



ADVISORY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Following the 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting –approximately 10:00 a.m.

Meeting will adjourn prior to 11:00 so that the In-person Workshop can begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

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Kent District Library Service Center

814 West River Center Drive NE, Comstock Park, MI 49321

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (m) PAGE 1
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2026 MEETING** (m) PAGES 2-3
- 5. COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT – Elyshia Hoekstra, Chair** (i)
- 6. BOARD REPORT – John McNaughton, Board President** (i)
- 7. ILS MANAGER’S REPORT** (i) See Board Packet
- 8. MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT** (i) See Board Packet
- 9. COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** (i) See Board Packet
- 10. OTHER REPORTS (If representatives are present)**
 - a. MLA Update– Dale Parus, Mary Johnson, James Pugh** (i)
- 11. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. ILS Migration Project – Ann Langlois** (i) See Board Packet
 - b. Caucus/Election for Class IV and V member libraries. (Paper Ballots will be provided. Attendees must be in person to vote.)** (m) PAGES 4-5
- 12. DIRECTOR DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS**
- 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 14. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, October 8, 2026 following the Board Meeting at Kent District Library Service Center**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT** (m)

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Unofficial
Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
At the KDL Service Center

Council Members Present: Elyshia Hoekstra (OC), Stef Reed (MG), Joe Zappacosta (SM), Carol Dawe (LLC)

Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain (LLC), Carol Dawe (LLC)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:55 AM by Elyshia Hoekstra.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Cierra Bakovka moved, supported by Matt Lubbers-Moore to approve the agenda - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Matt Lubbers-Moore welcomed Reilly as the new director at Dorr, and Betty Adams as the new director at MADL.
 - b) Teresa Kline shared that Fennville got a grant to digitize their bound newspapers.
 - c) Cierra Bakovka shared that Henika has received a grant towards their expansion project, contingent on passing a millage.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kevin Meyer moved, supported by Betty Adams, to approve the Advisory Council minutes from June 11, 2026 – *motion carried*.
- 5) **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORTS:** None.
- 6) **BOARD REPORT:** Nothing to report.
- 7) **ILS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ann shared that the annual patron purge will be coming in late August. The patron fines purge will also be happening soon.
- 8) **MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT:** Amber shared that BiblioCommons has had some connectivity issues. If you experience an error, refresh and try again, but let Amber know. She also shared that PLOUD libraries may have some issues with their Patron Point forms, so she encouraged them to check them.
- 9) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None.
- 10) **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - a) **MLA:** James Pugh shared information regarding the 2027 MLA annual conference, including information about the sessions and keynote speakers. Mary Johnson added that MLA is looking at starting up a Library Trustee Training initiative and certification program. MLA is also coming up on its 135th Anniversary. Abby Black shared that Lance Werner of KDL received a grant for local Ordinances regarding intellectual freedom.
- 12) **NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a) *ILS Migration Project* – Ann shared the current status of the ILS project, how the Lakeland team is working with Clarivate on the beginning of this transition to translate our current Sierra information to Polaris information. A discussion regarding differentiated logins ensued.
 - b) *Caucus/Election discussion for September/October* – A discussion regarding the caucus for board positions and officers for advisory ensued. If you are interested, let Carol know before the September meeting.
 - c) *Operating Budget and Cost per Library Discussion and Vote* – A discussion regarding the delivery charge increase ensued. Carol explained that the ILS transition, not having to hire drivers, and not having to pay healthcare for those employees means that the cost will balance out. Mary Johnson moved, supported by Virginia DeMumbrum, to approve the Operating Budget and Cost per Library – *motion carried*.
- 13) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Mary Johnson announced that MADL increased summer reading participation by 34%.
 - b) Ellen Peters shared that one of OL's staff members will be presenting at MLA. OL is also dropping Hoopla at the end of the month – Maggie McKeithan praised Loutit's FAQ page regarding the topic.

- i) A discussion regarding digital material strategy ensued.
 - c) Betty Adams from MADL shared that MADL will be hosting Dave Eggers in November.
 - d) Dorr is going to be hosting "Plates and Pages" – a programs in which Michigan authors share a meal with local families and discuss their works.
- 14) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday September 10, 2026, following the 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 15) **ADJOURNMENT:** Matt Lubbers-Moore moved, supported by James Pugh, to adjourn at 10:57 AM - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain

ADVISORY COUNCIL CAUCUSES FOR LLC BOARD MEMBERS

ELECTION 2026-2028

BOARD SLATE FOR CLASS IV LIBRARIES ELECTION

Thursday, September 10th, 2026 - Meeting of LLC Advisory Council

A paper ballot will be provided to all eligible CLASS V voting members.

ADVISORY COUNCIL SECRETARY will record the electoral business of each Library Group.

Board Candidates: Term 10/2026 - 9/2028

Maggie McKeithan, Spring Lake District Library (Incumbent)

Candidate Statement:

Maggie McKeithan's Statement:

I would be honored to continue serving on the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board. During my time on the Board, I have had an active voice and advocated for all Class 4 libraries. I believe strongly in the collective power of our consortium and the value we gain by learning from and supporting each other. I would like to keep working to strengthen collaboration and relationships between libraries, and to contribute to the continued growth of member libraries and staff.

Other candidates may provide a statement at the election caucus.

Member Class IV Libraries (Quorum 7) (Due to population shifts, 2 libraries have moved into CLASS IV and are noted by an asterisk.)

Library Name

Carson City Public Library

Coopersville Area District Library

Fennville District Library

Flat River Community Library

Fremont Area District Library

Fruitport District Library

Gary Byker Memorial Library of Hudsonville* (Previously Class III)

Hastings Public Library

Howard Miller Public Library* (Previously Class V)

Ionia Community Library

Spring Lake District Library

Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library

White Lake Community Library

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Abby Black, Allendale Township Library (Incumbent)

Candidate Statement:

Abby Black's Statement:

I've spent fifteen years working in public libraries, starting as a youth librarian in a small rural library, then ten years in an urban setting, and now as Library Director in Allendale. Every step has reinforced my belief that libraries are at the heart of their communities—places where everyone can learn, connect, and belong.

I'm passionate about early literacy, advocacy, supporting staff development and protecting our right to read. Supporting staff development builds stronger, more creative libraries, while advocacy ensures our communities continue to have access to diverse ideas and resources.

In addition to my current role, I already serve on the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board and would love to be re-elected as the class 5 library representative. I am also part of the Michigan Library Association Legislative and Advocacy Committee. My years as a youth librarian taught me to listen and connect, and as a director, I've learned to balance vision with practicality, lead with compassion, and champion innovation even in times of challenge or change.

Outside of work, I'm a mom of four daughters, an avid cyclist, and a raccoon enthusiast.

I would be honored to continue to serve on the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board. While I can't be there in person today due to my husband's medical leave, I am happy to provide further clarification or answer questions through email prior to the LLC advisory meeting on Thursday, September 10. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Other candidates may provide a statement at the election caucus.

Member Class IV Libraries (Quorum 2) (Due to a population shift, Howard Miller is now a Class IV library.)

Library Name

Allendale Township Library

Hackley Public Library

Loutit District Library