

Big Rapids Community Library - Library Board Meeting

Held in Community Room at the Big Rapids Community Library

February 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

- The Library Board Meeting was called to order by Sarah Lucas at 5:38 pm.
- Board Members in attendance: **Chair** Sarah Lucas, **Vice-Chair** Sandra Braden-Worth, Ralph Crew
- Board Members absent: Laura Herrell & Mike Ryan
- Quorum present: yes
- Library staff in attendance: Sarah Welch (Head of Programs and Services)
- City of Big Rapids staff in attendance: Michelle Stenger (Director of Community Development)

2. Reading and Approval Minutes

- The January 2026 Meeting Minutes were reviewed.
- Ralph Crew motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Sandra Braden-Worth seconded. All members in favor. Motion carried.

3. Correspondence and Communication

- none

4. Public Comment

- none

5. Report of the Library Director

- Monthly Report reviewed
- Financial Report reviewed

6. Old/Unfinished Business

- Strategic Plan
 - What is our focus? How will we implement it?
 - What grants are available that would be of interest for the library?
 - What are other libraries doing? (In communities like the one we serve.)

7. New Business

- Backpack Explorer Kits funded by Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library

8. Unscheduled Business

- Many new businesses are coming to Big Rapids, including the opening of the movie theater.

9. Public Comment

- none

10. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

11. Adjournment

- Sarah Lucas adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.