

**LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
LORAIN, OHIO**

AGENDA

Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Main Library

351 W. 6th Street, Lorain, OH 44052

Mission: To Welcome, Enrich, Empower and Inspire

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

(The Chair asks if any Members have a conflict with today's Agenda)

Roll Call – Mr. Ackerman _____, Mr. Byrne _____, Mr. Schaefer _____, Ms. Thompson _____,
Ms. Torres _____, Mr. White _____, Ms. Ramirez _____

#2026-029 Approval of February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve the February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call – Mr. Ackerman _____, Mr. Byrne _____, Mr. Schaefer _____, Ms. Thompson _____,
Ms. Torres _____, Mr. White _____, Ms. Ramirez _____

#2026-030 Approval of March 2, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve the March 2, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call – Mr. Ackerman _____, Mr. Byrne _____, Mr. Schaefer _____, Ms. Thompson _____,
Ms. Torres _____, Mr. White _____, Ms. Ramirez _____

#2026-031 Approval January 2026, Fiscal Officer Report

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve the January 2026, Fiscal Officer Report.

Roll Call – Mr. Ackerman _____, Mr. Byrne _____, Mr. Schaefer _____, Ms. Thompson _____,
Ms. Torres _____, Mr. White _____, Ms. Ramirez _____

#2026-032 Appoint Laura R. Bates Director of Finance and Fiscal Officer and Clerk of the Board, effective March 23, 2026 through December 31, 2026, upon Execution of a Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve Laura R. Bates Director of Finance and Fiscal Officer and Clerk of the Board, effective March 23, 2026 through December 31, 2026, upon Execution of a Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000.

Roll Call – Mr. Ackerman _____, Mr. Byrne _____, Mr. Schaefer _____, Ms. Thompson _____, Ms. Torres _____, Mr. White _____, Ms. Ramirez _____

Report of the Director

2026 February Monthly Statistics Report

Committee Reports

- a. Finance, Audit and Properties Committee
- b. Library Services and Personnel Committee
- c. Trustee Development and Nominating Committee
- d. Friends of the Library
- e. Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System

Communications

Audience Participation

- a. Branch Update

New Business

Consent Agenda

#2026-033 to #2026-039

#2026-033 Approval of Personnel Appointments in February.

APPOINTMENTS								
NAME	POSITION	DATE	PT/FT/ TEMP HOURS	GRADE/ STEP	SALARY	DEPT/ BRANCH	NEW HIRE/ CURRENT STAFF	REASON FOR CHANGE
Avery Barbee	Librarian	3/16/26	PT 29	UJ	\$23.61	Domonkas	Current Staff	Replaces Missy Pearson
Laura Bates	Director of Finance	3/23/26	FT 38	G	\$105,000/year	Main	New Hire	Replaces Chad Angney
Joshua Campbell	STEAM Initiatives Manager	3/30/26	FT 38	E	\$56,000/year	Main	Current Staff	Replaces Tristan Wheeler
Judith Harris	Administrative Assistant	3/30/26	PT 25	C	\$16.92	Main	New Hire	Replaces Loretta Novakovic

#2026-034 Resolution to Approve Laura R. Bates Fiscal Officer, to be an Approved Signatory for the Lorain Public Library System Bank Accounts at Northwest Bank, First Federal Bank of Lakewood, Star Ohio, JP Morgan Chase, Fifth Third Bank, and KeyBank effective March 23, 2026

#2026-035 Resolution to Remove, Effective Immediately, John W. Scott as an Approved Signatory for the Lorain Public Library System Bank Accounts at Northwest Bank, First Federal Bank of Lakewood, Star Ohio, JP Morgan Chase, Fifth Third Bank, and KeyBank effective March 23, 2026

#2026-036 Resolution to Approve the Acceptance of Grant - \$594.50 from the Community Foundation of Lorain County – Willis F. and Etta E. Gove Memorial Fund to support the Lorain Public Library literacy programs for youth

#2026-037 Resolution to Approve the Acceptance of Grant - \$10,992.80 from the Community Foundation of Lorain County – Myrtle’s Endowment Fund to support the purchase of books and media expenses at the Domonkas Branch

#2026-038 Resolution to Approve the Acceptance of Grant - \$17,238.00 from the Community Foundation of Lorain County – Krieg-Winterton Family Fund for Lorain Public Library System to support the operations and programs of the Lorain Public Library System

#2026-039 Resolution to Approve Then and Now Payment to Cengage Group.
Approve a Then and Now payment to Cengage Group for Subscription and Gale Udemy and Peterson Test Prep as follows:

Check #	Amount	Date Paid
7037	\$16,559.81	February 21, 2026

_____ moved, _____ seconded approval of all Consent Items #2026-033 to #2026-039.

#2026-040 Resolution to Approve Entering Executive Session to Discuss Matters Related to Collective Bargaining.

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve Entering Executive Session to Discuss Matters Related to Collective Bargaining.

Roll Call – Mr. Ackerman _____, Mr. Byrne _____, Mr. Schaefer _____, Ms. Thompson _____, Ms. Torres _____, Mr. White _____, Ms. Ramirez _____

Other Agenda Items

Adjournment

Next Meetings

Finance, Audit and Properties Committee Meeting

Friday, April 3, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Main Library

351 W. 6th Street

Lorain, OH 44052

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

North Ridgeville Branch

35700 Bainbridge Road

North Ridgeville, OH 44039