

**LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
LORAIN, OHIO**

AGENDA

Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
North Ridgeville Branch
35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

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 _____, Ms. Ramirez _____, Mr. White _____

#2026-041 Approval of March 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

#2026-042 Approval of February 2026, Fiscal Officer Report

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

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

Report of the Director

2026 March 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
- b. Public Comment

New Business

Consent Agenda

#2026-043 to #2026-045

#2026-043 Approval of Personnel Appointments in March.

APPOINTMENTS								
NAME	POSITION	DATE	PT/FT/ TEMP HOURS	GRADE/ STEP	SALARY	DEPT/ BRANCH	NEW HIRE/ CURRENT STAFF	REASON FOR CHANGE
Kaycie Yeager	Public Services Professional	03/16/2026	FT	UI	\$21.22	Main	Current Staff	Josh Campbell promoted to STEAM Initiatives Manager
Sasha Solomon	Librarian	03/30/2026	PT	UJ	\$23.61	North Ridgeville	Current Staff	Reclassification
Jared Craigo	Public Services Professional	04/13/2026	PT	UI	\$20.80	Main	New Hire	Replaces Josh Campbell PT PSP position
Trevyr Willey	Librarian Outreach	04/13/2026	FT	UJ	\$23.61	Main	New Hire	Replaces Sarah White
Christine Lee	Public Services Professional	05/04/2026	PT	UI	\$20.80	Main	New Hire	Replaces Will Peterson

#2026-044 Resolution to Approve Then and Now Payment to State Window Shade and Drapery Co., Inc. Approve a Then and Now payment to State Window Shade and Drapery Co., Inc. for Acoustic Fabric Covered Panels for the Avon Branch as follows:

Check #	Amount	Date Paid
7231	\$16,982.50	March 13, 2026

#2026-045 Resolution to Approve Then and Now Payment to Ohio Library Council.
Approve a Then and Now payment to Ohio Library Council for 2026 Institutional Membership as follows:

Check #	Amount	Date Paid
7270	\$18,000	March 20, 2026

_____ moved, _____ seconded approval of all Consent Items #2026-043 to #2026-045.

2026-046 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A SHORT LIST OF FIRMS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES

_____ moved, _____ seconded the following resolution regarding the selection of the most-qualified firms to provide professional design services to support mechanical system improvements, space planning, renovations, building modifications, and potential additions at the Main Library and branch locations throughout Lorain County.

WHEREAS, The Library placed ads in the Chronicle Telegram and in the Builders Exchange on January 29 announcing its request for statements of qualifications from architectural/engineering firms for renovating and improving multiple buildings; and

WHEREAS, on February 27 the Library received statements of qualifications from nine architectural/engineering firms, and a selection committee was formed to evaluate the statements based on criteria including firm experience, technical expertise, past performance, project approach, and ability to provide services as needed; and

WHEREAS, following this evaluation process, a review committee has identified and recommends a short list of the most qualified firms for further consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Lorain Public Library System that:

The following firms, in no particular order, are hereby approved as the most qualified and short-listed respondents for professional design services:

1. GPD Group
2. Bialosky
3. Bostwick Design Partnership
4. Algebra Engineering
5. BSHM Architecture; and

RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the CEO or her designees to enter into negotiations with the firm determined to be most qualified for specific project(s), with final agreements to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

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

#2026-047 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ARCHITECT AGREEMENT FOR MAIN LIBRARY

M____, _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Lorain Public Library System (the “Board”) is undertaking a redesign of the Main Library’s front lobby (“the Project”) to incorporate a centralized public service desk; and

WHEREAS the services of a design professional are needed to develop the full design documents for construction and provide construction administration services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the statutory process required to procure a design professional under Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65, et seq., the Board previously issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) in the Chronicle Telegram and Builders Exchange for professional design services to support mechanical system improvements, space planning, renovations, building modifications, and potential additions at the Main Library and branch locations throughout Lorain County; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Office/Director solicited a price proposal from GPD Group for the Project with the proposed total compensation of \$62,000, including \$60,500, for Basic Services plus an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500 for Reimbursable Expenses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Lorain Public Library System as follows:

1. The Board approves the proposed total compensation of \$62,000, including \$60,500 for Basic Services plus an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500 for Reimbursable Expenses as fair and reasonable compensation, and approves the architect agreement with GPD Group negotiated pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 153.69(B).
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Office/Director and the Director of Finance and Fiscal Officer to finalize and execute the agreement with GPD Group in substantially the form provided to the Board, as well as any related documents required to document the agreement between the Board and GPD Group

M____. _____ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the resolution passed.

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

#2026-048 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 _____, Ms. Ramirez _____, Mr. White _____

Other Agenda Items

Adjournment

Next Meetings

Finance, Audit and Properties Committee Meeting

Friday, May 1, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Main Library

351 W. 6th Street

Lorain, OH 44052

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Avon Branch

37485 Harvest Drive

Avon, OH 44011