

**April 13, 2026**  
Jay County Public Library  
Library Board Meeting  
Jay County Public Library Community Room  
315 North Ship Street, Portland, IN

**Board Members Present:** Tracy Carpenter, Carolyn Journay, Liz Lawson, Dolphus Stephens.

**Board Members Absent:** Jessica Cook, Amy Hawbaker, Parker May.

**Staff Present:** Eric Hinderliter, Director.

**Members of the Public:** 2 Students.

**Board Meeting Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Carpenter, and passed, the minutes of the March 9, 2026 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**Financial Report**

Upon motion of Ms. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and passed, the final March Financial Report and Claim Register, including claims from March 11 through April 14, were approved.

**Report of the Director**

**1. Usage**

Eric presented the usage report for March.

**2. Building and Grounds and Technology**

The lighting project will be complete when the chandeliers are done. Mustard Seed will bid on painting. Delaware Glass is still waiting on one part. AVC will be helping us with a few tech projects.

**3. Programming/Services**

March was a good month with strong attendance for story times as well as an author event. Other highlights include an escape room night for kids as well as a few Spring Break activities. Planning for summer and Kindergarten Prep School is under way.

**4. Personnel**

Poppi Lenwell's last day was April 10. Leah Muhlenkamp's last day was April 9. Hiring strategy is under consideration. Two Pages, Jensen Avery and Kaylin Hudson will be leaving by early June. The process to hire one new Page is underway.

## 5. Legislative Update

House Bill 1406 delayed the start of Local Income Tax reform to 2029 leaving us in decent financial shape for 2026 through 2028.

### Committee Reports

### Communications

### Unfinished (old) Business

### New Business

### Public Input

**Adjournment** - On motion of Mr. Stephens, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Next meeting:** May 11, 2026

Respectfully recorded,

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Eric Hinderliter, JCPL Director

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Carolyn Journay

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Dolphus Stephens

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Tracy Carpenter

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Liz Lawson