

Bridger Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026
Bridger Public Library

The meeting of the Bridger Public Library Board of Trustees was held at the Bridger Public Library on March 9, 2026. Board members present were Staci Pospisil, Dorothy Asbury, Lynn White, Jim Havens, and Summer Karp. Also present were Director Krystal Zentner and Assistant Director Carrie Langendorff. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. Public comments were invited for items not on the agenda, and none were offered.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 12, 2026, regular meeting. Lynn White moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Havens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the fiscal year 2026 financial report discussion, the director reported that the library had signed up for the Advantage Program associated with Libby. The board discussed the need to develop a policy related to the program.

Under old business, the board reviewed the job description for the Library Services Coordinator position. The board discussed the goal of having a person hired by June 1, 2026, to assist with the Summer Reading Program. The County Library Services Agreement was reviewed, and no new information was reported. The board also discussed the annual insurance review. The director reported that she spoke with the Town Clerk about the cost of replacing the single-story wood structure. The board noted that the policy regarding library content will be reviewed during the following year's insurance review cycle. The director provided an update on her PERS reconciliation and reported that the required paperwork had been submitted to Kirstin.

Under new business, the board discussed the possibility of health insurance coverage for part-time employees throughout the Town. The discussion covered the current town contribution, potential rates if the library opted in, eligibility for part-time coverage, and the definition of part-time status. No decision was made, and the board will gather additional information.

The board also discussed promoting local authors. Trustees indicated support for promoting local authors through the library, while clarifying that the library would not be associated with or involved in book sales or monetary transactions. Trustees stated that the promotion could include authors from Montana or Wyoming. The board requested that a written policy be drafted for future review.

During the director's report, updates were provided on several topics. The director reported on progress related to the Library's ADA ramp project. She also discussed services, including Kanopy and Ancestry, and noted that safety checklists are currently under review. The director reported that Jim Havens' name will be removed from the bank account information at the next meeting. Trustees discussed the possibility of volunteering to assist with outdoor plants around the library. The director also reported that the library carpet shows wear and may need replacement, noting that it is more than 20 years old. The Montana Talking Library service was also discussed as a resource available to patrons with disabilities.

As part of the meeting, the board also participated in training on ethics and insurance responsibilities.

The next regular meeting of the Bridger Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on May 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.