



# CITY OF MOUNT DORA

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## W.T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Community Room, W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757  
March 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM

### AGENDA

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Roll Call**

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- A. February 9, 2026 Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

#### **IV. Public Comments**

#### **V. Presentations**

- A. Lake County Comparison
- B. 2026 Summer Learning Program

#### **VI. Library Director's Report**

#### **VII. Action Items**

#### **VIII. Discussion Items**

- A. Review of Collection Items

#### **IX. Future Meeting Dates**

#### **X. Adjournment**

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**W. T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757  
Monday, February 9, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Beth Sharpe (Chair), Marcia Ford (Vice-chair), Laura Busch, Susan Myers, Dawn Murphy, Jennifer Thompson

ABSENT: Amber Perretti

CITY STAFF: Cathy Lunday-Library Director and LaJun Garry-Administrative Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: None

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Sharpe (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of Minutes for January 12, 2026**

**MOTION by Ms. Ford SECONDED by Ms. Myers to approve minutes from January 12, 2026.**

AYE: Sharpe, Ford, Busch, Myers, Murphy, Thompson

NAY: None

**MOTIONED CARRIED 6-0**

**Approval of Amended Agenda for February 9, 2026**

**MOTION by Ms. Thompson SECONDED BY Ms. Busch to approved the Amended Agenda for February 9, 2026.**

AYE: Sharpe, Ford, Busch, Myers, Murphy, Thompson

**NAY:** None

**MOTIONED CARRIED 6-0**

**IV. Public Comment**

None

**V. Presentations**

Ms. Erin Creel, Archivist gave an update on the following items added to Mount Dora Archives:

Historical City Documents

- Atlantic Coastline Railroad and Louis Heim – 64 pages which consist of one descriptive summary and 63 published letters as well as a railroad timetable.

Histories

- Margaret Spencer Davidson – Local artist in the late 1920s and early 1930s who was instrumental in establishing the Florida Federation of Arts and was also a part of the Mount Dora Art League with Emma Sears Marsh.

**VI. Library Director's Report**

Ms. Lunday shared:

- Circulation has rebounded. We've had great circulation for January and the month of February has started off great as well.
- Story time numbers are exceptional. We offer six story times a week. During the first week in February we had 340 attendees at our six story times.
- Resolved a long standing conversation with the Mount Dora Historical Society regarding yearbooks. The Historical Society is exploring the possibility of using Internet Archive to have a scanned site for the yearbooks.
- A wish list for 2026 was submitted to the Friends of the Library.
- Forest Preserve – Selected Natural Resources Planning Services as vendor. Kick off meeting scheduled for the end of the month with vendor and volunteers. This project was budgeted at \$75,000 and their proposal was \$25,000.
- Nature Lab – Vendor was selected. This project was budgeted at \$50,000 and their proposal was \$28,000. Waiting for tentative start dates.
- Friends of the Library sponsoring upcoming Spring Break programs.
- Dinosaur project – Three donors who want to contribute. Local vendor terms were not amenable to the three donors. Staff found company that manufactures dinosaurs for museums, miniature golf and theme parks. Looking at two different purchases.

Capital Improvement Project Update

1. Simpson Farmhouse –Approval of task authorization for \$132,558.00 civil engineering plan for Phase I request recommendation which board approved during last month’s board meeting.

**VII. Action items**

- A. Request Recommendation of Approval of Lake County Impact Grant Application for Simpson Farmhouse Expansion Project. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION by Ms. Myers SECONDED by Ms. Murphy to recommend to City Council to approve submitting request for Lake County Library Impact Fee Grant Application for Simpson Farmhouse Expansion Project for \$50,000.**

**AYE:** Sharpe, Ford, Busch, Myers, Murphy, Thompson

**NAY:** None

**MOTIONED CARRIED 6-0**

**VIII. Discussion Items**

None

- A. Review of Collection Items - None

**IX. Future Meeting Date**

1. March 9, 2026 @ 5:00pm

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION by Ms. Busch SECONDED by Ms. Thompson to adjourn the February 9, 2026 meeting.**

**AYE:** Sharpe, Ford, Busch, Myers, Murphy, Thompson

**NAY:** None

**MOTIONED CARRIED 6-0**

Meeting adjourned.

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Beth Sharpe, Chair

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Cathy Lunday, Director