

**Heartland Regional Library System**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

**Roll Call:** The Heartland Regional Library Board met at the Eldon Library for the June meeting. President Carole Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:03. The following board members were present: Carole Wagner, Toleda Jett, Nora Bond, Lerilee Huhman, Stacey Dunham, and Brittany Davenport. Heather Walker and Rachel Williams attended via Zoom. Genna Jett attended via phone. Tierney Webb was absent.

Staff members present were Director Lisa Garro, Asst. Director Lysha Thompson, and library programmer Michelle Vaughn.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Stacey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Brittany seconded the motion. All approved.

**Financial Reports:** Discussion was held regarding the upcoming changes in the Technical Support category due to the website update and logo creation. The financial reports were approved after a motion was made by Lerilee and seconded by Toleda.

**Approval of monthly expenditures and transfer of funds:** Following the sharing of information related to the recent purchase of tools for all four branches, Toleda made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures and transfer of funds and Stacey seconded. The motion passed.

**Director's/Asst. Director's/Librarians' Reports:** Michelle gave the programming librarians' reports. She shared the stats for the month and noted that attendance of programs has been great. She reported that there has been a large signup for the summer reading program. Michelle said the babysitting class was successful and will probably hold another in the future.

The Assistant Director's report:

- Increase in SLP (summer library program) signups – as compared to last year.
- Successful visits to the library from summer school classes from Iberia, St. Elizabeth, and Vienna.
- Ravensburger Puzzle Company donated ten puzzles for future puzzle competitions
- Exciting SLP activities – Mad Science, Time Travelers Children's Theater, and wrap-up activities.
- Turning over more responsibilities to Michelle and Leah to free up more time for assistant director duties.

The Director's report:

- Attended the MPLD – productive meeting and below are important highlights from the conference:
  - OCLC – concerns related to subscription costs. Missouri Evergreen (ME) members are considering discontinuing OCLC services or enter into a one-year or three-year agreement. It would cost HRLS \$500 per year as their share of the ME agreement. The vote will be held soon.
  - MOCAAT – a financial management resource for Missouri public entities. Information was shared. Lisa will contact them to present to the board as the board is interested in learning more about their services.

- MoSDA – new organization that informs their members of the impact of tax reform policies and other legislative matters. The cost is \$125 annually. The board agreed with Lisa that it would be beneficial to join.
- Weekly meetings with Library Market regarding the website and calendar development. Launch date is set for December 15, 2026. A lot of prep-work ahead. A patron logo survey will be coming out soon.
- MALA – forced to add another day (Monday) to the courier service. Additional cost of \$4,448 annually.
- Bridge work on Hwy 42 may be finished by early July.

\*\*See the Director's Report for June 2026 for more details.

**Communications:** See Old Business.

**Old Business:** Sandra Geerling, co-owner of Hard Times Bar and Grill (HTBG), recently sent the director a proposal for possible purchase of HRLS adjoining property. Ms. Geerling provided two proposals with attached exhibits showing the proposed parcels of land. The first proposal was for a 16' strip of land running along the entire length of the Hard Times property and the price of \$4,200 for that piece of property. The second proposal was to purchase the entire section of land between the Iberia library and Hard Times Bar and Grill. The offer for that land was \$10,000. Following discussion, the Miller County board members decided to make a counter offer of \$10,000 for the 16' strip of land. The board also wants all closing and land survey costs to be covered by Hard Times.

**New Business:** None.

**District Board Reports:** None.

**Committee Reports:** None.

**HRLS Policies:** The board reviewed the Operational Policies. Following a brief discussion, Stacey made a motion to accept the policy with several minor changes. Nora seconded and motion passed.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Stacey made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 and Toleda seconded. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted, Lerilee Huhman, HRLS secretary