Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees
September 15, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Asselmeier, Burt, Dahlquist, Gelbaugh, Harter, Keeney, Klade, Parsons
Director Gross

Public: None

Special Agenda Items

- None

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the August 25, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Ransom Library Board:
  A motion was made (Klade/Dahlquist) to approve the minutes as presented. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Financial Report

- At the end of 2 months, the Library has received 17.1% of its budgeted income for the fiscal year, and has spent 15.5% of its budgeted expenditures.

President's Report

- None

Director's Report

- Gross attended the Plainwell Community Schools Vendor Fair and gave away 3D printed geckos to the children. Two hundred were also given to the Otsego/Plainwell Chamber of Commerce to give away at the Creative Arts Festival.
- Esper Electric will be providing the Library with an analysis of the electrical phases which will help in choosing the proper generator.
- The newsletter will be getting a fresh new look.
- A few employees have moved on to other jobs and the Library has welcomed two new employees.
- The Library will be hosting A Night of Roses and Starlight on October 24th to celebrate the release of A Court of Splintered Harmony. This event is partially sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Assistant's Report

- Marsh visited the Middle School to promote Youth Library Cards to the 6th Graders.
- Author Gary D. Schmidt will be here on October 19th to talk about his Newberry Award winning book, The Wednesday Wars. The Library has purchased 400 copies of the book to hand out. This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Committee Reports

- Budget (Gelbaugh) - did not meet.
- Building and Grounds (Dahlquist) - did not meet.
- Endowment (Klade) - did not meet.
- Human Resources (Parsons) - did not meet.
- Policy (Harter) - did not meet.
- Public Relations (Burt) - the Union Enterprise published an article about the City Council Town Hall that will be hosted by the Library.

Trustee Comments

- Keeney - Promoted the opening of the Classic Auto Factory on October 3rd.

Comments from the Public

- None

Continued Business

- None

New Business

- First Reading - Limited Use Youth Card: Verbiage will be more specific about the age range for the cards.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 (Keeney/Harter).

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Burt
Board Trustee