

Ashe County Public Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2026

12:00 PM

Attendance: Jan Noffsinger, Kyle Hall, Lisa Calhoun, Karen Moll, Ruth Johnson, Dawn Johnson, Ashley Geercken, Lori Allred, James Bumgarner

Absent: None

Staff: Laura McPherson, Russell Taylor, and Tammy Holston

- I. Call to order
 - A. Time: 11:47 am
- II. Additions, deletions, and approval of agenda
 - A. Motion to approve: Ashley
 - B. Second: Karen
- III. Approval of previous meeting's minutes
 - A. Motion to approve: Karen
 - B. Second: Lisa
- IV. Correspondence and communications
- V. Reports of standing committees
 - A. Endowment
 1. Q4 Endowment Statement: \$508,385.93 as of 12/31/26; available to distribute \$20,010
 2. Committee Report
 - a) Raised as of February 23, 2026: \$6,100 (does not count \$5,000 from BRE or another recent \$500)
 - b) Total: \$66,588.69
 - c) Bucks for Books Auction on Sunday, April 12, 2026
 - B. Building Enhancement
 1. Submitted a grant proposal for \$39,476.50 to the AJ Fletcher Foundation on February 16; we await approval following their March board meeting. Funding would allow for significant improvements to the front elevation of the library campus

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2. We have two landscape design proposals: Thompson's Horticultural Services and Mustard Seed

VI. Unfinished business

- A. None

VII. New business

A. Report of the Finance Manager

1. FY 2025-26 Budget Amendments

- a) Two adjustments (restricted donation for children's books; small donation to the miscellaneous line item)

2. FY 2026-27 Preliminary Budget

- a) Includes a 3% increase over last year's personnel request

3. Marsh Interest

- a) \$231,072.09 remaining

B. Appoint committee to review and recommend new board members (Jan, Ashley, James)

C. Need two local board members to join the ARL board (Dawn & Lori)

1. New members assume their roles in September 2026

2. Jan and Kyle role off the local and regional boards on August 31, 2026

D. Next Regional Board meeting: March 19, 2026 at 1 pm in Ashe

E. Next Local Board meeting: May 11, 2026 at noon (Lisa has graciously agreed to chair this meeting in Jan and Kyle's absence)

F. Kyle requested a printed list of all of the board meetings going forward; Laura will print them for 2027

VIII. Other Reports

A. Report of the Friends of the Library President

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1. Sales were great in January and February (increased book prices slightly)
2. Blind Date with a Book promotion in February and a drawing for handcrafted chocolates
3. Rubber Duckie search for Easter; you get a birth certificate for your duck

B. Report of the Regional Director

C. Report of the County Librarian

IX. Adjournment

A. Time: 12:45 pm

B. Motion: Karen

C. Second: Ashley