



Library Board of Trustees - Regular Session Agenda
Community Room 1, 2nd Floor, Bloomington Public Library
205 E. Olive St., Bloomington, IL 61701
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Introduction of Public

4. Public Comment

Public Comment Guidelines are available at:
<https://www.bloomingtonlibrary.org/policies/public-comment>

5. Reports

A. **President's Report - Including the Appointment of the Nominating Committee** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only.)

B. **Director's Report** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation Only.)

C. **Fiscal Report** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only.)

6. Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda are listed and voted on separately.

A. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2026, Regular Bloomington Library Board of Trustees Meeting.** (Recommended Motion: Approve minutes as presented.)

B. **Consideration and Action on the Bloomington Public Library's Bills in the Amount of \$588,075.14.** (Recommended Motion: Approve the item as presented.)

7. Approval Items

A. **Consideration and Action on the Bloomington Public Library's Bill(s) from ISU in the Amount of \$591.67.** (Recommended Motion: Approve the Item as Presented.)

B. **Approve Closing the Library on September 29, 2026 for Staff Development Day** (Recommended Motion: Approve the item as presented.)

C. **Approve the Renewal of an Online Newspaper Service to Newsbank**

(Recommended Motion: Approve Item as Presented.)

8. Discussion Items

- A. **Discuss the Process for the Library Director's Annual Performance Review** (Recommended Motion: None; Discussion Only.)

9. Comments by Trustees

10. Adjournment

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Bloomington Public Library

January 2026 Report

Goal: Explore and implement strategies to improve access to the library and its resources.

- Director Jeanne Hamilton submitted the Library's 2025 Year-in-Review Accomplishments to the City:
 - 284,526 people visited the newly renovated and expanded Library building to check out 1,294,592 items, to use the study and community rooms 8,096 times, and to participate in 782 programs.
 - The Library Summer Reading participation was astronomical! 6,433 people finished the program in 2025 which exceeded last year's record-breaking number by 20.7%!



- The Library generated 23% of its electricity from its solar panels.
- The Library worked with the Wild Ones Illinois Prairie Chapter to add 200 native plant species to the Library's patio. This project is called BPL's Prairie on the Patio and was funded by an Illinois Prairie Community Foundation grant. BPL's Prairie on the Patio will be included on the "Pollinator Pathway" map for the Illinois Prairie chapter of Wild Ones.



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- The Library purchased and designed a vehicle (called BPL On-the-Go) to provide better outreach to the community. It went into service in July and has been making PopUp Library, Home Delivery, Deposits, and Outreach event visits. From July 2025-December 2025, 11,704 items have been delivered to the community in this vehicle! PopUp tech programs are coming in Spring 2026.



- The staff strategic plan planning team worked with our consultants, Fast Forward Libraries, to launch our community survey, to coordinate focus groups, and to schedule one-on-one interviews with leaders in the community.
- Marketing created community survey messaging and artwork in 11 sizes and promoted it via a variety of print and electronic methods.
- The ignitor switch and toggle switch were replaced on one of our boilers.
- Felmley-Dickerson installed a low voltage transformer on one of our alarmed doors.
- DMI continued to work on resolving issues with our Samsung HVAC system.
- Marketing created signs and designed publicity for 23 upcoming programs and 7 book displays.
- Marketing produced the March – August 2026 Bookmobile Schedule.
- Adult Services (AS) Librarians Mimi and Molly were interviewed by WGLT as part of a story about book clubs and community.
- Advertising:
 - Community Players: An ad including expansion photos and highlighting new spaces.
 - WGLT:
 - On-Air Ads that promote the Sourdough Breadmaking Essentials program.
 - A clickable ad in the 2/6/26 eNewsletter promoting the Community Survey.
 - WJBC: Ads during local high school sports from August to March that highlight the Recording Studios and the Innovation Lab.
- eBlast: BookFlix
- Jeanne provided a tour to the Danville Public Library Director.
- Outreach Events:
 - Local Junior High/Middle Schools (book talks) – 9 Visits – 386 connections

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- BJHS Bilingual Class – 16 connections
- Caregiver Cafe Early Literacy Event – 29 connections
- PATH Community Carnival – 70 connections
- Brightpoint – 48 connections
- Child Care Connection – 13 connections
- Heartland Head Start – 53 connections
- Sheridan Books n Bites – 41 connections
- Outreach Engagement Coordinator Caitlin:
 - Attended the McLean County Human Service Council
 - Attended the grand opening for Home Sweet Home's The Bridge.

10 Bookmobile Stops with the Highest Circulations	# of ckos	# of patrons
Wingover PM	200	73
Ekstam	133	28
Golden Eagle	109	14
Grove	92	39
Garling Heights	73	16
North Pointe	64	23
Wingover AM	60	17
Eagle Crest East	58	21
Eagle Crest	55	9
Tipton Trails	54	18

5 Bookmobile Stops with the Lowest Circulations	# of ckos	# of patrons
Cardinal Ridge	4	2
Tracy Drive	4	2
Brookridge Heights	3	3
Cardinal Ridge	3	1
Ponds Apartments	2	10

Goal: Provide relevant and innovative services, collections, and programs to meet the emergent needs of our community.

- Staff worked to develop the Spring Program Guide.
- AS Librarian Nazma evaluated the Fantasy collection, weeding titles that are no longer useful for our collection.
- AS Librarian Sara evaluated the 300s section of the nonfiction collection, weeding titles that are no longer useful for our collection.
- Teen Library Associate Cora, Molly, & Mimi met with Sara Attig from U of I Extension office to plan quarterly programs for our patrons offered by the Extension office on a wide variety of health and family related topics.
- We moved our Book Club kit books to make way for our Library of Things, coming later this year.
- Cataloging and Technical Services (CATS) has completed an inventory of the children's fiction and beginning reader collections.
- 21,762 items were added to our catalog in 2025! 2,106 of those items were children's picture books and 1,637 were adult fiction.

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- IT staff certified 35 people in the Innovation Lab.
- Programs offered:
 - Children's:
 - New Year's Eve Story Time and Party – 74 attended
 - Rock Painting – 19 attended
 - Sensory Story Time – 22 attended
 - Lapsit Story Time – 6 sessions – 101 attended
 - Preschool Story Time – 3 sessions – 82 attended
 - Toddler Story Time – 3 sessions – 150 attended
 - Fun Friday Story Time – 3 sessions – 63 attended
 - Super Saturday Story Time – 45 attended
 - Singing Swinging Story Time – 11 attended
 - RC Cars – 4 attended
 - Family Games Day – 40 attended
 - D & D for Kids – 3 sessions – 14 attended
 - Tales for Tails – 3 sessions – 47 attended
 - After School at BPL – 2 sessions – 25 attended
 - MLK Self Portraits – 29 attended
 - Learn to Quilt – 6 attended
 - Sherlock Holmes Radio Mystery – 110 attended
 - Teens:
 - D & D: The Warlord's Tomb – 8 attended
 - Zine Scene: Design, Print, Repeat – 5 attended
 - Craftivism: Winter Blankets – 7 attended
 - Teen Writing Workshop – 2 sessions – 6 attended
 - Teen MLK Jr Craft: Peace Candle Holder – 0 attended
 - Teen Genre Book Club – Theme: New Books – 1 attended
 - Adults:
 - Sourdough Breadmaking Essentials – 57 attended
 - Crafting with Action: Tie Blankets – 10 attended
 - Estate Planning and Wills – 35 attended
 - Disability Insurance Workshop - 10 attended
 - Midweek Movie Club: *Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle* – 9 attended
 - IL Libraries Present: Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig – 5 attended
 - Mystery Book Club: *Just Another Missing Person* by Gillian McAllister – 16 attended
 - Fiction Book Club: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn – 16 attended
 - Book Brunch Book Club: *The Inheritance* by Trisha Sakhlecha – 8 attended
 - Deposits:
 - Holiday Hits: Music Bingo – 15 attended

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- Passive Activities offered:
 - Children's
 - Gingerbread Scavenger Hunt – 91 participated
 - Reading Land Game – 168 participated
 - Arctic Scavenger Hunt – 188 participated
 - Sensory Scavenger Hunt and Craft – 150 participated
 - Crafts (polar bear, walrus, snowmen, snowy owl, snowflakes mittens, penguins) – 806 participated
 - Teens:
 - Teen Tiny Art Show -16 pieces of art displayed – 37 votes submitted
 - Weekly Wonderings – 40 participated
 - Bookmobile:
 - DIY Snowflake Craft Kit – 200 participated
 - Winter Reading Bucket List – 88 participated
- Display Themes:
 - Children's:
 - Chill Out with a Good Book
 - In the News
 - Sherlock Holmes
 - Winter Olympics
 - Teens:
 - Teen Tiny Art Show!
 - New Books
 - These books "blue" us away (books with blue covers/"blue" in the title)
 - Adults:
 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
 - National Science Fiction Day
 - Craftivism
 - It came from the bottom shelf (books selected from the bottom shelves in the collection)
 - Movies: New Movies
 - CDs: New Music
 - Let's Get Digital! (informational display about e-resources): Register to Vote
 - Community Spotlight:
 - National Immigrant Day of Action
 - Local Artist Exhibit:
 - Eileen Backman: Scenes of Bloomington-Normal

Goal: Recruit, train and develop a knowledgeable, collaborative staff.

- We posted two in-house job announcements, posted one external job announcement (received 68 applications), and interviewed one job applicant.

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- We hired the following staff members:
 - Ella, Children's Services (CS) Work Study Student
 - Abby, AS and Circulation and Outreach (Circ/OTR) intern
 - Deb, Circ/OTR Part-time Library Assistant (internal transfer)
- HR Manager Gayle Tucker provided orientation for one employee.
- Assistant Director Colleen Parker and Gayle created a guiding document that maps out the steps of the hiring process for managers.
- Molly and the Office 365 team continued to work to update and improve our SharePoint site.
- Jeanne and IT Manager Jon Whited met with several central Illinois libraries at Champaign Public Library and received a tour of their new makerspace, called The Studio.
- Staff received training on the following topics:
 - Innovation Lab Certifications on Sewing & Cricut (for future programs)
 - Security Procedures
- Staff members attended webinars on the following topics:
 - Libby
 - Developing AI Policies & Principles for Libraries
 - Giving Effective Feedback
 - Telling Your Library's Story
 - Path to Leadership: Detaching from Approval Seeking
 - Building a Strong Volunteer Program
 - More Leadership Stories
 - Library Programming for Autistic Children and Teens

Goal: Work effectively through the use of technology.

- Pantagraph index scanning is currently at 31.45% loaded into the database and 43.71% cropped and ready to be approved to be loaded. There are currently 77,561 item records available.
- Jon worked to renew our Microsoft licenses. Microsoft changed licensing for libraries nationwide and has made it challenging to renew.
- Jon worked with a Polaris Engineer and Project Manager to start the process of moving our integrated library system (i.e. checkout and catalog software) onto the vendor's servers.
- IT staff are working working with Glowforge to resolve an issue with the Glowforge Pro (innovation lab laser engraver) not cutting the materials completely. Until this is resolved, the Glowforge is unable for the public to use.
- The new security report webform was finalized and is now in use.
- We updated the Recording Studio online reservation process so that reservation requests are automatically approved instead of requiring staff approval.
- We added a "tile" in the Online Resources section of our website for each of the following newspapers:
 - The Courier (Lincoln)
 - The Herald & Review (Decatur)
 - The Vidette (ISU)
 - The Argus (IWU)

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- Social media presence:
 - BPL Facebook – 12,674 followers
 - Instagram – 3,150 followers
 - BPL Bookmobile Facebook – 1,003 followers
 - BPL Bookmobile Instagram – 784 followers
 - BPL Bookmobile TikTok (new this month) – 10 followers
 - BPL Children’s Services Facebook Group – 1,100 members
 - BPL Kids Tik Tok – 1,063 followers
- Text subscribers – 2,957 subscribers
- Cardholder Perks list – 33,410 subscribers
- Program Guide list – 36,038 subscribers
- General eBlast list – 33,277 subscribers

Goal: Administer a cost-effective public library.

- We successfully concluded the services of a community member that volunteered 240 community service hours to assist in the Pantagraph digital scanning project.
- Marketing Manager Rhonda Massie prepared and sent tax letters to our 2025 donors.
- Jeanne and Business Manager Kathy Jeakins began reviewing budget progress and projecting year-end expenses in order to determine if any line-item transfers should be made.
- Colleen connected Adult Services staff with an opportunity to host a Road Scholars presenter free of charge as a benefit of our status as an Illinois Humanities Envisioning Justice Hub partner.
- We accepted an opportunity to be included on a National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program grant application as a community partner with Illinois Wesleyan University and Normal Public Library.
- Kathy completed and submitted the annual worker’s compensation audit.
- Our bookshop raised \$1,062.50.
- We received \$178,835.53 in Personal Property Replacement Tax Distributions.
- Bills Costing in Excess of \$5,000:
 - Ameren IP - \$9,450.06 for Electricity
 - Arthur J. Gallagher - \$16,945 for Worker’s Comp Annual Premium
 - LIRA - \$53,023.32 for Annual Property/Liability/Vehicle Insurance
 - Cummins, Inc. - \$5,107.56 for Bookmobile Maintenance
 - Envisionware, Inc. - \$7,637.56 for New Public Pay Station
 - Midwest Tape - \$16,000 for Hoopla Credits
 - US Postal Service - \$8,000 for Postage Machine Credits

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Director's Goals FY26

Library Strategic Priority 1: Explore and implement strategies to improve access to the library and its resources.

Director's Goal: Facilitate the completion of the library expansion and renovation construction punchlist and project closeout by May 2026. ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- Currently working to oversee progress on the construction punch lists
 - Locks installed on Children's Program Room Cabinets
 - Vending Area Countertop Refinished
 - \$100,000 is currently being retained until HVAC system power down issue is resolved
 - Subcontractor DMI has been consistently working to resolve the issue

Library Strategic Priority 2: Provide relevant and innovative services, collections, and programs to meet the emergent needs of our community.

Director's Goal: Oversee the introduction of a new Library of Things Collection by February 2026. ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- Have a budget established for the formation of a collection
- Have developed a plan for public display of collection using cards with images and for the storage of the actual items
- Have a list of potential items for the collection and surveyed staff to prioritize initial purchases
- Plan to purchase items before the end of the fiscal year (April 30, 2026)
- Plan to launch the collection with a "launch/preview" event in August 2026

Library Strategic Priority 3: Recruit, train, and develop a knowledgeable, collaborative staff.

Director's Goal: Negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement by October 2025. ~ **COMPLETED**

Related Accomplishments:

- The contract was executed on July 15, 2025.

Director's Goal: Review and update all staff job descriptions by March 2026. ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- All union staff job descriptions are complete and have been sent to staff

- Gathered feedback about duties of remaining positions
- HR Manager Gayle and I plan to review the job descriptions of the remaining positions, incorporating gathered feedback, in February and March 2026

Library Strategic Priority 4: Work effectively through the use of technology.

Director's Goal: Oversee the implementation of the BPL On the Go Service by May 2026. ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- The BPL On the Go vehicle has been upfitted and is on the road for Outreach Services.
- IT staff have 6 BPL On the Go Pop-Up programs scheduled in March, April, and May 2026.

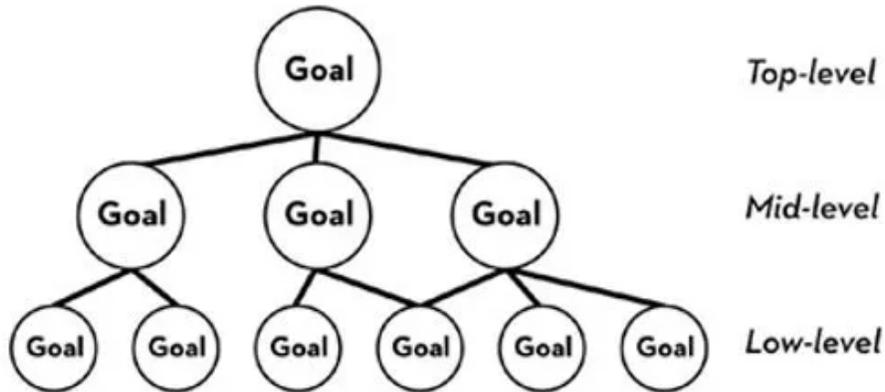
Library Strategic Priority 5: Administer a cost-effective public library.

Director's Goal: Review capital reserves to determine if any funds can be used to pay down the library expansion and renovation bond by October 2025. ~ **COMPLETED**

Related Accomplishments:

- A recommendation was presented and approved by the Library Board at the October 2025 board meeting.

Strategic Plan Approach



Top-level goals are like a compass setting or a general direction to take. These are major overarching goals that we feel will be important for us to fulfill our mission. There will be many different ways to get there.

Top-level goals are our **Strategic Priorities**.

Mid-level goals are more discrete yet still large goals which can allow us to achieve top-level goals.

Mid-level goals are our **Goals**.

Low-level goals are specific tasks or things we can actually do in the short-term. A good low-level goal is:

Specific
Measurable
Achievable
Relevant
Time-Bound

Low-level goals are our **Initiatives**.



Mission

We provide our diverse community with a helpful and welcoming place that offers equitable access to the world of ideas and information and supports lifelong learning.

Vision

To enrich and inspire our diverse and evolving community.

Strategic Priorities, Goals, and FY26 Initiatives

Strategic Priority 1: Explore and implement strategies to improve access to the library and its resources.

Goal 1.1: Highlight features of the newly expanded and renovated Library

Goal 1.2: Reach beyond the “expected” audiences

Goal 1.3: Continue to build community partnerships

Goal 1.4: Ensure the Library policies and procedures foster positive experiences in the newly expanded and renovated Library

Initiative 2.1.1: Explore options for a more efficient and effective incident and suspension reporting system ~ **COMPLETED**

Related Accomplishments:

- **Marketing and Operations developed a reporting system using our website backend**

Strategic Priority 2: Provide relevant and innovative services, collections, and programs to meet the emergent needs of our community.

Goal 2.1: Celebrate the newly expanded and renovated Library through programs for community residents in all stages of life

Initiative 2.1.1: Develop an evaluation tool for programs ~ **NOT STARTED**

Goal 2.2: Provide access to new technology and equipment

Initiative 2.2.1: Develop a Library of Things Collection ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- **Have a budget established for the formation of a collection**
- **Have developed a plan for public display of collection using cards with images and for the storage of the actual items**

- Have a list of potential items for the collection and surveyed staff to prioritize initial purchases
- Plan to purchase items before the end of the fiscal year (April 30, 2026)
- Plan to launch the collection with a “launch/preview” event in August 2026

Goal 2.3: Cultivate and display diverse collections

Initiative 2.3.1: Complete a Collection Diversity Audit ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- DEI Committee created a subcommittee to review Diversity Audit Tools
- DEI Subcommittee selected the Ingram Audit Tool
- Plan to complete the audit in August 2026

Initiative 2.3.2: Complete a Subject Heading Review ~ **NOT STARTED**

Goal 2.4: Celebrate the Bloomington community’s history

Initiative 2.4.1: Work to digitize the index of the Pantagraph ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- As of January 31, 2026, the Pantagraph index scanning is currently at 31.45% loaded into the database, 43.71% cropped and ready to be approved to be loaded, and 77,561 item records available

Strategic Priority 3: Recruit, train, and develop a knowledgeable, collaborative staff.

Goal 3.1: Improve customer service by building a strong staff team

Initiative 3.1.1: Negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement ~ **COMPLETED**

Related Accomplishments:

- The contract was executed on July 15, 2025.

Initiative 3.1.2: Review and update all staff job descriptions . ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- All union staff job descriptions are complete and have been sent to staff
- Gathered feedback about duties of remaining positions
- HR Manager Gayle and I plan to review the job descriptions of the remaining positions, incorporating gathered feedback, in February and March 2026

Strategic Priority 4: Work effectively through the use of technology.

Goal 4.1: Implement tools to improve the patron experience

Initiative 4.1.1: Install a new phone system ~ **COMPLETED**

Related Accomplishments:

- New phones system was installed May 22, 2025

Initiative 4.1.2: Install new copiers ~ **COMPLETED**

Related Accomplishments:

- New copiers were installed on September 30, 2025.

Initiative 4.1.3: Launch the new BPL on the Go service ~ **IN PROGRESS**

Related Accomplishments:

- The BPL On the Go vehicle has been upfitted and is on the road for Outreach Services.
- IT staff have 6 BPL On the Go Pop-Up programs scheduled in March, April, and May 2026.

Strategic Priority 5: Administer a cost-effective public library.

Goal 5.1: Steward newly formed donor relationships

Goal 5.2: Seek new funding opportunities

Goal 5.3: Use resources effectively and efficiently

Initiative 5.3.1: Review capital reserves to determine if any funds can be used to pay down the library expansion and renovation bond ~ **COMPLETED**

Related Accomplishments:

- A recommendation was presented and approved by the Library Board at the October 2025 board meeting.



Statistics At-A-Glance

January 2026

Strategic Priority: Explore and implement strategies to improve access to the library and its resources.

Circulation	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Adults	30,770	34,793	-12%	295,429	300,837	-2%
Teens	2,751	2,598	6%	28,327	25,456	11%
Children	36,027	44,449	-19%	389,318	416,708	-7%
Digital Downloads	30,880	26,155	18%	257,416	214,990	20%
Total	100,428	107,995	-7%	970,490	957,991	1%

Active Cardholders	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Adults	24,888	23,380	6%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teens	3,434	3,933	-13%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children	8,102	8,579	-6%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	36,424	35,892	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPPLD Adults	1,349	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPPLD Teens	114	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPPLD Children	241	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPPLD Total	1,704	1,583	8%	N/A	N/A	N/A

New Cardholders	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Total	409	440	-7%	5,994	4,883	23%
GPPLD	35	0	N/A	81	0	N/A

Visits	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Main	24,775	24,906	-1%	232,022	183,461	26%
Bookmobile	693	738	-6%	11,492	11,236	2%
Total	25,468	25,644	-1%	243,514	194,697	25%

Room Use	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Study Room	525	503	4%	4,913	4,133	19%
Recording Studios	81	81	0%	642	470	37%
Innovation Lab	25	27	-7%	319	162	97%
Community Room	112	85	32%	856	603	42%
Total	743	696	7%	6,730	5,368	25%

Outreach Services	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Deposits Sites Visited:	10	10	0%	83	86	-3%
Items Delivered/Renewed:	1,035	887	17%	9,056	7,815	16%
Home Delivery Patrons Served:	49	56	-13%	475	476	0%
Items Delivered/Renewed:	558	547	2%	5,019	5,512	-9%
PopUp Library Sites Visited:	10	5	100%	72	53	36%
PopUp Library Patrons Served:	107	82	30%	947	865	9%
Items Delivered/Renewed:	485	310	56%	4,509	5,071	-11%

Regular Bookmobile Stops Visited:	63	64	-2%	591	598	-1%
Special Bookmobile Stops Visited:	0	0	N/A	10	13	-23%
Bookmobile Checkouts:	2,011	2,158	-7%	23,533	24,125	-2%
Drive-Up Checkouts:	1,453	1,262	15%	12,106	9,910	22%

Community Outreach	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Staff Outreach Visits	4	10	-60%	128	173	-26%
People Reached	253	239	6%	10,633	13,885	-23%
Community Visits to the Library	0	3	-100%	13	25	-48%
People Reached	0	85	-100%	289	447	-35%
Total Outreach Visits	4	13	-69%	141	198	-29%
Total People Reached	253	324	-22%	10,922	14,332	-24%

Strategic Priority: Provide relevant and innovative services, collections and programs to meet the emergent needs of our community.

Programs	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Adults	12	10	20%	141	114	24%
Attendance	166	116	43%	3,731	2,974	25%
Teens	18	13	38%	136	97	40%
Attendance	469	308	52%	5,408	3,265	66%
Childrens	47	40	18%	332	267	24%
Attendance	3,767	3,594	5%	40,629	47,281	-14%
Total Programs	77	63	22%	609	478	27%
Total Attendance	4,402	4,018	10%	49,768	53,520	-7%

1-on-1 Appointments	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Total	37	39	-5%	251	338	-26%

Reference Questions	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Total	3,500	4,050	-14%	33,280	32,196	3%

Strategic Priority: Recruit, train and develop a knowledgeable, collaborative staff.

Training Hours	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Total	84	187	-55%	1,456	1,815	-20%

Strategic Priority: Work effectively through the use of technology.

Technology Use	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Public Computer Use	2,265	2,824	-20%	23,878	22,656	5%
WiFi Sessions	3,471	3,173	9%	34,261	26,472	29%
Website/Catalog Hits	114,293	80,027	43%	811,378	652,587	24%
Online Resource Use	13,839	12,780	8%	104,444	113,845	-8%

Translate Live Use	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Total	2	N/A	N/A	66	N/A	N/A

Strategic Priority: Administer a cost-effective public library.

Interlibrary Loan	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
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Received	390	419	-7%	3,406	3,338	2%
Sent	162	213	-24%	1,422	1,317	8%

Volunteer Hours	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Total	249	97	158%	1,433	581	147%

Hoopla & Kanopy Usage	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Hoopla Downloads	8,514	8,521	0%	74,267	68,389	9%
Hoopla Cost	20,334	19,215	6%	174,381	152,494	14%
Kanopy Downloads	1,392	1,525	-9%	12,689	11,253	13%
Kanopy Cost	1,478	1,356	9%	13,536	9,901	37%

Electricity Usage	Current	Last Year	Change	FYTD	Last FYTD	Change
Total Use (kWh)	100,901	115,569	-13%	1,078,520	960,117	12%
Solar Panel Production (kWh)	12,284	10,550	16%	248,215	179,033	39%
Solar Panel Production (%)	12%	9%	N/A	23%	19%	23%
Purchased from Ameren (kWh)	88,617	105,019	-16%	830,305	781,084	6%
Purchased from Ameren (%)	88%	91%	N/A	77%	81%	-5%

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FY 2025-2026 FISCAL REPORT

REVENUES:

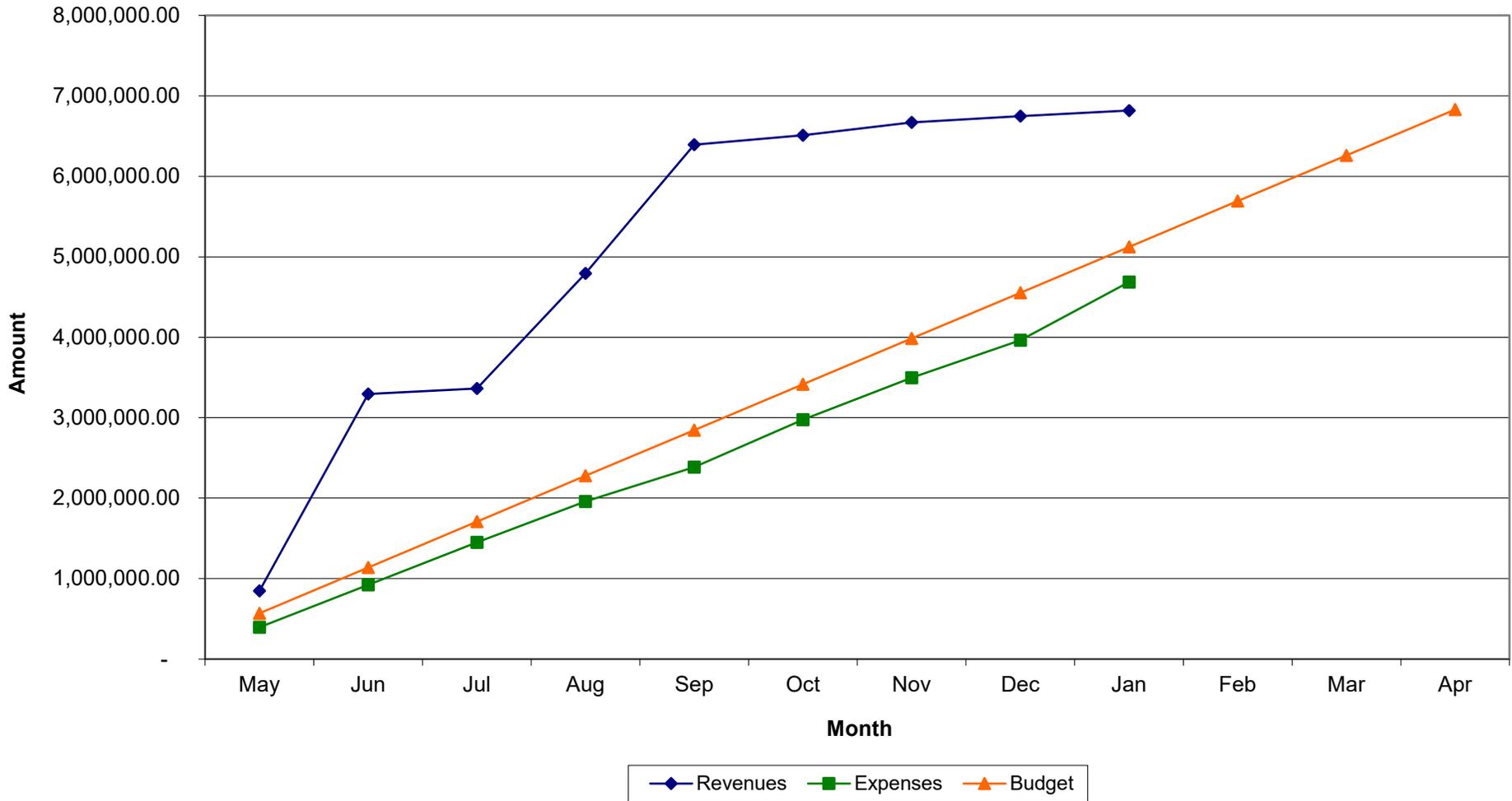
ACCT NAME	BUDGET	JAN 2026	YR-TO-DATE	AMOUNT OVER/UNDER	% RECEIVED
Property Tax	5,742,275	0.00	5,730,916.38	(11,358.62)	99.8
Replacement Tax	325,628	44,173.85	178,835.53	(146,792.47)	54.9
State Grants	116,053	0.00	116,053.00	-	100.0
GPPLD	500,000	0.00	512,150.36	12,150.36	102.4
Fines & Fees	6,000	1,058.71	9,362.55	3,362.55	156.0
Interest on Investments	75,000	19,907.76	183,296.10	108,296.10	244.4
Interest from Taxes	0	0.00	658.24	658.24	-----
Donations	25,000	482.76	52,063.21	27,063.21	208.3
Other Private Grants	0	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-----
Cash Over/Short	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----
Other	40,000	4,015.49	32,905.31	(7,094.69)	82.3
Total Revenues	6,829,956	69,638.57	6,818,240.68	(11,715.32)	99.8

EXPENDITURES:

ACCT NAME	BUDGET	JAN 2026	YR-TO-DATE	AMOUNT OVER/UNDER	% SPENT
Full-Time Salaries	3,013,425	226,650.37	2,093,314.35	(920,110.65)	69.5
Part-Time Salaries	662,376	41,927.76	420,168.39	(242,207.61)	63.4
Seasonal Salaries	95,120	4,455.44	52,824.66	(42,295.34)	55.5
Overtime Salaries	100	0.00	0.00	(100.00)	0.0
Other Salaries	25,000	0.00	8,500.00	(16,500.00)	34.0
Total Sals & Wages	3,796,021	273,033.57	2,574,807.40	(1,221,213.60)	67.8
Dental Insurance	7,000	0.00	4,549.15	(2,450.85)	65.0
Health Insurance, HMO	7,000	1,956.84	6,221.92	(778.08)	88.9
Life Insurance	3,400	300.80	2,359.20	(1,040.80)	69.4
Vision Insurance	3,500	307.16	2,402.42	(1,097.58)	68.6
Health Insurance, PPO 600/1200	228,000	17,762.57	154,541.81	(73,458.19)	67.8
Health Insurance, PPO with HSA	119,000	15,050.02	109,101.84	(9,898.16)	91.7
Library RHS Contribution	8,600	1,141.51	10,189.70	1,589.70	118.5
Library HSA City Contributions	22,000	0.00	1,050.00	(20,950.00)	4.8
Dental Insurance, PPO	3,600	1,033.82	3,305.44	(294.56)	91.8
Identity Protection	750	55.86	522.69	(227.31)	69.7
IMRF	221,000	18,698.22	157,285.44	(63,714.56)	71.2
FICA	235,000	16,284.08	152,500.78	(82,499.22)	64.9
Medicare	55,000	3,808.34	35,665.55	(19,334.45)	64.8
Worker's Compensation	30,000	16,945.00	16,945.00	(13,055.00)	56.5
Uniforms	1,500	260.40	681.23	(818.77)	45.4
Tuition Reimbursement	3,000	0.00	0.00	(3,000.00)	0.0
Other Benefits	25,000	7,200.00	10,759.22	(14,240.78)	43.0
Total Benefits	973,350	100,804.62	668,081.39	(305,268.61)	68.6
Rentals	17,000	1,071.42	11,444.02	(5,555.98)	67.3
Total Rentals	17,000	1,071.42	11,444.02	(5,555.98)	67.3
Building Mtn	135,000	7,152.45	96,403.78	(38,596.22)	71.4
Vehicle Mtn	23,000	13,717.02	18,402.85	(4,597.15)	80.0
Office & Computer Mtn	195,000	5,390.45	84,866.09	(110,133.91)	43.5
Total Repair/Mtn	353,000	26,259.92	199,672.72	(153,327.28)	56.6

ACCT NAME	BUDGET	JAN 2026	YR-TO-DATE	AMOUNT OVER/UNDER	% SPENT
Advertising	50,000	7,599.07	25,820.80	(24,179.20)	51.6
Printing/Binding	25,000	14.00	12,031.61	(12,968.39)	48.1
Travel	1,500	179.18	717.76	(782.24)	47.9
Membership Dues	4,000	125.00	1,350.00	(2,650.00)	33.8
Professional Development	11,000	94.70	10,593.98	(406.02)	96.3
Other Purchased Services	202,656	12,148.07	171,684.46	(30,971.54)	84.7
Other Insurance	54,000	53,023.32	53,023.32	(976.68)	98.2
Total Purchased Services	348,156	73,183.34	275,221.93	(72,934.07)	79.1
Office Supplies	11,000	748.58	8,554.58	(2,445.42)	77.8
Computer Supplies	88,000	17,298.40	52,297.59	(35,702.41)	59.4
Postage	2,500	8,374.35	8,141.63	5,641.63	325.7
Library Supplies	81,000	3,535.77	70,601.59	(10,398.41)	87.2
Janitorial Supplies	51,000	1,206.64	9,315.68	(41,684.32)	18.3
Gas & Diesel Fuel	6,000	555.15	4,592.78	(1,407.22)	76.5
Building Mtnc & Repair Supplies	15,500	0.00	4,878.13	(10,621.87)	31.5
Total Supplies	255,000	31,718.89	158,381.98	(96,618.02)	62.1
Natural Gas	40,000	4,228.72	15,526.93	(24,473.07)	38.8
Electricity	150,000	9,450.06	112,918.91	(37,081.09)	75.3
Water	8,000	610.78	10,026.75	2,026.75	125.3
Telecommunications	52,000	4,003.69	37,908.25	(14,091.75)	72.9
Total Utilities	250,000	18,293.25	176,380.84	(73,619.16)	70.6
Professional Collection	500	90.00	530.61	30.61	106.1
Total Prof Collection	500	90.00	530.61	30.61	106.1
Non-Traditional Materials	5,200	1,826.30	3,136.22	(2,063.78)	60.3
Periodicals	20,000	2,934.98	16,520.51	(3,479.49)	82.6
Adult Books	170,000	10,752.40	106,769.55	(63,230.45)	62.8
Children's Books	135,000	10,186.94	64,780.24	(70,219.76)	48.0
A/V Materials	87,000	1,857.33	39,629.09	(47,370.91)	45.6
Public Access Software	131,000	3,025.75	53,058.34	(77,941.66)	40.5
Downloadable Materials	300,000	16,000.00	176,363.93	(123,636.07)	58.8
Total Materials	848,200	46,583.70	460,257.88	(387,942.12)	54.3
Employee Relations	5,100	145.63	6,176.17	1,076.17	121.1
Miscellaneous Expenses	11,285	5,238.35	8,304.64	(2,980.36)	73.6
Total Other Expenses	16,385	5,383.98	14,480.81	(1,904.19)	88.4
Total Expenses	6,857,612	576,422.69	4,539,259.58	(2,318,352.42)	66.2

Bloomington Public Library FY 2025-2026



EXPLANATIONS FOR VARIANCES IN EXCESS OF 5%
(Variance of 65.0% to 75.0% is acceptable)
January 2026

Property Tax (99.8%): The Library has received all seven distributions.

Replacement Tax (54.9%): The Library has received four distributions so far.

State Grants (100.0%): The Library received its Per Capita grant in August.

Golden Prairie Public Library District (102.4%): Golden Prairie has received all seven distributions.

Fines & Fees (156.0%): The amount received continues to be more than projected.

Interest (244.4%): The amount continues to be more than projected.

Donations (208.3%): This includes a generous donation from Golden Prairie for miscellaneous items, including additional public hot spots; and donations for the Summer Reading Program from the Foundation and from Golden Prairie.

Other Revenue (82.3%): This is just a little over what was projected due to the number of prints/copies the public is making.

Part-Time Salaries (63.4%): This line item is slightly under-spent due to staff vacancies.

Seasonal Salaries (55.5%): This line is under-spent due to staff vacancies.

Overtime Salaries (0.0%): Nothing has been charged to this line item.

Other Salaries (34.0%): Charges have been minimal.

Health Insurance (HMO) (88.9%): Effective January 1, 2026, additional staff chose this as their health insurance option.

Health Insurance, PPO with HSA (91.7%): This is over-spent due to more staff choosing this option for their health insurance.

Library RHS Contribution (118.5%): Charges are more than projected due to staff longevity.

Library HSA City Contributions (4.8%): Charges have been minimal.

Dental Insurance, PPO (91.8%): This is over-spent because all staff now have this as their dental insurance option.

FICA (64.9%): Charges have been minimal.

Medicare (64.8%): Charges have been minimal.

Worker's Compensation (56.5%): Charges have been minimal.

Uniforms (45.4%): Charges have been minimal.

Tuition Reimbursement (0.0%): Nothing has been charged to this line item.

Other Benefits (43.0%): Charges have been minimal.

Vehicle Maintenance (80.0%): There have been bookmobile repairs related to the generator.

Office & Computer Equipment Mtnc (43.5%): Charges have been minimal.

Advertising (51.6%): Charges have been minimal.

Printing (48.1%): Charges have been minimal.

Travel (47.9%): Charges have been minimal.

Membership Dues (33.8%): Charges have been minimal.

Professional Development (96.3%): This line item is over-spent due to the registration fees for the annual Illinois Library Association Conference, in which four staff attended; and the annual Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference, in which four staff attended.

Other Purchased Services (84.7%): This is over-spent because of some annual payments, including the emergency notification system, Summer Reading Program Prizes, plants purchased for the Native Plant Project, and upfitting the BPL On The Go van.

Other Insurance (98.2%): The annual premium was paid in January.

Office Supplies (77.8%): Charges are over-spent due to the purchase of a few new office chairs.

Computer Supplies (59.4%): Charges have been minimal.

Postage (325.7%): This line item is over-spent due to the need to replenish funds in the Library's postage meter account.

Library Supplies (87.2%): This is over-spent due to the purchase of book ends.

Janitorial Supplies (18.3%): Charges have been minimal.

Gas & Diesel Fuel (76.5%): This line item is over-spent.

Building Mtnc & Repair Supplies (31.5%): Charges have been minimal.

Natural Gas (38.8%): Charges have been minimal.

Electricity (75.3%): This line item is slightly over-spent and may continue to be over-spent through the end of the fiscal year.

Water (125.3%): This is over-spent due to the increased amount of watering the Library is doing.

Professional Collection (106.1%): This line item is over-spent due to recent purchases of professional periodicals.

Non-Traditional Materials (60.3%): Charges have been minimal.

Periodicals (82.6%): This line item is over-spent due to several subscriptions that have been renewed recently.

Adult Books (62.8%): Charges have been minimal.

Children's Books (48.0%): Charges have been minimal.

A/V Materials (45.6%): Charges have been minimal.

Public Access Software (40.5%): Charges have been minimal.

Downloadable Materials (58.8%): Charges have been minimal.

Employee Relations (121.1%): This is over-spent due to the costs associated with Appreciation Day. The Foundation will be reimbursing the Library for these costs.

The Donations line item breaks out as follows:

Summer Reading Program 2025 Donations:

Golden Prairie Public Library District: \$ 3,500.00

Bloomington Public Library Foundation:	23,000.00
Various Community Donors:	5,155.44
Golden Prairie: Donation for Misc Items:	15,249.00
Memorial Donations:	1,300.42
Community Donations:	3,713.47
Miscellaneous Donations:	144.88
 Total Donations:	 \$55,063.21

The Other Revenue line item breaks out as follows:

3D Printer Filament:	105.00
Apparel Store:	608.84
Book Shoppe:	10,073.25
Button Maker Supplies:	6.00
Ear Buds:	202.50
Embroidery Machine Bobbins:	5.25
Envelopes:	5.75
EV Charging Station:	36.58
File Folders:	6.50
Flash Drives:	125.00
Meeting Room Fees:	2,325.00
Print Station:	16,954.85
Reusable Bags:	438.00
Sewing Machine Bobbins:	10.50
Sewing Machine Needles:	2.25
Test Proctoring:	400.00
Tote Bags:	957.00
Miscellaneous:	643.04
 Total Other Revenue:	 \$32,905.31

During January, 9 batches containing 101 invoices were processed, totaling \$178,726.77 and 127 credit card charges were made totaling \$38,462.54.

As of January 31, the Library's Maintenance & Operating Fund Balance is \$6,766,714.42, which is 98.7% of the budgeted amount; the goal of twenty-five percent of the Library's FY26 budget is \$1,707,489.

Library Fund Balance Information, 1/31/26:

Operating:	\$ 6,766,714.42
Fixed Assets:	\$ 1,422,259.00
Capital:	\$ 873,363.75

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
EXPANSION PROJECT
FY 22-26
As of 1/31/2026

REVENUES:

ACCT NAME	BUDGET	TOTALS	AMOUNT OVER/UNDER	% RECEIVED
State Grants	7,102,913.83	6,392,622.45	(710,291.38)	90.0
Donations	700,000.00	727,383.73	27,383.73	103.9
Interest	400,000.00	947,273.38	547,273.38	-----
Interest From Taxes	10.00	257.75	247.75	-----
Bond Proceeds	14,201,889.40	14,201,889.40	-	100.0
From Illinois Funds Fund Balance	3,928,540.00	0.00	(3,928,540.00)	0.0
Total Revenues	26,333,353.23	22,269,426.71	(4,063,926.52)	84.6

EXPENDITURES:	BUDGET	TOTALS	AMOUNT OVER/UNDER	% SPENT
Architectural/Design Services	1,453,584.00	1,578,616.99	125,032.99	108.6
Other Purchased Services	412,098.50	277,841.77	(134,256.73)	67.4
Office Supplies	2,157,629.30	2,150,454.58	(7,174.72)	99.7
Library Buildings	21,578,000.00	21,692,783.19	114,783.19	100.5
Total Expenses	25,601,311.80	25,699,696.53	98,384.73	100.4

Bloomington Public Library



Minutes

Library Board of Trustees - Regular Session
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Board President Catrina Parker.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Board Member Alok Hoonka
Board Member John Argenziano
Board Member Sharon Zeck
Board Member Georgene Chissell
Board Member Craig McCormick
Board Member Melissa Libert
President Catrina Parker

ABSENT: Board Member Ashlee Sang
Board Member Dianne Hollister

Staff Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

3. Introduction of Public

There were no members of the public present.

4. Library Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Reports

- A. **President's Report, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only)

President Parker was excited to share that she was cast in this year's Her Story program that will be at the library the last weekend of March.

- B. **Director's Report, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only)

Director Hamilton gave an update on the Strategic Planning process. The consultant will meet with Board members on May 16. The community survey will launch this week, and focus groups and interviews are being scheduled now.

She mentioned that the library has new totes for sale at the Check Out Desk.

- C. **Fiscal Report, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only)

Kathy Jeakins indicated that the report is in the packet and entertained questions.

6. **Consent Agenda**

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda are listed and voted on separately.

- A. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2025, Regular Bloomington Library Board of Trustees Meeting.** (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)
- B. **Consideration and Action on the Bloomington Public Library's Bills in the Amount of \$471,640.55., as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Approve the item as presented.)

Board Member Zeck made a motion, seconded by Board Member Chissell, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried (7-0).

7. **Approval Items**

- A. **Consideration and Action on the Bloomington Public Library's Bill(s) from ISU in the Amount of \$591.67., as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Approve the Item as Presented.)

Board Member Zeck made a motion, seconded by Board Member Hoonka, to approve the Item as presented.

Motion carried (6-0-1).

- B. **Review and Approve Maintaining Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Approve Maintaining Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes.)

Board Member Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Board Member McCormick, to approve the Item as presented.

Motion carried (7-0).

- C. **Approve Destruction of Executive Session recordings prior to July 2024, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Approve Item as Presented.)

Board Member Libert made a motion, seconded by Board Member Zeck, to approve the Item as presented.

Motion carried (7-0).

- D. **Approve a Three-hour Delay in the Library's Opening on May 14, 2026 for Staff Strategic Planning Workshop, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Approve Opening the Library at 12pm on May 14, 2026.)

Board Member Zeck made a motion, seconded by Secretary Chissell, to approve the Item as presented.

Motion carried (7-0).

- E. **Waive The Competitive Bid Process And Authorize The Library Director To Renew Property, Liability, Vehicle, Umbrella, Director's And Officer's, And Worker's Compensation Insurance Packages Through The Libraries Of Illinois Risk Agency (LIRA), as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Approve the Item as Presented.)

Board Member Zeck made a motion, seconded by Board Member Chissell, to approve the Item as presented.

Ayes: Board Member Hoonka, President Parker, Board Member Argenziano, Board Member Zeck, Board Member Chissell, Board Member McCormick, Board Member Libert

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

- F. **Approve Transfer of Funds from the M & O Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Approve Transfer as Presented.)

Board Member McCormick made a motion, seconded by Board Member Libert, to approve the Item as presented.

Ayes: Board Member Hoonka, President Parker, Board Member Argenziano, Board Member Zeck, Board Member Chissell, Board Member McCormick, Board Member Libert

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

- G. **Review Library Policies and Approve Revisions, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Except for the Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws, Approve the Proposed Policy Revisions as Presented.)

Board Member Chissell made a motion, seconded by Board Member McCormick, to approve the Item as presented.

Motion carried (7-0).

8. Comments by Trustees

Board Member Chissell invited everyone to the fundraiser on January 25th for the Bloomington-Normal Community Land Trust.

9. Adjournment

Board Member Libert made a motion, seconded by Board Member Argenziano, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (7-0).

BILLS LIST

Approved by BPL Board of Trustees, February 17, 2026

Signature, BPL Trustee

Vendor	Line Item	Amount
Alpha Controls & Services	Building Maintenance	1,292.75
Amazon Capital Services	A/V Materials	1,697.23
Amazon Capital Services	Adult Books	106.73
Amazon Capital Services	Children's Books	222.68
Amazon Capital Services	Computer Supplies	46.98
Amazon Capital Services	Employee Relations	145.63
Amazon Capital Services	Janitorial Supplies	526.54
Amazon Capital Services	Library Supplies	118.33
Amazon Capital Services	Miscellaneous Expenses	14.53
Amazon Capital Services	Non-Traditional Materials	242.30
Amazon Capital Services	Office Supplies	85.90
Amazon Capital Services	Other Purchased Services	553.44
Ameren IP	Electricity	9,450.06
American Pest Control	Building Maintenance	130.00
Arthur J. Gallagher	Worker's Compensation	16,945.00
Blackstone Publishing	Adult Books	125.60
Bloomington Normal YMCA	Advertising	500.00
Bloomington Public Schools	Adult Books	90.00
Brodart Co.	Library Supplies	684.45
CDW Government	Computer Supplies	489.84
Central Catholic High School	Adult Books	170.00
CIRBN	Telecommunications	420.33
City of Bloomington	Dental Insurance PPO	1,033.82
City of Bloomington	FICA	16,284.08
City of Bloomington	Gas & Diesel Fuel	555.15
City of Bloomington	Health Insurance-HMO	1,956.84
City of Bloomington	Health Insurance-PPO 600/1200	17,762.57
City of Bloomington	Health Insurance-PPO with HSA	15,050.02
City of Bloomington	IMRF	18,698.22
City of Bloomington	Identity Protection	55.86
City of Bloomington	Life Insurance	300.80
City of Bloomington	Medicare	3,808.34
City of Bloomington	Payroll	280,233.57
City of Bloomington	RHS Contribution	1,141.51
City of Bloomington	Vision Insurance	307.16
City of Bloomington	Water	610.78
Cummins, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	13,527.02
Cumulus Media-Bloomington	Advertising	245.00
Dean's Graphics	Library Supplies	1,645.00
Dell Marketing, L.P.	Computer Supplies	13,068.46
Elk Grove Village Public Library	Miscellaneous Expenses	29.99
Elm USA, Inc.	Library Supplies	494.90
Envisionware, Inc.	Equipment, Non-Office	7,637.56

Envisionware, Inc.	Office/Equipment Mtn	500.00
F & W Lawn Care & Landscaping	Building Maintenance	970.00
Geiger	Miscellaneous Expenses	5,004.83
Goerlitz, Nan	Travel	16.03
Hamilton, Jeanne	Travel	72.50
Illinois State Police	Other Purchased Services	50.00
Illinois Wesleyan University	Other Purchased Services	1,207.88
IMEG	Architectural Services	1,300.00
Klise, Thomas (Crimson MultiMedia)	A/V Materials	306.22
Koener Electric	Building Maintenance	1,190.00
Koios	Other Purchased Services	4,500.00
Lake Run Club	Advertising	250.00
Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency	Other Insurance	53,023.32
Library Ideas, LLC	Children's Books	879.85
Masters Telecom	Telecommunications	118.34
Metronet	Telecommunications	254.90
Mickey Truck Bodies	Vehicle Maintenance	190.00
MidIllinois Mechanical Services	Building Maintenance	486.00
Midwest Tape	A/V Materials	2,631.91
Midwest Tape	Children's Books	52.79
Midwest Tape	Downloadable Materials	16,000.00
Miller Janitor Supply	Janitorial Supplies	134.80
Mitchell, Anna Elizabeth	Travel	39.83
Nicor/Northern Illinois Gas	Natural Gas	4,228.72
OCLC	Office/Equipment Mtn	4,910.45
Otis Elevator Company	Building Maintenance	3,230.00
Pantagraph	Advertising	832.50
Peek-A-Book, LLC	Computer Supplies	1,195.00
Playaway Products, LLC	Children's Books	1,232.40
Proquest, LLC	Public Access Software	3,025.75
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Rentals	166.92
Quill Corp	Computer Supplies	2,298.17
Quill Corp	Library Supplies	471.36
Quill Corp	Office Supplies	658.86
Rockford Map	Adult Books	139.45
Ron Smith Printing Co.	Printing	14.00
Seiber, Tiffany	Travel	50.82
Sheldon, Sara	Other Purchased Services	67.50
Straight Up Legacy Fund	Electricity	248.53
U S Postal Service, Bloomington	Postage	370.00
U S Postal Service, Carol Stream	Postage	8,000.00
Unique Management Services, Inc.	Other Purchased Services	788.00
VISA - AB Hatchery & Garden Center	Professional Development	71.90
VISA - American Library Association	Membership Dues	125.00
VISA - American Red Cross	Professional Development	37.00
VISA - Architectural Digest	Periodicals	139.98
VISA - Best Buy	A/V Materials	32.20
VISA - Bloomerang	Other Purchased Services	18.85
VISA - Bon Appetit	Periodicals	24.00
VISA - Chicago Tribune	Periodicals	656.50
VISA - Cosmopolitan	Periodicals	69.94
VISA - Country Living	Periodicals	22.00
VISA - Facebook	Advertising	753.31
VISA - Family Dollar	Other Purchased Services	17.00
VISA - Fine Woodworking	Periodicals	74.95

VISA - Gingerbread House	Other Purchased Services	81.96
VISA - GotPrint.com	Library Supplies	114.26
VISA - GQ	Periodicals	30.00
VISA - GreenDisk, Inc.	Other Purchased Services	174.95
VISA - Harper's Bazaar	Periodicals	20.00
VISA - Harper's Magazine	Periodicals	31.97
VISA - Highlights for Children Magazine	Periodicals	79.98
VISA - Hobby Lobby	Other Purchased Services	115.19
VISA - Illinois Audubon Society	Periodicals	25.00
VISA - Ingram	Adult Books	12,025.58
VISA - Ingram	Children's Books	7,657.43
VISA - Ingram	Other Purchased Services	226.44
VISA - International Service Fee	Other Purchased Services	2.12
VISA - Jewel-Osco	Other Purchased Services	7.98
VISA - Johns Hopkins University Press Journals	Professional Collection	90.00
VISA - Lands End Business Outfitters	Uniforms	174.45
VISA - Magic Blue Box	Other Purchased Services	6,012.69
VISA - MeetUp	Other Purchased Services	178.99
VISA - Menards	Building Mtnc Supplies	33.97
VISA - Michaels	Other Purchased Services	130.29
VISA - Monterey Bay Spice Company	Other Purchased Services	43.27
VISA - National Audubon Society	Periodicals	20.00
VISA - National Geographic History	Periodicals	79.00
VISA - National Geographic Kids	Periodicals	79.00
VISA - National Review	Periodicals	69.00
VISA - National Trust for Historic Preservation	Periodicals	20.00
VISA - New Republic	Periodicals	39.97
VISA - New Resident Service, Inc.	Other Purchased Services	56.43
VISA - New Yorker	Periodicals	169.99
VISA - Oh Reader	Periodicals	56.99
VISA - People	Periodicals	208.00
VISA - Prevention	Periodicals	48.00
VISA - Printful, Inc.	Other Purchased Services	131.58
VISA - QuarterMaster	Uniforms	85.95
VISA - Sam's Club	Janitorial Supplies	504.39
VISA - Scout Life	Periodicals	41.00
VISA - Sewing Studio, LLC	Other Purchased Services	46.96
VISA - T Mobile	Telecommunications	2,861.97
VISA - Team Up Calendar	Other Purchased Services	120.00
VISA - UnityOnline	Periodicals	35.95
VISA - Universal Yums	Other Purchased Services	47.00
VISA - University of Illinois Press	Periodicals	60.00
VISA - USA Today	Periodicals	1,056.09
VISA - USPS	Postage	10.48
VISA - Vanity Fair	Periodicals	40.00
VISA - Verizon Wireless	Telecommunications	1,932.15
VISA - Vuescan Software	Computer Supplies	199.95
VISA - Wal-Mart	Janitorial Supplies	40.91
VISA - Wal-Mart	Library Supplies	28.02
VISA - Wal-Mart	Office Supplies	3.82
VISA - Wal-Mart	Other Purchased Services	114.43
VISA - Watts Copy Systems	Rentals	604.50
VISA - Wired	Periodicals	20.00
VISA - Wix.com	Other Purchased Services	45.99
VISA - Zoom.US	Other Purchased Services	285.87

Total

588,075.14

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Approved by BPL Board of Trustees, February 17, 2026

Signature, BPL Trustee

Vendor	Line Item	Amount
Illinois State Univeristy-WGLT	Advertising	591.67
Total		591.67

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR RENEWAL OF AN
ONLINE NEWSPAPER SERVICE TO NEWSBANK

Be It Resolved by the Bloomington Public Library Board of Trustees, Bloomington, Illinois,

1. That the Library Director authorize payment for renewal of an online newspaper service to Newsbank in the amount of \$25,582.00
2. That Newsbank is the sole source for this online service
3. That Newsbank includes access to the Bloomington Pantagraph and 2,557 other local newspapers
4. That the funds come from the following source:
Bloomington Public Library Maintenance and Operating Budget: \$25,852.00

Approved this 17th day of February 2026

Catrina Parker, President
Bloomington Public Library Board of Trustees