

Heartland Regional Library System
Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Roll Call: The Heartland Regional Library Board met at the Iberia Library for the April meeting. Vice President Nora Bond called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Following board members were present: Carole Wagner on zoom, Rachel Williams, Toleda Jett, Heather Walker, Nora Bond, and Tierney Earp were present in person. Brittany Davenport, Lerilee Huhman, Genna Jett, and Stacey Dunham were absent.
Staff members present were Director Lisa Garro, Lysha Thompson, and Michelle Vaughn.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Rachel made the motion to approve the minutes and Heather seconded. All approved.

Financial Reports: Toleda made the motion to approve the FR and Heather seconded. All approved.

Approval of Monthly Expenditures and Transfer of Funds: Heather made the motion to approve the ME and TF and Rachel seconded. All approved.

Director's/Librarian Reports: The director, assistant director and programming librarian Michelle Vaughn reported on the following:

The programming librarian Michelle shared the programmers latest statistic report and that Vienna won the Battle of the Books. St. Elizabeth won the Mark Twain book battle, and programming has had very successful turnouts this month. The homesteading topics have been very popular and they will continue with these types of topics.

Summer programming is in the planning stages and information will go out soon to schools and other places.

The Assistant Director, Lysha, reported that she attended the MASL conference. Author Ruta Sepetys was a speaker at the conference and was amazing. Lysha suggested that all check out her YA books because they are for all ages. Author Roland Smith was also there and was excellent as well.

Looking forward to the summer reading program, the topic will be UnEarth Your Story with topics of dinosaurs, ancestry, and other history. Many plans are in the works for programs, the Miller County big events have been reserved and supplies have been ordered for the first couple weeks. Some of the adult programs will be around the America250, USA's 250th anniversary.

The Director, Lisa, reported that she attended the Public Librarians' Association Conference in Minneapolis. She reported that the new employee, Tara Johnson, in the Eldon branch is doing great and she thinks that she is enjoying the job. She also reported that the America250 anniversary is a key theme for the summer programming and they are looking into planning something in conjunction with the historical societies. Lastly, Nancy, Angel, Anna, and Lisa will attend the MO Evergreen conference this Friday to learn about many different library topics like cataloguing, processing, and organizing.

Communications: None other than those with the owner from Hard Times Bar and Grill.

Old Business:

The owners of Hard Times Bar and Grill want a 28'x30' section at the minimum. They will take all that they can get though. We think if we were to decide to sell anything that we would want to sell from the very back of our lot on the restaurant side to 30 feet out from the restaurant building. However, we are unsure if it is in the library's best interest to sell with the possibility of selling our property in the future. HT B&G owners did offer to get the survey if we move forward with this. Carole made a motion to table this discussion until next month and Heather made a second.

Code of Ethics and Public Disclosure: Got passed around, but we never made mention of it after it got looked at by everyone

Bank of Tuscumbia CD: The members of the Heartland Regional Library make a motion to transfer the CD from the Bank of Tuscumbia to the Bank of Iberia. Along with that, we move that Tierney Earp, Stacey Dunham, Brittany Davenport, Lerilee Huhman, Nora Bond, Camilia Hallahan, and Lisa Garro be made signers and trustees of the CD on this account Heather made a motion and Carole made a second. All approved.

At 7:24, Heather made a motion to enter executive session and Carole seconded.

At 7:31, Heather made a motion to close executive session and enter regular session and Toleda seconded.

Following the executive session, Toleda made a motion to open a part time position in Eldon of 20 hours a week to help with hours on certain days that need coverage. Heather made a second. All approved.

District Board Reports: n/a

Committee Reports: n/a

HRLS Policies: n/a

Adjournment: Rachel made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 and Carole seconded.