

**Board of Trustees Meeting
March 9, 2026**

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met at the library on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Lindsey Carlson, Elly Shaw, Erin McBride, Jan Evans, and Dave Garcia. Laura Kendrick and John Mertz were absent. Staff present was Ashley Miller and Holly Shelford.

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Carlson. McBride moved; Shaw seconded to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting as mailed. Motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments and no correspondence.

Ashley gave the librarian's report for February 2026. Total circulation for the month was 5,054. There were 365 uses of public access computers and 830 wireless internet access uses. There were 3,562 visits averaging 162 people a weekday. Libby usage remains high with 1,618 checkouts in February.

The library had 30 programs throughout the month of February with 410 participants. Storytime had great numbers with 57 children and 41 guardian attendees. The Valentine's Day crafting had a great turnout with 24 children and 12 guardians coming in to make themed crafts. DIY remained steady with 15 patrons. The numbers in Geri-Fit classes continue to rise with 157 patrons attending throughout the month. Trivia was back this month with 28 participants, and Music Bingo had 21 attendees.

For outreach, around 300 students were reached by our outreach librarian at the elementary school, and fourteen patrons received homebound delivery services.

The library has officially completed its big move of the collection with the large print collection switching places with the audiobooks. Patrons with poor eyesight, poor mobility, or just a preference for larger print no longer have to walk to the back of the library to find their reading material. It is now to the immediate left upon entering the circulation area. The library hopes this will make browsing easier for patrons and boost circulation of the large print collection. This move also freed up one hundred shelves for the fiction collection to grow.

Under Media Strategy Plan, the staff will continue to promote events in March through local news sources and social media with the publications of press releases to promote upcoming programming. The library hopes to have a stronger social media presence with perhaps delving into TikTok in the upcoming months.

Garcia moved; Shaw seconded that the financial report for February be approved. Motion was unanimous. Garcia moved; McBride seconded the city trust financial report for February be accepted. Motion was unanimous. Evans moved; McBride seconded the approval for payment of bills for March. Motion passed unanimously, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Under Miscellaneous Business, the board discussed the legislation regarding school and library partnerships and the challenge against library boards. Ashley also filled in the board on the broken window after rocks were thrown at the library. The Board Learning for March was tabled for next month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM at the Knoxville Public Library.

Ashley Miller,
Secretary