



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

4:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

The Vice Chair, Kathy Ivey, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Sue Anglehart, Mac Kiel, Aaron Engel, Araysa Simpson, Kathy Ivey, Jess Thill

ABSENT: Rosanne Northwood, Erin Raymus, Katie Bittner

STAFF: Dawn Wacek, Daniel Whitmore, Amber Leibundgut-Peterson, Cynthia Arauz, Brooke Newberry, Jenny DeRocher, Heather Miller, Lindsay Schmitt, Scott Brouwer, Miranda Greeno

GUEST: Karl Green

Agenda Items:

1 Welcome and Introduction From Library Board President Sue Anglehart

Library Board President, Sue Anglehart, welcomed community members and thanked them for taking the time to come to the Library to engage in meaningful discussion.

2 Budget Decision Listening Session

*2.1 Small Group Discussions – Karl Green (Program Manager, Local Government Education Program, UW-Madison Division of Extension) as Moderator
Karl Green, Program Manager and Local Government Educator from UW-Madison Division of Extension, welcomed the group and shared that he has 25 years' experience working in local government and public infrastructure. Mr. Green provided an overview of the budget process, the 2025 adopted budget as well as 2026 proposed budget, noting that the Library is not alone in being cut as a City department.*

After the above introductions and overview were provided, small group discussions took place at nine tables. Seated at the tables were community members, Board members, City Council members, as well as Library staff members. Discussion questions and FAQ sheets were provided to each table to help guide the conversation. There was also a recorder at each table. The notes taken by each recorder are attached in PDF form to the November 11, 2025 regular Board meeting packet for review.

Adjournment at 5:00 p.m.