

Lycoming County Library System Board Meeting

April 14, 2026, at noon

In-person at the James V. Brown Library, 19 East Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, and virtually via Zoom

Trustees Present: Ben Brigandi, President; Christie Foresman, Vice President; Dennis Correll, Treasurer; John Confer, Diane Eck, Commissioner Mark Mussina, Patricia Shipman

Trustees Present Virtually: Mike Bender

Trustees Absent: Diane Schneck, Secretary

System Staff Present: Amy Resh, System Administrator; Kristin Caringi, Chief Financial Officer; Tracy Carey, North Central Library District Consultant; Nina Riggle, Executive Assistant

Guests: Charlene Brungard, Jersey Shore Public Library; Penny Johnson, Hughesville Area Public Library; Tom Zimmerman, Friends of the James V. Brown Library

Virtual Guests: Amber Adams, Muncy Public Library, Canda Fogarty, Dr. W.B. Konkle Memorial Library; Margaret Mathis, Montgomery Area Public Library

Call to Order: Ben Brigandi called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Public Comment:

- None

Correspondence:

- None

Review of Minutes: Christie Foreman motioned to approve the February minutes with a minor correction. Dennis Correll seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Kristin Caringi

Highlights:

- Kristin Caringi presented the January-March 2026 financial statements.
- The full amount of State Aid was distributed to member libraries in March.
- A discussion followed about the Lycoming County funding for the Lycoming County Library System.
- Dennis Correll motioned to accept the Financial Report. John Confer seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

System Administrator's Report: Amy Resh

Highlights:

- Amy Resh presented the March-April System Administrator's report.
- Amy Resh reviewed all member library 2025 Annual Reports. Five of six-member libraries are meeting the Standards for Excellence Aid. Resh is working with the Montgomery Area Public Library regarding their compliance issue.
- Tracy Carey – North Central Library District Consultant
 - The North Central Library District is the geographically largest of 30 districts in Pennsylvania, serving 500,000 residents.

- o Services provided by the District include interlibrary loan, technology support, website hosting, consulting services, professional development, continuing education opportunities, and digital resources through OverDrive.
- o The District will be hosting a development workshop led by Chad Barger, on June 10, 2026, from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM, in-person at the District Headquarters in the James V. Brown Library. Registration is required.
- Diane Eck motioned to accept the System Administrator's Report. Christie Foresman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

- None

Old Business:

- County Commissioner Transparency Article
 - o The article was shared to refresh what had been discussed during the previous six months.

New Business:

- Revised State Aid Library Subsidy Applications
 - o Amy Resh presented changes that are being made to the State Aid Library Subsidy Applications.
 - o In the past, member libraries applied for waivers individually. Beginning this year, the System will apply for any required waivers.
 - o If a waiver is not granted, then a System will not be issued State Aid.
- Dennis Correll mentioned that the state has announced a push to increase the minimum wage.
 - o This would cost Konkle Memorial Library \$18,000 in salary and an additional 12% for collection expenditure, totaling around \$21,000.
 - o Amy Resh reminded trustees that the Pennsylvania Library Association has created a coordinated ask to increase the Library Subsidy.

Announcements:

- Jersey Shore Public Library is plugging along. They have been completing facilities repairs, preparing for Remake Learning and Summer Reading.
- James V. Brown Library will have Sips & Stories on May 16th. They are preparing for Summer Learning.
- Dr. W.B. Konkle Memorial Library will be hosting Art in the Library in May. They are excited to see the programs being done by all member libraries.
- Hughesville Area Public Library is preparing for summer reading. The trout are in the library for release in June. They have started an Own-A-Day program with great success.
- Montgomery Area Public Library is gearing up for summer. They are hosting an open-air book fair with volunteers from the community.
- Muncy Public Library is planning for Summer Learning and has 3 programs planned with the Montgomery Area Public Library. They are developing their annual appeal.
- Ben Brigandi advised trustees to consider if they would like to be on the Finance Committee; meetings will start again in July.
- Montgomery Area Public Library received a \$20,000 grant from the American Library Association.
- The Friends of the James V. Brown Library will be hosting a Book Review of Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell on May 1st in the Lowry Room at the James V. Brown Library.
- Commissioner Mussina attributed the successes of his children to literacy exposure through the library. He inquired about library fines. Amy Resh replied that library fines are an equity issue. Libraries still charge fees for replacing library materials.

Dennis Correll motioned to adjourn the meeting. Diane Eck seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Ben Brigandi at 1:20 PM.

An executive session followed the public meeting.

LCLS Board Meeting dates in 2026: June 9, August 11, October 20, & December 8 at noon at the James V. Brown Library.

Respectfully submitted by Nina Riggle