

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2026
MINUTES

1. Ms. Gleason, President, called the meeting to order at 5:55pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present- Ms. Gleason, Ms.Doherty, Ms.Stankye, Ms.Barry, Ms. Cecarelli, Mr. Foley, Mr. Middendorf, Mr. Lionetti, Ms. Smertiuk, Library Director. Absent with notice: Ms. Kopchik.
3. Ms. Doherty moved to adopt the agenda as written. Mr. Lionetti seconded and all were in favor.
4. Public Portion was closed.
5. Mr. Lionetti moved to accept the January 21, 2026 mi uses with 2 corrections. In New Business, Kerry McLaughlin began on December 29th and the word 'is' in the last sentence should be deleted. Ms. Cecarelli seconded and all were in favor.
6. Old Business– Scholarship notices have been sent to schools. Ms. Smertiuk will contact the English teachers to ask for AI discussions with all who choose to write an essay. The 350th celebrations are winding down. The 250th USA celebration will kick off with Joe DiRienzo and the Derby History Society on April 11, 2026. The display of items from Derby High and the Valley will stay up through March.
7. New Business - Kerry has been doing a great job in the Children's room. Stop in to see what she has done. Congratulations to Whitney on receiving her Masters Degree. Marc's tech job is expanding. Tech is growing and Marc is great. The Director and staff will review work schedules for best ways to possibly make changes. Ms. Smertiuk will

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be presenting the flat budget at the BOAT meeting on Tuesday, February 24th. Many meetings were attended and Kerry, Kathy, and Marianne will attend the CLA Conference at the end of February. April Vacation programming and Summer Reading program is being planned.

8. Executive Session not needed.

9. Mr. Lionetti moved to adjourn at 6:46pm. Mr. Foley seconded and all were in favor.

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Respectfully submitted by Ms. Barry, Secretary

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