

York County Library Board of Trustees Meeting
April 9, 2026 Lake Wylie Public Library 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tim Steele called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Attending board members: Tim Steele, Terry Plumb, Nancy Nicholson, Laura Milem, Carol Herring, and Dennis Getter. Also attending: Julie Ward (Director YCL), Martin House (YCL), and Pam Miler (YCL).

Public Comments: None

Approval of Previous Minutes: Nancy Nicholson made the motion to approve; Dennis Getter seconded. Terry Plumb made a motion that we remove the paragraph on page 2 (“Terry Plumb announced that ... for apartments.”) as it lacked context. Carol Herring seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.

Reports:

Director Julie Ward reported increased circulation use of the library even with the Rock Hill branch closed (87,000 to 93,000). New library cards are up from 2025, already numbering 800 this year; programs have continued with slight decline, not a surprise as programs have been in community locations while the main branch has been closed; online usage has doubled. Monthly printing that the library charges for in 2025-26 has grown from 1700 to 7500 pages.

She also announced that the grand reopening with a printed invitation to board members for the Rock Hill branch will be May 2, 2026, from 11-2.

Another popular annual event, Libraricon, will be held on May 16, 2026, from 11-6. Many activities make this a “hot” event.

Pam Miler’s grant proposal to the South Carolina Library was approved for \$2,000 that will be used to fund the library summer camp, an entrepreneurial camp with an emphasis on business operations, marketing, culminating in a showcase at the end of the week. She has arranged for Fresh Vibes Juice Barn to offer a weeklong program to teach entrepreneurship.

Treasurer Dennis Getter provided the monthly statement and announced that the library is under budget. He pointed out some outstanding expenses, one in particular (memberships) to SCLends membership for \$35,000, but that category will have very little expended for the remainder of the financial year.

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Carol Herring asked Martin to report on survey responses – about 185 thus far, about 20 per day. Most of the requests are for larger libraries, more meeting room spaces, maker spaces and drive-up windows. May 15, 2026, has been set as the end to submit a survey in order to

accommodate patrons served by the Outreach program. No paper copies have been submitted, but they are available.

Julie Ward was interviewed on Straight Talk (WRHI) on the previous Monday where she discussed the library community survey, programs, and the reopening of the Rock Hill branch. Terry reminded the board that the interview is available on WRHI's website.

Dennis Getter reminded the Board that any surveys returned from Indian Land residents should be disregarded as that is Lancaster County.

Policy Committee Chair Dennis Getter reported that the committee had met and discussed two of the library policies from the previous month, and they will continue this procedure in updating policies. He made a motion that the Board approve the rewritten Display and Communication Bulletin Board policy draft of 3/27/26. Nancy Nicholson seconded. Terry asked why the Director had to be involved in approving displays at branches; why not branch managers? Dennis explained that the board supervises only one employee, so the director may delegate, and we do not need to micromanage her decisions. Terry noted we are hiring professionals and should give them this responsibility; Julie said that the policy did not need to be written as she already approved managers to make these decisions. Tim asked Terry to present this as a motion, but he did not choose to do so and mentioned some concern about the use of 2nd person in a different policy. Motion passed with one opposed.

Dennis Getter made a motion that we approve the rewritten Meeting Room policy draft, 4/8/26. Nancy Nicholson seconded. Terry asked for a definition of "select groups"; Dennis noted it was any group not excluded by policy requirements. He mentioned additional places where the wording seemed awkward. One change was made: **the** meeting rather than **your** meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Miler presented a revised budget that reflects an increase in the millage rate from the county: 2.3 million per mil. We also benefited from an increase in payment of delinquent property tax and other areas (\$144,000). Our total of funding is now \$11,704,392.50. She also pointed out some salary changes due to employee reclassification, and she had split extra revenue between vehicle replacement and the building fund.

Dennis Getter made a motion to approve the budget draft #2; Laura Milem seconded. Terry asked about Friends money for a van; Julie reminded him it was already used to purchase a van damaged in a hailstorm two years ago. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Getter made a motion to approve Children and Vulnerable Adults in the Library Policy draft 4/8/26. Carol seconded. This new policy was requested by staff. Dennis said they will be reformatting the policy, but no changes in content. Terry asked why it was needed; Julie explained their challenge when parents expect young children to spend the day in the library supervised by an older sibling while the parent goes to work. The motion passed unanimously and will be posted in each branch.

Dennis Getter made a motion to approve the Interlibrary Loan policy; Nancy seconded. Terry asked that ILL be defined, so the wording will include that ILL “is a service that allows....” Terry called for consistency and moved that the policy be put on hold. A few changes in wording made the policy less ambiguous, so these were incorporated in the policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Milem made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Nicholson seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the board adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted,
Carol Herring, Secretary