

Paden City Public Library Board Meeting
September 21, 2026

The Paden City Library Board of Trustees reconvened after a summer break on Monday, September 21, 2026. The meeting, convened by President Joanna Casto, was also attended by board members Margaret Sine and Barbara Slider, library director Danielle Ice- Davis, and Susan Reilley, head of the service center library in Moundsville. Absent were board members Rick Bertozzi and Steve Strother.

Minutes of the previous meeting, in May 2026, were read and approved. Motion to accept made by Margaret Sine, second by Joanna Casto, and motion passed. Motion to accept the monthly financial report was made by Barbara Slider and seconded by Joanna Casto, and that motion also passed.

Library director's report: The director reported continued difficulties obtaining needed information from, and submitting required reports to, the WVLA due to administrative issues. Funding from the Wetzel County Commission should be received soon. Funding from the Tyler County Commission has become a complicated issue, which will require the help of the council and/or mayor to resolve. Because the FCC has opened an inquiry that could possibly terminate the E-rate program, which gives libraries discounts on internet access and other services, members were urged to contact the FCC personally with support for the program. The Tutor WV program is ending Sept. 30. The director will be attending Fall Conference in Martinsburg, scheduled for October 7-9. A windfall of Scholastic books from the closing of Boreman Elementary will be used for local haunted trail and will also be shared at Fall Conference. The library will also participate in Paden City Trick or Treat night. Preschool Story has recommenced, with 7 children present so far. Book Club continues with attendance of about 10. Ms. Ice-Davis participated in the PCES fall festival, leading a game and sharing US semiquincentennial materials. A session of "Medicare and Muffins" on Oct. 6 will offer information about Medicare options to interested citizens. Pumpkins are being lined up for October decorating. Instead of Poe Pumpkins to be done by TCHS English classes this year, a different topic will be used. The Lego Club continues to flourish. Two CDARS will be coming due, and they will be renewed appropriately.

Business: The director was authorized to hire someone to take care of needed landscaping tasks. The issue of runoff from the next-door parking lot has not yet been resolved, but sandbags have prevented more flooding thus far. There was a small amount of water that entered in another location after the last deluge. The director is still looking for replacement flooring for behind the circulation desk. Dave Hunt was here to look at the location for the proposed storage addition, but no estimate has yet been received. A sympathy card will be sent on behalf of the board to Sharon Kastigar in acknowledgement of her husband's death. Joanna Casto was reappointed this summer by PC Council for another 5-year term. Election of officers will be held next month. October's meeting will be moved from Monday 10/19 to Tuesday 10/20 due to the scheduling of the Haunted Trail.

Motion to adjourn by Margaret Sine, second by Joanna Casto. Meeting adjourned.

Barbara Slider, Secretary