Missouri Valley Public Library Board of Trustees
Missouri Valley, Iowa
Amended Minutes: July 14, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the MVPL Board Room.

Board Members Present:

- Phyllis Henrich
- Bobby Vasquez
- Keith Penner
- Ashley West
- Jan Chvala

2. Agenda Approval

- Ashley West made a motion to approve the agenda.
- Keith Penner seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

3. Minutes Approval: June 9, 2026

- Minutes approval tabled until next meeting

4. Public Comments (2-minute limit)

- No one appeared for public comment.

5. Old Business

- Ashley West, Jan Chvala and Phyllis Henrich have been approved to serve another term on the Library Board
- Discussed whether or not the library wanted to continue to pursue the idea of doing a community garden. No clear conclusion was made, but if we continue to move forward in this direction the library would need to partner with others to be able to maintain it.

6. Budget Review

- No budget concerns this month.

7. Librarian's Report

- The Library Director provided an update regarding library usage, program reports, and upcoming events.

8. New Business

- Discussed new requirements for open meetings, including the need to have the agenda posted in a location that can be viewed at all times.
- The Library Director asked about taking a grant writing class and was given the okay to pursue class offerings.
- The Library Director asked about the possibility of working from home on occasion. The board didn't have any issues with working out a plan to do that.
- The old couch in the children's section has been removed. Discussion was had about using it elsewhere in the library.
- Discussed repurposing the paperback exchange as a storage closet.
- Discussed views on continuation of digitizing the Missouri Valley Times Newspaper to have available on our website for the public access. Keith mentioned several specifics he would like to see brought to discussion at the next meeting, including data storage, pricing and contract information. Ashley suggested applying for the Jimmy King Grant to help cover the cost if we decide to continue to provide this service.

9. Board Comments

- Phyllis requested an update on the insurance claim to be added to the next agenda.
- Keith congratulated the board members on being selected to serve another term. He also commended the Library Director on her positive relationships with City Hall and the City Council.

10. Adjournment

- The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2026.