

BREESE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Secretary's Report - 07/14/26

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, Allison Netemeyer, Angela Richter, Brandon Richter, and Cyndi Riley.

Trustees absent: Judy Kampwerth

Also attending: Library Director Jenna Astroth and City Council Liaison, Gary Usselman

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

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Fischer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bonnie Holzinger seconded it. The motion was approved by all on a roll call vote.

Librarian's Report:

A. Library Events

Jenna shared the following past events:

- June 10th & 11th - YMCA visit (73 children & 7 adults attended)
- June 17th - Anime Club (7 teenagers attended)
- June 23rd, 27th, 30th & July 7th - *The Pearl Handled Revolver* book signing by Robert Pierce (51 adults & 2 children attended)
- July 6th - *Roo's Christmas Quest* book signing by Julie Kennon
- July 9th - Summer Reading Program Magic Show by Professor Longhair

Jenna shared the following upcoming events:

- July 15th - Anime Club
- July 16th - Fred and His Feathered Friends
- July 16th - Adult Book Club
- July 17th - Bingo at the library for the residents of The Villas at St. James
- July 18th - Dungeons and Dragons session
- July 18th - *The Monster Hunterz* book signing by Elijah and Zae Lane
- July 30th - Free vision screenings for children sponsored by Breese Lions Club
- August 6th - *Presidential Road Trips* book signing by Bill Clevlen
- August 27th - *Grief in the Middle of Nowhere* book signing and Coping Quilt Viewing by Dr. Kris Fulkerson from Coping 4 Life

B. Per Capita Grant Award - \$7,889.70

- Jenna informed the board she would like to use this grant to purchase new computers for the patron area to replace the current outdated computers.

C. Security Grant Award - \$42,723.00

- Jenna told the board she submitted this grant to the Illinois State Library requesting multiple security upgrades at the library and received notice that it was accepted. The library has one year to purchase and install the supplies and materials.

D. IPLAR Completed

- Jenna stated that she completed the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)

Unfinished Business:

A. Breese Historical Society Flag Project

- No updates at this time.

B. Outdoor Benches

- Angie Becker shared with the board a plaque engraved by Becker Jewelers for Jim and Charlotte Sprengel's memory bench using a saying provided by the family.
- The outdoor pads for the benches have not been installed yet. Angie Becker will check with Mayor Timmermann to see when the city employees will be able to pour the concrete pads.

C. New Flooring buckling in back vestibule

- Angie Becker said she spoke with Nathan Vandeloo at Litteken Construction about the flooring that is buckling in the back vestibule. Nathan said that Litteken Construction will have it repaired.

New Business:

A. Overdrive (Libby) reading app

- Jenna said several patrons have requested that the Library provide the Libby library reading app which allows patrons to borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, music and more for free from the library. With Libby, patrons can do the following:
 - Borrow and read Libby ebooks directly on their Kobo or Kindle eReader
 - Download ebooks and audiobooks for offline reading, or stream them to save space
 - Enjoy audiobooks in their car with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, Android Automotive, or Bluetooth

Jenna checked with several local libraries who provide Libby to their patrons and found that it is offered through Rolling Prairie Digital Consortium, which is an e-book and audiobook sharing network used by public libraries in Central and Southern Illinois. She said if we were to join the consortium, the fee would be \$1247.74 per year. The board members asked if there were

additional fees if the items checked out exceeded a certain quantity. Jenna will request additional details and a copy of the contract to be reviewed at the August meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

Angie Becker-President

Gwen Fischer, Secretary