

Derby Public Library  
Board of Director's Meeting  
Wednesday January 21, 2026  
Minutes

1. Ms Gleason, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present- Ms. Gleason Ms. Doherty, Ms. Cecarelli, Mr. Foley, Mr. Middendorf, Mr. Lionetti, Ms. Barry, Ms. Smertiuk,, Library Director. Absent with notice: Ms. Kopchik and Ms. Stankye.
3. Mr. Lionetti moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Cecarelli seconded and all were in favor.
4. Public Portion was closed.
5. Ms. Doherty moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Middendorf seconded and all were in favor.
6. Old Business— Mr Lionretti moved to increase the price for use of the Library meeting room to \$100 for four hours or less and \$150 for four hours or more. Mr. Foley seconded and all were in favor. The Meeting Room Policy will be rewritten to include these changes. Kerry McLaughlin began her duties as Children's Librarian on December 31, 2025. Welcome Kerry! The Sara Riggs Humphrey DAR will be able to move their files into the cleared storage room once the contract is seen. Ms. Smertiuk will email them that the room is ready. Ms. Cecarelli moved to accept the Monday dates in February from 4 to 6:30 pm for the High School Project. Ms. Doherty seconded and all were in favor. Any proceeds from the evening is will go to support DPL, DNL, and DHS Library.
7. New Business— Traveling Toys will be coming soon to our library. Toys will be purchased with a grant and placed into circulation. They

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can be taken out for two weeks. Rules will be listed on an info sheet. Libraries are the hub of the community. This is very evident at our Library. Many programs were attended by young and old alike during the holidays. Many patrons are excited about what is coming in the next months.. Make sure to remind friends and neighbors to check us out on our website. Better yet stop in, we would love to see you..Thanks to our great staff for all they did during the holiday time. Also thanks to all DHS alums who loaned or donated articles for Christine's 350th collection.Scholarship info will be sent to High Schools in February. We hope to read more original thoughts. We hope to avoid AI. Contract will begin to be discussed as it comes to in 2027.Two members of our staff are planning to get a Masters in Library Science..Great! There is some damage in the History room. We will try to see if it can be correct in-house. Some flooring in Children's Room needs to be replaced. Ms. Cecarelli moved to purchase the flooring at Home Depot and have. Custodians put it in. Mt. Foley seconded and all were in favor. The City would like to consolidate some line items in the budget. Ms Doherty moved to join dues and staff development. Mr. Middendorf seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Foley moved to add miscellaneous. with supplies. Mr. Middendorf seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Middendorf moved to add equipment and furniture. Mr. Foley seconded and all were in favor. However, Ms. Doherty moved that if it doesn't work out, things will go back to original line items. Ms. Cecarelli seconded and all were in favor. Friends made \$470 on the book swap and are planning another in September/October. Ms. Smertiuk has two vacation days to make up and will give us dates after next meeting.

8. Executive Session was not necessary.

9. Mr. Lionetti moved to adjourn at 7:10pm. Mr. Foley seconded and all were in favor.

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Respectfully submitted by Ms. Barry, Secretary

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