open registration a few weeks before the kick off. Vaughn Ave will be closed from the alley to Main St. It is a carnival created by Hannah with lots of support from the librarians and some volunteers. It will be interesting to see if we have an increase in participation. We created 99 library cards in the month of April, usually that number hovers around 18 - 25. Lots of school groups have toured or plan to tour the building. The Lighthouse Keepers event was well attended. Other groups like the League of Women Voters, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Game Commission, and Ashland Indivisible have taken advantage of the third floor resources. The Chequamegon Reads discussions are set for May 20, 27, June 1 and 10 with the author Leif Enger here at the library on June 19.

On the Horizon

You might have thought I was joking, but I do think strategic planning is probably a good idea. My thoughts are to map out the next five years and a succession plan for staff.