

**LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
LORAIN, OHIO**

AGENDA

Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Main Library Branch

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)

Due to Ms. Torres's resignation as of May 11, 2026, and for the remainder of the year, Mr. Ackerman will be Secretary of the Board.

Lea Susan Engle – Oath of Office was Administered on Wednesday, July 22, 2026

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

#2026-070 APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve the June 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

#2026-071 APPROVAL OF JULY 2026, FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

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

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

Report of the Director

2026 June and July 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

#2026-072 to #2026-080

#2026-072 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BETH KROSSE, ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER, EFFECTIVE JULY 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

#2026-073 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BETH KROSSE, ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER, TO BE AN APPROVED SIGNATORY FOR THE LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BANK ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NORTHWEST BANK, FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF LAKEWOOD, STAR OHIO, AND JP MORGAN CHASE, FIFTH THIRD BANK, AND KEYBANK EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2026.

#2026-074 RESOLUTION TO REMOVE, EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY, CONNIE WILSON AS AN APPROVED SIGNATORY FOR THE LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BANK ACCOUNTS AND NORTHWEST BANK, FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF LAKEWOOD, STAR OHIO, AND JP MORGAN CHASE, FIFTH THIRD BANK, AND KEYBANK EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2026.

#2026-075 RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL OFFICER TO CONDUCT ACH (AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE) TRANSACTIONS WITH LORAIN COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF SENDING AND RECEIVING MONIES IN LIEU OF PAPER CHECKS.

#2026-076 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT - \$1,000 (\$500 FOR BOOKS AND \$500 FOR FREEDGE SUPPLIES) FROM THE ROTARIAN GERALD PRUCHA WHO GRACIOUSLY PROVIDED A BEQUEST TO BE USED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF LORAIN.

#2026-077 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION - \$2,500 DOUGLAS R. PETERSEN – IN MEMORY OF KATHY PETERSEN TO SUPPORT THE AVON BRANCH WITH NO RESTRICTION ON USE.

#2026-078 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION - \$5,000 THE PARK FOUNDATION IN MEMORY OF CAROLE BARTOLOVICH TO SUPPORT THE AVON BRANCH WITH NO RESTRICTION ON USE.

#2026-079 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT - \$500 LAKELAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ART IN THE PARK PROGRAMMING.

#2026-080 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS IN JUNE AND JULY.

APPOINTMENTS								
NAME	POSITION	DATE	PT/FT/ TEMP HOURS	GRADE/ STEP	SALARY	DEPT/ BRANCH	NEW HIRE/ CURRENT STAFF	REASON FOR CHANGE
Kathy Niehm	Executive Assistant	Rehired 6/2/2026	PT	D	\$30.00	Admin	Re-Hire	Assistance in Fiscal Department
John Scott	Interim Fiscal Director	6/6/2026	PT		\$85.00	Admin		Temporary Assignment Ended
Nya Washington	Public Services Professional	6/8/2026	PT	UI	\$20.80	Main		Voluntary Termination
Jocelyn-Colon Nunez	Public Services Professional	6/9/2026	PT	UI	\$20.80	South		Voluntary Termination
Judith Harris	Administrative Assistant	6/26/2026	FT	D	\$25.30	Main		Voluntary Termination
Isabella Pan	Student Library Aide	6/29/2026	PT	A	\$11.00	Avon	New Hire	Replacement
Nadia Brailer	Student Aide	6/30/2026	PT	A	\$11.00	North Ridgeville		Voluntary Termination
Kim Edsell	Interim Branch Manager	7/6/2026	FT	F	\$64,589.91	Avon	Current Staff	Temporary Assignment
Alexandra Faulk	Public Services Associate	7/6/2026	PT	C	\$18.87	Main	Current	Replacement PSP position (A.Barbee) changed to PSA position
Avery Barbee	Interim Assistant Manager	7/20/2026	FT	E	\$56,000	Avon	Current Staff	Temporary Assignment
Alyssa Evans	Public Services Assistant	7/20/2026	PT	UH	\$18.73	Domonkas	New Hire	Replaces Missy Pearson
Beth Krosse	Assistant Fiscal Officer	7/30/2026	FT	G	\$85,000	Admin	New Hire	Replaces Connie Wilson

_____ moved, _____ seconded approval of all Consent Items #2026-072 to #2026-080.

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

#2026-081 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Lorain Public Library System (the "Library") is authorized pursuant to Section 3375.40 of the Ohio Revised Code to acquire, hold, and possess real property for library purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Library and the communities it serves to acquire certain real property located at 1600 and 1604 Kansas Avenue, Lorain, Ohio (the "Property"), Permanent Parcel Numbers 02-00-051-136-073, and 02-00-051-136-033, respectfully, for public library purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") in substantially the form hereto referred to as Exhibit A has been negotiated for the acquisition of the Property from Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (doing business as RAISE UP) (the "Seller") for the total purchase price of **\$1,740,000.00**;

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

SECTION 1. The Board hereby approves the acquisition of the Property (Permanent Parcel Number: 02-00-051-136-073, and 02-00-051-136-033, respectfully, from the Seller for a purchase price not to exceed **\$1,740,000.00**, plus reasonable and customary closing costs subject to the final terms and conditions of the Agreement.

SECTION 2. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is hereby authorized, directed, and empowered, in the name of and on behalf of the Library, to execute and enter into the Agreement, along with any amendments, closing statements, deeds, easements, and other necessary legal instruments or documents required to complete the transfer and acquisition of the Property.

SECTION 3. The CEO, Fiscal Officer, and legal counsel are authorized to take all further actions, perform all due diligence (including environmental, zoning, and title reviews), and expend such funds as are reasonably necessary to close the transaction in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

_____ moved, _____ seconded authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute and enter into a purchase agreement for the acquisition of real property for library purposes.

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

#2026-082 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATING IN THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAMS OF THE OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL, A COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Lorain Public Library System Board of Trustees is desirous of participating in certain of the cooperative purchasing programs of the Ohio Schools Council, a council of governments organization under the laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain Public Library System Board of Trustees has reviewed the Agreement and Bylaws of the of the Ohio Schools Council and agrees to abide by them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lorain Public Library System Board of Trustees authorizes its Director/CEO to execute and initial the Agreement and Bylaws of the Ohio Schools Council and for its Finance Director to pay the annual fee.

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve participating in the cooperative purchasing programs of the Ohio Schools Council, a council of governments organization under the laws of the state of Ohio.

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

#2026-083 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE LIBRARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH METRO PROPERTY SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$513,000) TO PROVIDE GENERAL TRADES CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR SERVICES TO THE LIBRARY FOR THE MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT.

_____ moved, _____ seconded to authorize the Library to enter into an agreement with Metro Property Services in an amount not to exceed five hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$513,000) to provide general trades construction contractor services to the Library for the Main Library renovation project.

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

#2026-084 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FROM CONTRACT SOURCE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$211,533) FOR THE MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT.

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve the purchase of furniture from Contract Source, Inc. in an amount not to exceed two hundred eleven five hundred thirty-three dollars (\$211,533) for the Main Library renovation project.

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

#2026-085 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

_____ moved, _____ seconded to approve entering executive session to discuss employment of a public employee and collective bargaining.

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

Time Entered into Executive Session _____

Reconvened _____

Other Agenda Items

Adjournment

Next Meetings

Finance, Audit and Properties Committee Meeting

Friday, September 4, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Main Library

351 W. 6th Street

Lorain, OH 44052

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Domonkas Branch

4125 E. Lake Road

Sheffield Lake, OH 44054