

Heartland Regional Library System
Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Roll Call: The Heartland Regional Library Board met at the Vienna Library for the May meeting. President Carole Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:00. The following board members were present: Carole Wagner, Toleda Jett, Genna Jett, Rachel Williams, Heather Walker, Lerilee Huhman, and Brittany Davenport. Stacey Dunham, Tierney Webb, and Nora Bond attended via Zoom.

Staff members present were Director Lisa Garro and library programmer Leah Gargus.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Lerilee made a motion to approve the minutes with one clarification regarding the Code of Ethics. Toleda seconded the motion. All approved.

Financial Reports: Discussion was held regarding questions on Lagers, travel, and unbudgeted expenses. The financial reports were approved after a motion was made by Rachel and seconded by Toleda.

Approval of monthly expenditures and transfer of funds: Following the sharing of information related to a CD that came due on 5/1/26 at the Maries County Bank in Vienna, Toleda made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures and transfer of funds and Heather seconded. The motion passed.

Director's/Asst. Director's/Librarians' Reports: Leah gave the programming librarians' reports. She reported her stats for the month and noted that attendance of programs at Belle has been variable while attendance at Vienna has been great. Leah shared Michelle's stats and noted that she delivered over 1,000 flyers on the summer library program (SLP). The flyer and SLP program were shared with the board.

Lisa shared the Assistant Director's written report:

- Information on the planning of the SLP
- Summer school classes from Iberia, St. Elizabeth, and Vienna will be visiting the library.
- Planning nutrition classes with MU Extension for the fall.

The Director's report:

- Reported that HRLS received a technology grant for \$27,324 from IMLS to redesign, modernize, and make the website and online calendar system more user-friendly. HRLS must do a 10% match. The company, LibraryMarket, has been hired for the project and will also update and rebrand the library's identity. It will take approximately 5-6 months to complete.
- Introduced Gail Hanlon – new part-time hire at Eldon.
- Explanation of possible upcoming changes at OCLC.
- Missouri House bill on library sales tax did not pass as time ran out to bring it to a vote..
- Acquired free used furniture in decent shape from the Cape Girardeau library.
- Changes coming to the courier service.
- Bridge work on Hwy 42 is continuing.

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

Communications: None.

Old Business: Owners of Hard Times Bar and Grill (HTBG) recently contacted the director to check if any decisions had been made by the board to sell or lease a portion of HRLS property. Lisa will contact the owners of HTBG to ask what price they might be willing to offer for the minimum piece of property they are interested in (28x30 foot section). Nora will contact a realtor in Iberia to check on the potential value of that piece of the property. The board also wants to know the estimated impact that sale could have on the future sale of the building and property.

The 2025 Job Satisfaction Survey was shared with the board. Overall results are positive and helpful to the director in helping to improve staff contentment with their jobs.

New Business: None..

District Board Reports: None.

Committee Reports: None.

HRLS Policies: The board will review the Operational Bylaws before the June meeting and discuss next month.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Toleda made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 and Brittany seconded. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted, Lerilee Huhman, HRLS secretary