**MINUTES OF MEETING**
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN HALL LIBRARY**
**TOWN OF MERTON, NORTH LAKE, WISCONSIN**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2026**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm by President Mesenbrink. Also attending were Trustees Boettcher, Cull, Dolphin, Rogers Blum, and Library Director Iyengar.

**II. Public Input:** None.

**III. Consent Agenda:**

a. Minutes of the August 17, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved on Motion by Boettcher, seconded by Cull.

b. The Statistics report was accepted as presented; numbers were quite similar to last year.

**IV. Committee Reports:**

i. Director's Report:

- August is typically quiet. Most programs were lightly attended.
- A number of varied and interesting programs have been developed by the staff for the fall season.
- Children's Librarian Matt Amenda met with the North Lake School Principal and teachers. He hopes to meet with other area schools, has contacted them and is waiting for replies.
- The library will participate in the Harvest Fest parade and marketplace on September 19; the Friends of the Library will sell used books.
- She has presented the library's proposed 2027 budget to the Town.

ii. Bridges Library System:

The reports were accepted as presented.

iii. Friends Liaison:

- The Friends will host a 60th Anniversary party on October 10; registration will be online.
- Deb Casper has stepped down President of the Friends.
- The anniversary tote bags had an error, and will be reprinted.
- The Friends are no longer able to maintain the garden strip on the west side of the front library parking lot; it has been filled with decorative stones.

iv. Foundation Liaison:

No report.

v. Town Board Liaison:

No report.

School Board Liaison:

No report.

**V. Financial Reports:**

a. August, 2026 invoices for $54,051.44 were unanimously approved on Motion by Boettcher, seconded by Rogers Blum.

b. August, 2026 petty cash report for $179.00 was approved unanimously on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Boettcher.

**VI. Unfinished Business:**

a. Bids for cleaning, restoration and maintenance of the library garden and the rain garden were reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Mesenbrink, seconded by Boettcher, the bid by Simple Services for stone replacement work in the rain garden was unanimously approved. On Motion by Mesenbrink, seconded by Boettcher, the bid by Creative Earthscapes for annual maintenance of the library garden and rain garden was approved unanimously.

**VII. New Business:**

a. Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Boettcher to close the library Friday, November 6, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for a staff in-service training day, which will focus on customer service. Motion carried unanimously.
b. Discussion was held regarding the Friends of the Library's request to serve alcohol at their 60th Anniversary party on October 10. Motion by Cull, seconded by Boettcher, to approve the request was unanimously approved.
c. After discussion regarding employee hours in the children's department, which has become very busy, Motion by Boettcher, seconded by Rogers Blum, to add ten employee hours to the children's department. Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm by Boettcher, seconded by Mesenbrink and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Rogers Blum
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees
October 19, 2026 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm