

Jackson Parish Library Board
Jonesboro, Louisiana
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2026

The Jackson Parish Library Board of Control met on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the Jonesboro branch of the Jackson Parish Library for the regular scheduled quarterly board meeting. The meeting was called to order by Carol Massey, Board President.

Members present: Paula Essmeier, Judy Cooper, Lisa Nunn, Ann Standley, Robin Tew, and Carol Massey.

Also present was Floyd Knox and Judy Robertson.

Members absent: Vickie Jenkins and Lewis Chatham.

Mrs. Cooper led the invocation.

There being no public comments, the Board proceeded with the proposed agenda.

Mrs. Massey made the motion to amend #7 of the agenda to “Discuss and act on hiring a Bookmobile/Outreach Specialist and Bookmobile/Outreach Coordinator.” Mrs. Tew seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Standley made the motion to adopt the minutes for the April 20 Board meeting. Mrs. Essmeier seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nunn made the motion to accept the 2nd quarter financial reports. Mrs. Standley seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to accept the 2nd quarter statistical reports. Mrs. Nunn seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed changes made to the quote for installation of emergency doors at the Jonesboro branch along with 2 additional quotes. Mrs. Nunn made the motion to award the emergency door project to Dodson Enterprises, Inc. Mrs. Standley seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Library Director presented quotes to repair a rotten window at the Jonesboro branch. Mrs. Standley made the motion to award the window repair project to Dodson Enterprises, Inc. Mrs. Nunn seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Essmeier made the motion to adopt the proposed Capital Planning Workbook. Mrs. Standley seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Essmeier made the motion to move Herman Bonnett to part-time IT Coordinator pursuant to the presented agreement. Mrs. Tew seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nunn made the motion to allow the director to advertise and hire a full time Bookmobile/Outreach Specialist and full time Bookmobile/Outreach Coordinator. Mrs. Standley seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Essmeier made the motion to adopt the proposed 2026 pay schedule. Mrs. Nunn seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nunn made the motion to adopt the amended 2026 library budget proposal. Mrs. Massey seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Library Director announced that the library has received several generous grants and donations over the past few months:

- Entergy Building Bright Futures Grant (\$2,499): Funds will be used to purchase a Superspace® soft magnetic panel system, "The World's First Giant Magnetic Play Fort for Kids."
- Unistellar: Donated a Smart Telescope, which will be available for checkout through our Library of Things program.
- Midwest/Hoopla (\$756): Awarded through the John Henry Eldred Jr. Library Marketing Program to fund a two-year subscription for Flipsnack, with any remaining funds allocated toward promoting library events.
- Jackson Parish Retired Teachers: A \$25.00 gift in memory of Bertha Robinson.
- Blue Bell Creameries (Ruston): Provided the ice cream served during the America 250th birthday program at both branches.

The Library Board, Director, and staff sincerely thank these entities for all of these wonderful contributions to our library.

The next scheduled meeting is set for Monday, October 19, 2026.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Standley seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Carol Massey, Board President

Mr. Floyd Knox, Secretary