

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

WARREN CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY – MARK TWAIN ROOM

1 CITY SQUARE SUITE 100

WARREN, MI 48093

January 15, 2026

6:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Natalie Piernak.
2. **Roll Call:**
Commissioners Present: Annette Majka, Natalie Piernak, Emma Howard, Lorie Barnwell, and William Rudd.
Also Attending: C. Murphy, City of Warren Attorney, O. Urban, Director of Warren Public Libraries, H. Newnan, Warren City Council.
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
 - a. Piernak introduced an amendment to Action Items. Majka moved to amend the agenda, Barnwell supported. The motion carried. Howard motioned to approve the agenda, supported by Majka. The motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **Regular Meeting November 20, 2025**
 - i. Barnwell motioned to approve the 11/20/25 minutes, supported by Rudd. The motion carried.
 - b. **Special Meeting November 21, 2025**
 - i. Howard motioned to approve the 11/21/25 minutes, supported by Majka. The motion carried.
 - c. **Special Meeting December 1, 2025**
 - i. Majka motioned to approve the 12/1/25 minutes, supported by Howard. The motion carried.
 - d. **Special Meeting December 10, 2025**
 - i. Howard motioned to approve the 12/10/25 minutes, supported by Majka. The motion carried.
5. **Financial Reports:** O. Urban reported on the financial state of the Warren Public Library Branches. There was a miscalculation under the clothing allowance item line that will be corrected.
6. **Director's Report:**

- a. Unique Management: Continuing to collect money for lost and missing items for the library system.
 - b. Branch Updates: Busch still waiting for quote on additional shelving to be added by the study room. Burnette is to receive new species of fish in the fish tank. Security services continue to help improve atmosphere. Civic had a successful display in the atrium; over 70 people in attendance.
 - c. Current Projects: DSLRT compiled every year. Library budget will be submitted 1/16/26. Casper Corp. will be adding the teen room shelving and will give a quote for the additional shelving at Busch.
 - d. Services:
 - e. Staffing: New branch librarian added to staff.
 - f. Marketing/Outreach: Newsletters overseen by Sharon. Warren Today markets the available children's/teens' programming. No available staffing for homebound delivery outreach programs currently.
 - g. Discussion items:
 - i. Discussed the naming of the new library branch and resuming the Sunday hours at Civic.
7. **Audience Participation:** Library branch manager thanked the commission for approving year-round security services for the Burnette branch. A patron expressed concern on the expenditures of the library and some comments made by the director during the meeting.
8. **Action Items:**
- a. Howard motioned to approve the proposed amendment to the Warren Library Budget for the funds needed to build the new library branch. Majka supported. The motion carried.
 - b. Barnwell motioned to resume Sunday hours at Warren Public Library Civic Center Branch beginning 1/25/26 from 1pm-5pm. Rudd supported. The motion carried.
9. **Friends of the Warren Public Library:** Majka reported that the bookstore is open this upcoming Saturday.
10. **S. L. C. Report:** Ready to Read Grant was received. New children's books to be distributed to the library branches. Reported on the status of hiring new S. L. C. Director. Conducting interviews. A portion of the rural library grant is going to S. L. C. and will be distributed to several libraries in the coop.
11. **Commissioner's Comments:** L. Barnwell commented on D. Palmer and her positive experience with him. Appreciation for the retired board members. Thanks to Oksana Urban for her time as Director. O. Urban commented on her time in WPL and as Director.
12. **Next Meeting Date** – February 19, 2026

13. **Adjournment:** Rudd motioned to adjourn the meeting, supported by Majka. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.