

## CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

### Our Mission

To best serve the Carver County community, the library will be a provider of resources, spaces and experiences that enrich and empower people's lives.

March 10, 2026

Waconia Library, Activity Room

4:30 p.m. Regular Library Advisory Board Meeting

Board members present: Orn Bodvarsson, Stacie Lindquist, Michelle Bachmann, Wendy Eggers, Amber Barker, Sarah Duffey

Library staff present: Jodi Edstrom (Director), Margot Barry (Western Branches Manager), Patrick Jones (Chanhassen/Victoria Manager), Kevin Spencer (Chaska Manager)

Public present: Jim Weygand

### AGENDA

#### 1. Call to Order (Quorum: 3)

4:30 pm - Bodvarsson

#### 2. Agenda Review and Adoption

*Bachmann, Lindquist to approve amended agenda:*

Items 4.2, 6.1, and 7.3 postponed to next month's meeting

#### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting

*Lindquist, Barker – passed with corrections*

#### 4. Public Comment/Introduction of Visitors:

4.1 Public Input. Public comments that relate to an item on the agenda may be heard when that agenda item is discussed. Please limit your public comments to five minutes or less.

Individuals unable to attend in person can provide public comments by email at [jedstrom@carvercountymn.gov](mailto:jedstrom@carvercountymn.gov)

~~4.2 City of Waconia Guest~~

4.3 Team Update – March, 2026, Library Board Report Collection Team

*Jones – Reported there is now a focus on purchasing more copies of fewer titles to address wait times, a 6% increase in print circulation, and that 70% of check outs are kids titles.*

#### 5. Action Items:

~~5.1 Approval of Norwood Young America Library Extended Access~~

*Correction: Approval of a recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners to accept a Bibliotheca Contract to operationalize Extend Access at the Norwood Young America Branch  
Lindquist, Eggers – passed unanimously*

~~5.2 Accept Art Commission~~

*Correction: Accept Art Donation*

*Barker, Lindquist – passed unanimously*

5.3 Appoint Member to New Chaska Library Task Force

*Lindquist nominated Barker, Eggers seconded – passed unanimously*

## **6. Unfinished and New Business**

### 6.1 Library Board Photo

*Postponed*

### 6.2 Library Legislative Day Recap

*Bodvarsson and Edstrom – Orn Bodvarsson, Jodi Edstrom, and Jessica Schenk attended on 2/25/26, speaking with State Senators Gruenhagen, Coleman and State Representatives Nash, Rehm. Provided Carver County Library updates and endorsed Minnesota Library Association legislative platform.*

## **7. Administrative Reports**

### 7.1 Executive Summary – Jodi Edstrom

*Edstrom – Wrapping up 2025 budget, preparing state report.*

### 7.2 Library Director- Jodi Edstrom

*Edstrom – The annual report has been published, state of the library presentations to city councils are forthcoming, food drive March 16-30, finalizing hiring adult services librarian for the West branches, and starting interviews for two library assistant positions in the West branches*

### 7.3 Division Director – Nick Koktavy

## **8. Branch Reports**

### 8.1 Chanhassen and Victoria – Patrick Jones

*Jones – Highlighted Hooked on Books outreach, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, and staff who work in both branches.*

### 8.2 Chaska – Kevin Spencer

*Spencer – Highlighted the Seed Library, Activity table, Elevator issues, and Friends of the Library book sale.*

### 8.3 NYA, Waconia and Watertown – Margot Barry

*Barry – Highlighted Relocation of programming kits to administration, patrons using the space and connecting with staff, book drop in Watertown, Cologne Express now operational, courier stocking express libraries, and Friends of the Libraries book sales.*

## **9. Correspondence/Additional info:**

*None*

## **10. Media Packet-attached**

### 10.1. February 2026 press (enclosed)

## **11. Adjournment**

*5:42 pm – Lindquist, Bachmann*

*Submitted by Kevin Spencer*