

Ishpeming Carnegie Library Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026

Paul Olson, President called meeting to order at 7pm. Present: Elyse Bertucci, Darren Boldt, Paul Olson and Kaylee Ronn. Absent and excused was Brooke Routhier. Also present: Jesse Shirtz, Library Director.

Minutes: Appreciation to Brooke Routhier for updating and maintaining Unfinished Business items. A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Paul Olson to approve the June 18, 2026 minutes. Motion approved

Public Participation: None

Librarian Report: Jesse Shirtz, Director presented the June 2026 Circulation Reports, Statistical and Programming Reports, Budget Report ending 6/30/2026, Calendar of Events, Unique Management statement, and Beanstalk Reports. The Director reported that June 2026 was the highest month of library attendance since June 2018 and that the Summer Reading Program (SRP) had 80 less that attendees than last year's entire summer program. Books & Badges with Ishpeming City Police Chief Chad Radabaugh had 178 attendees who all received books. The Library will soon be able to use texting and email to send patrons notifications such as overdue books, need to reregister, holds are available and other information. At the July 15, 2018 council meeting, the City voted to put a 2.1 millage request on the November ballot for Library operations including a .4 levy for Library capital expenditures for total Library 2.5 millage. The Director will contact the City for guidelines for employees and board members on how to answer questions for those seeking information on the millage. Concerns are what happens to Library funds if the millage fails and how to approach the townships One of the mini split systems that was installed in 2023 has leaks in the outside unit.and happy experiences in her new adventure.

Committee Reports: Committee will work on finalizing Library Card Policy.

Communications: Kaylee Ronn signed Book Bills as presented.

Unfinished Business: Amended Circulation Policy has not be approved by the board. Policy manual review, revision and updating is ongoing. Tousignant donation: list of potential projects that meet the standard of enhance and enrich including: table lights, e readers, more computers for patrons, picture rail, chairs with chargers, reading pod is still being developed and should prioritized in 2026. Annual distribution starts no later than 2028. The Children's room redesign (FOL will cover up to \$15,000 for the renovation plan). No update this month.

Capital Improvement items submitted for consideration to the City: No update this month.

1. Front steps/pillar deterioration repair
2. Children's room redesign and renovation. The heating work will allow this to proceed.
3. Computer replacement – budget annual capital replacement at 3 per year.
4. Glass floor repairs.
5. Tile floor repairs and carpeting replacement.
6. Roof replacement fund allocation in preparation for full replacement in 2034 to 2039.

New Business: Brooke Routhier, Board Secretary, has started a new job which requires her to work out of state along with working from Ishpeming. The Director will confirm with the City that she will be able to attend meetings using Zoom if she is out of state.

Public Participation: None.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM and election of officers will be on the June agenda. Please note this meeting is scheduled one week early.

A motion was made by Darren Boldt and seconded by Kaylee Ronn to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elyse Bertucci