

Madisonville City Library Board Meeting
January 13, 2026
Library Community Room

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Board members in attendance: Kelly Robinson, Kim Townson, Alfred Greenwood, Donna Sovern, Don Browder, Nancy Franklin, Lidell Kirk, Betsy Moore, Mary Nelle Thornton.

Also in attendance: Nikki Branam-Snyder, Assistant Regional Library Director and Heather Jones, Madisonville Library Director.

Previous Minutes of November 4, 2025 meeting were read. Alfred made a motion to approve, Don seconded and minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report was given. Kim made a motion to approve, Lidell seconded and report was unanimously approved.

Heather provided the Library Director's Report:

- Quarterly activity report provided.
- Monday numbers picking up as awareness of new days/hours being known.
- Library (and FOL) can now accept credit and debit payments.
- Attendance and circulation higher than last year.
- To accommodate home schoolers teen classes will be held on Thursday afternoon as well as Saturdays.
- Heather invited to serve on Board of Madisonville Downtown Alliance.
- State requested a review of our Juvenile collection. One book determined inappropriate "Absolutely True Diary of Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie. Donna made a motion to remove book, Alfred seconded. Six members voted to remove. Two voted against and one member abstained. Quorum carried the vote.

Friends of Library Report:

- Balance \$15,966.
- Upcoming Book and Bake Sale March 20th and 21st.
- Discussions on-going re: Downtown Madisonville Tour (to include Library and Cemetery) Request being made for a painted crosswalk between the two.

Old Business:

- Outstanding patron fines of seven years or more.
 - Discussion of amnesty – letters – tracking and (staff manpower needed)
 - Donna made a motion to delete them, Betsy seconded and motion was unanimously approved.
 - It was noted to investigate if the largest offenders could be flagged in system.

New Business:

- Proposed 2026/2027 Budget was presented. Alfred made a motion to approve, Betsy seconded and motion was unanimously approved.
- Don and Kim volunteered to serve as Nominating Committee to replace board members whose terms end this fiscal year.
- Policies and Procedures. Suggested we follow City's policy to provide up to 3 days of Bereavement Leave to all library employees. Betsy made a motion to approve, Mary Nelle seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be held on March 10th at 4:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Sovern on January 16, 2026.