

Library Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, July 14, 2025 6:30 pm Agenda / Minutes

Members Present:

Abby Black – Library Director

Elaine Ebeling - Chairperson

Karen Amisi

Carol Scholten

Patti Walcott

Margaret Wheeler

Absent:

Bradley Bartelmay – Vice Chairperson

Jacoba Bouma - Tallmadge Township Liaison

Ken Smit - Library Liaison

I. Call to order

II. Approval of the agenda

III. Approval of the previous meeting minutes (April 7, 2025)

IV. Financial report

A. Report from March 31, 2025 – June 30, 2025

V. Communications and correspondence

- A. Free printing for veterans: Veterans Administration help for veteran widow on the very first day of implementation

VI. Director's report

- A. Recent hire dismissed for 6 absences (30% absenteeism) before 90 day
- B. Another dismissed for continual no shows or excessive tardiness; this one actually caused the library to be closed on a Saturday.
- C. One new hire
- D. Another returning to part time

VII. Youth Librarian's report

- A. Summer Reading: Over 100 adult completers and 236 children completers; goal was 650 for children
- B. Programing at Township Park: Kickoff 120 people, Alligator Sanctuary 300 people, Touch a Truck 475 people

VIII. Old Business

- A. Strategic Plan Progress
  - 1. Low response so far, so extended through September
  - 2. Contact GVSU department for statistics analysis
- B. All Staff Meeting Recap & Future
  - 1. Too little time
  - 2. More team building time needed
  - 3. More communication skill building time needed

IX. New Business

- A. Survey Results & Data Analysis
  - 1. Results
  - 2. Outline
  - 3. 3-5 goals with steps
  - 4. More time needed at next meeting 6-8 pm

5. Charcuterie provided by Patti

X. Public comment

XI. Adjournment

**Next meeting: Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM**