BREESE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Secretary's Report - 08/18/26, revised 09/01/26

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Angie Becker.

Trustees present: Angie Becker, Jamie Fields, Gwen Fischer, Bonnie Holzinger, Judy Kampwerth, Allison Netemeyer, Angela Richter, Brandon Richter, and Cyndi Riley.

Trustees absent: none

Also attending: Library Director Jenna Astroth, City Council Liaison Gary Usselmann, and Mayor Kevin Timmermann

Secretary's Report: A quorum was established. Bonnie Holzinger made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report and the motion was seconded by Jamie Fields. The motion was approved with all ayes.

Treasurer's Report: Allison Netemeyer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending revisions to the Money Market account total on the Balance Sheet. Jenna will work with Trevor Schubert to reconcile the report. Angela Richter seconded the motion and it was approved by all on a roll call vote.

Librarian's Report:

A. Library Events

Jenna shared the following past events:

- July 6th - *Roo's Christmas Quest* book signing by Julie Kennon (7 children & 5 adults in attendance)
- July 7th - The Pearl Handled Revolver book signing (10 adults in attendance)
- July 9th - Summer Reading Program Magic Show by Professor Longhair (109 children & 42 adults in attendance)
- July 10th - visit from Siblings and Company (17 children & 2 adults in attendance)
- July 15th - Anime Club (10 teenagers in attendance)
- July 16th - Fred's Feathered Friends (71 children & 34 adults in attendance)
- Adult Book Club
- July 17th - Bingo for seniors from The Villas at St. James (5 adults in attendance)
- July 18th - Dungeons and Dragons session
- July 18th - *The Monster Hunterz* book signing by Elijah and Zae Lane
- July 23rd - Reptile Show (62 children & 26 adults in attendance)
- July 27th - I-CASH Event
- July 30th - Summer Reading Bingo & Ice Cream Party (28 children & 16 adults)
- July 30th - Free vision screenings for children sponsored by Breese Lions Club
- August 6th - *Presidential Road Trips* book signing by Bill Clevlen

Jenna shared the following upcoming events:

- August 19th - Adult Book Club
- August 22nd - Dungeons & Dragons (ages 16 and up)
- August 27th - *Grief in the Middle of Nowhere* book signing and Coping Quilt Viewing by Dr. Kris Fulkerson from Coping 4 Life
- September 5th - Dungeons & Dragons (ages 16 and up)

B. Director's University

- Jenna told the board the Director's University training was very informative and covered a range of topics, including Safety, Budgeting and upcoming ADA accessible requirements for websites. She will cover in more detail at the next board meeting.

C. Bids for Security Cameras - Security Grant

- The library needs to obtain a minimum of two bids for the security cameras. Jenna and Angie Becker are meeting with companies to obtain these bids.

D. Outdoor Benches Completed - July 29, 2026

- Jenna informed the board that city employees poured concrete slabs and installed the two outdoor memory benches on July 29, 2026.

E. 3D Printer Donated

- Jenna said that someone donated an older model 3D Printer to the library. She is looking online for an instruction manual to help her set up the printer.

Unfinished Business:

A. Breese Historical Society Flag Project

- No updates at this time.

B. Flooring in Back Entryway

- Jenna reported that Litteken Construction repaired the buckled flooring in the back entryway.

C. Diane Holtgrave's 50th Anniversary

- Mayor Timmermann spoke to the board regarding an appreciation dinner for Diane to celebrate her 50 years of service with the Breese Library. He stated that he spoke with the City of Breese attorney, Mike McGingley, who confirmed that a dinner is not in violation of an Open Meeting Act and no library business can be discussed at the dinner. Mayor Timmermann said the attorney told him the Board may use library funds to legally cover the cost of the appreciation dinner; however, library funds may not be used to purchase or pay for alcoholic beverages.

New Business:

A. OverDrive (Libby) reading app

- Jenna shared with the board the OverDrive Digital Library Reserve Consortium Agreement and Intergovernmental Library Agreement she received for the Libby app. The annual fee to purchase Libby from July 2026 to June 2027 is $1247.74. The fee will be prorated if purchased after July 2026. After a brief discussion, Allison Netemeyer made a motion for the Library to enter into the Agreement and purchase Libby. Angie Becker seconded the motion and it was approved by all on a roll call vote.

Bonnie Holzinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting after no further business was brought before the board. Judy Kampwerth seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

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Angie Becker-President Gwen Fischer, Secretary