

Chairman Tim Steele called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and determined we had a quorum for the meeting.

Attending board members: Tim Steele, Dennis Getter, Carol Herring, Laura Milem, Susan Piening, Nancy Nicholson, and Terry Plumb. Also attending: Julie Ward (Director YCL), Martin House (YCL), Michael Kendree (YC Attorney), and Kevin Madden (Assistant County Manager)

Public comments:

- Axel Irby is concerned about the use of ratedbooks.org.
- Karen Stock wants the library to ameliorate problems rather than create them.
- Judy Rohrs opposes restriction on library materials.
- Elizabeth Enns approves the policy that protects childhood innocence.
- Caitlin Boyle wants a policy that is responsible and protects children with age-appropriate material.
- Monica Mullings is concerned about banning books.

Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 9, 2025, meeting; Terry seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Director Julie Ward reported on the impact on circulation due to Rock Hill branch closing. Community partners, such as Boyd Hill Community Center and Miracle Park, are continuing to host activities. She will present two-year statistics next month.

Terry commended the staff for their devoted service under difficult circumstances.

The electrical upgrade is progressing smoothly and inspections begin in January, the paging system will be finalized by Christmas, and depending on many moving parts, the completion date is set for the end of March. After that, work on reopening will require some time.

Treasurer Dennis Getter provided reports for two months (October and November), but concentrating on November. As usual, expenditures on periodicals exceeded the budget because of billing dates.

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Carol Herring reported on the previous month's meeting that focused on a community survey developed by Martin House. The committee made a few suggestions, and they will continue this process in their meeting today. Before the survey is distributed, it will need to be approved by the board. Dennis mentioned that he and Kevin Madden are working on possible locations for the Economic Development offices that are taking up 2/3 of the library building upstairs. Sheriff's Department office will be more difficult to move with limited property available in Fort Mill area that will satisfy his requirements.

Terry made a motion to return our meetings to the previous evening time and that we meet in a larger space. There was no second so the motion did not go forward.

Dennis presented the steps the committee followed in preparing the policy, noting legal counsel. He made a motion that we accept the collection development policy (December 8, 2025) as written. Carol seconded the motion.

Terry expressed his opposition to the policy and argued the old policy is adequate. He offered the following: the board is not qualified to be librarians; ratedbooks.org is the only review site listed; the policy leaves us open to a lawsuit; general selection criteria is insufficient; gender

identity is recognized, but this group is ignored in regard to access to material; not all parents' needs are being met; reading needs to be encouraged.

Carol pointed out the similarity of this policy to public school procedure on challenged books and to the state policy. Terry noted dissimilarities between public schools and public libraries.

Julie Ward affirmed that library cards are not restricted, and holders may check out books from any area.

Per Roberts Rules, Chairman Tim Steele called for a vote on the original motion to approve the collection policy of December 8, 2025, passed with one opposed.

Tim thanked the policy committee for their work and noted that the policy will be available on the York County Library website.

Laura made a motion to adjourn; Nancy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted,

Carol Herring, Secretary