

LONESOME PINE REGIONAL LIBRARY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 9, 2025

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PRESENT:	Mr. Chris Allgyer Ms. Vickie Barton Ms. Dorinda Holmes Ms. Charlcia Jones Mrs. Earlene Lester Ms. Carolea Newsome Ms. Rebecca Scott	ABSENT:	Ms. Nancy Britton Dr. Mark Clark Ms. Ethel Daniels Mr. Lindsay Fischer
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Others Present: Shannon Steffey, Director  
Onedah Stanley, Business Manager  
Debbie Yates, Administrative Assistant  
Kimberley Rose, Branch Librarian

The regular meeting of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library. Chairman Allgyer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed the group to the library.

I. Ms. Barton made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mrs. Lester seconded and the agenda was approved.

II. There were no citizens to speak.

III. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the September 4, 2025 minutes as presented. Ms. Holmes seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Chairman Allgyer reported that he and Ms. Holmes reviewed the monthly payables and found everything to be in order. The printout of monthly payables for September was distributed in board packs. After discussion, Ms. Barton made a motion to accept the financial report as presented and it was seconded by Mrs. Lester. The motion carried.

The following check numbers were reported:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
General Fund	44915	44996

V. Report of Library Director -

**Library Highlights**

Library Card Sign-Up Month, back-to-school and fall themed displays were showcased for September. Managers shared photos from a variety of programming events for the PowerPoint presentation. Outreach events for September include Town of Clintwood Pioneer Days Festival, Jonesville Woman's Club Annual Festival, and the Dickenson County Fair. Fund expenditures provided through the FY2025-2026 RAPHA Foundation grant award are being implemented into

140 children's programming. The enhancements are very popular and encourage interactive educational fun. By sharing programming ideas and successes, all of LPRL libraries and patrons benefit. Crafting classes, board game nights, movie nights, and Lego nights continue to be well-received events. The Big Stone Gap Library shared photos of their grant-funded StoryWalk project that takes place at the Greenbelt Walking and Bicycle Trail. LPRL is excited to offer the outdoor activity for the public. An issue of vandalism to some of the StoryWalk signs on the trail was reported and is being addressed with local authorities.

### **Administrative Highlights**

- Ms. Steffey reviewed the August Monthly Stats Report with trustees.
- Staff training and staffing updates were reported by Ms. Steffey.
- She reported on a regional director's meeting held in Marion during September. Directors were advised that federal and state funding was in place for 2026.
- Ms. Steffey attended a Regional Director's Conference on Sept. 30 and VLA Conference Oct. 1-3 in Richmond. Two LPRL staff library managers attended the VLA Conference with Ms. Steffey. The meetings were fast paced. Attendees gained helpful insights and met with several library affiliates.
- The LPRL Business Manager attended a health information training presented by The Local Choice, our health insurance provider.
- Ms. Steffey informed and invited the trustees to an author talk scheduled for Sunday, October 3, at the Wise County Public Library with local authors, Cathy Rigg and Rita Sims Quillen.
- Ms. Steffey and Scott County Branch Librarian, Mr. Burchett, were invited to give a presentation of LPRL databases to Rye Cove High School teachers in September. They received good feedback from the teachers and the principal.
- Ms. Steffey expressed her appreciation to the Garden Club of Wise for the landscaping update for the Wise County Public Library.
- The reference room addition of the Big Stone Gap Library Renovation Project is finished. Library staff and the Wise County Administrator's Office will collaborate for an Open House in December.

Group discussion followed. Chairman Allgyer questioned if data was available regarding the usage of Pro-Art tickets. Ms. Steffey reviewed the LPRL checkout procedure for the tickets. They will research both Pro-Art and LPRL to determine how that information will be provided.

Chairman Allgyer expressed his appreciation to the library staff for all they are doing. He is especially impressed with the programming.

The following items were distributed in trustee folders:

- ❖ Accounts Payable Checks Listing for month of September 2025
- ❖ Monthly Stats Report for month of August

VI. Reports of Committees – None. Chairman Allgyer is interested in reviving meetings for the Policy Review Committee as time permits.

VII. Unfinished Business - None

VIII. 1. A written fundraising request was submitted by Friends of Lee Libraries to conduct a used book sale on October 24 at the Lee County Public Library. Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the Friends' proposed fundraiser. Ms. Jones seconded, and the motion was approved.

2. Chairman Allgyer referenced attachment #2 in the board packs (i.e. Friends of Lonesome Pine Regional Library Corporation Board Members list). He explained that there are two members whose term expires in 2025. The members are Mr. Allgyer and Ms. Jones. They both acknowledge that they are willing to continue for another term. After discussion, Mrs. Lester made a motion to keep the current membership for the Friends of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Corporation. Ms. Barton seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Allgyer reminded trustees that the Friends of LPRL Corporation plan to meet in November following the board meeting, at which time the officers would be reviewed for the upcoming term.

Chairman Allgyer announced that the next board meeting will be on Thursday, November 6, at the Wise County Public Library.

IX. No further business was discussed. Ms. Barton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lester seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Rose directed a tour of the library for attendees.

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Ethel Daniels  
Secretary

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Chris Allgyer  
Chairman