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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cape May County Library Commission held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 1:30pm, in the Board Room of the Cape May County Library in Cape May Court House, NJ.

Present: Mrs. Henderson, Chair
Mr. Mastrangelo, Vice Chair
Mrs. Ponichtera, Secretary
Mr. Ludgate
Mrs. Thomas

Andrea Orsini, Library Director

1. Mrs. Henderson called the meeting to order and announced it was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. Al Porreca, Director of County Facilities and Services, and Gerald Schlapfer, County Facilities and Services HVAC Manager, discussed the need for HVAC upgrades at the Cape May Court House Library, and next steps. Much discussion was had by all.
3. The minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2025 were presented for review and approval. Mrs. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes, which Mrs. Henderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Orsini presented the bills for the month of January for review and approval for payment. The list of bills was discussed. Mrs. Henderson made a motion to approve the bills for payment, which Mr. Mastrangelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Under old business:
 - a. Orsini reported that the Dennis Twp. lendIT is open.
 - b. Orsini also reported that the new Bookmobile should be in use by the end of February.
6. Under new business:
 - a. Orsini reported on the December 2025 programming statistics and noted there were 9,493 participants in the month of December including passive programs, Outreach, and parades. During the month of December, the Children's Department hosted 50 programs, with a total attendance of 1,278, averaging 26 patrons per event. Notable December events included Happy Holidays with Mr. Jon, Glow in the Dar Disco, Yeti Party, NYE Crafts, and Babysitter's Club Escape Room. In 2025, the Children's Department hosted 684 programs with a total of 18,027 attendees. The Teen Department had 310 passive and active program participants in December, highlighted by Board Game Night, Lo-Fi Hangout, and D&D. In 2025 the Teen Department had a total of 5,154 active and passive participants. There were 139 Adult Events in December with 1,495 participants. 2025 saw 1898 Adult Events with 24,051 participants. The TLC had 115 tech help appointments in December, and 1626 for 2025. The Outreach Department interacted with 4,213 people in the month of December including parades.
 - b. Orsini reported that the 2026 Library Tax Rate was set at .00027.
 - c. Resolution January 2026 #1, New Hires, was introduced. Mrs. Henderson made a motion to accept the resolution, which Mr. Ludgate seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
 - d. Resolution January 2026 #2, Separations, was introduced. Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion to accept the resolution, which Mrs. Thomas seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
 - e. Resolution January 2026 #3, LOAs, was introduced. Mrs. Henderson made a motion to accept the resolution, which Mr. Mastrangelo seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

- f. Resolution January 2026 #4, RFPs, was introduced. Mrs. Ponichtera made a motion to accept the resolution, which Mr. Ludgate seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- 7. It was noted that the statistics for the month of December 2025 were listed on the agenda.
- 8. There being no further business, the Commission adjourned.