

MIDDLESEX LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting

Members Present	Jim Maudsley Councillor McMillan Marigay Wilkins Ruth Adams
Members Absent	Warden Ropp Brad Richards
Staff Present	Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services / CEO Shauna Dereniowski, Child & Youth Librarian Liz Adema, Public Services Coordinator Rebecca Glavin, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maudsley called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

L. Brock read the Land Acknowledgement as follows:

We acknowledge that the land we stand upon today is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run), Anishinabeg (Ah-nish-in-a-beg), Haudenosaunee (Hoden-oh-show-nee), and Lunaapeewak (Len-ahpay-wuk) peoples who have long standing relationships to the land, water and region of Southwestern Ontario. The local First Nation communities of this area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

We acknowledge the treaties that are specific to this area: Treaty 2 (McKee Purchase), Treaty 3 (Between the Lakes Purchase), Treaty 6 (London Township Purchase), Treaty 21 (Long Woods Purchase) and Treaty 29 (Huron Tract Purchase). We value the significant contributions, both in the past and the present of local and regional first nations of Turtle Island.

We acknowledge historic and ongoing injustices that indigenous peoples endure in Canada and we affirm our commitment to honouring indigenous voices,

nations and cultures, and to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

2. PROVISION FOR DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES

3.a Minutes of the May 27, 2025 Meeting of the Middlesex County Library Board

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Marigay Wilkins

THAT the Minutes of the May 27, 2025 meeting of the Library Board be approved as presented.

Carried

4. VISIONING TOPIC

4.a Summer at the Library

Presentation by Shauna Dereniowski, Child & Youth Librarian; and Liz Adema, Public Services Coordinator

Moved by Councillor McMillan
Seconded by Ruth Adams

THAT the Summer at the Library presentation be received for information.

Carried

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.a Policy Review – Safety of Children in the Library

Report from Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services / CEO

Moved by Marigay Wilkins
Seconded by Ruth Adams

THAT the Policy Review – Safety of Children in the Library report be received for information;

THAT the Library Board approve the updates to the Safety of Children in the Library policy;

AND THAT the Middlesex County Library Policy Manual be updated to reflect this review.

Carried

5.b Policy Review - Library Room Bookings

Report from Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services / CEO

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Ruth Adams

THAT the Policy Review – Library Room Bookings report be received for information;

THAT the Library Board approve the updates to the Library Room Bookings policy;

AND THAT the Middlesex County Library Policy Manual be updated to reflect this review.

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

6.a System Circulation 2025-2024

6.b System Internet 2025-2024

6.c Library Activity Report

Report from Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services / CEO

6.d Middlesex Banner - May 14, 2025 - Lucan-Biddulph Mayor Shares Lessons

6.e Tales & Trails – National Indigenous History Month

6.f Ontario Library Association – Strategic Plan 2025-2029

6.g Middlesex EarlyON – June Calendar

6.h Messy Sensory Play – June

6.i Sensory Seekers Strathroy - June

Moved by Ruth Adams

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT items 6.a to 6.i be received for information.

Carried

7. INQUIRIES

Chair Maudsley inquired about the status of the facility closure at the Melbourne Library Branch. Lindsay Brock confirmed that the facility was fully operational and that Library staff continue to work with the municipality on strategies going forward.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Next Meetings

- Tuesday, September 23, 2025
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025
- Tuesday, November 25, 2025

9. BY-LAWS

9.a #49 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the June 25, 2025 Meeting of the Library Board

Moved by Ruth Adams

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the by-law be given a first and second reading.

Carried

Moved by Marigay Wilkins

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the by-law be given a third and final reading.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ruth Adams

Seconded by Marigay Wilkins

THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:40am.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Jim Maudsley, Chair