

Bloomington Public Library

Books are just the beginning.



Minutes

Library Board of Trustees - Regular Session Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session in Community Room 2 at the Bloomington Public Library at 5:30 PM.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Board Member Ashlee Sang
Board Member Dianne Hollister
Board Member Melissa Libert
Board Member Georgene Chissell
Board Member Craig McCormick
President Catrina Parker

ABSENT: Board Member Alok Hoonka
Board Member John Argenziano
Board Member Sharon Zeck

Staff Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

3. Introduction of Public

There were no members of the public present.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Reports

A. **President's Report** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only.)

President Parker welcomed Melissa Libert to the Board. She also mentioned how much she enjoyed the Adult Storytime program she recently attended and hopes the Library will do it again in the future.

B. **Director's Report** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only.)

Director Hamilton shared information on an upcoming webinar from the ILA Noon Network geared towards Trustees. She stated that the Library is partnering with Connect Transit again for Library Card Signup Month throughout September. Riders who show their Library card will

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ride for free this month. She attended the Normal Public Library ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday, mentioning that it is fortunate to have two great libraries in our community. Final numbers are in for this year's Summer Reading Program, showing an increase of 20.7% over last year's record-breaking numbers. The Prairie on the Patio opening was successful, and the Director encouraged Board members to check out the native plants installed on the patio. Lastly, she stated that the Budget & Personnel Committee needs to meet before the Regular Board meeting in October. She will send a poll to pick the most convenient date for the Committee.

C. Fiscal Report (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 August 19, 2025, Regular Bloomington Library Board of Trustees Meeting. (Recommended Motion: Approve the item as presented.)

B. Bills in the Amount of \$488,886.97, as requested by the Library Department. (Recommended Motion: Approve the item as presented.)

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

Motion Carried (6-0).

7. Approval Items

A. Approve the Declaration of Gil Brockway's Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board Seat Vacant (Recommended Motion: Approve the Item As Presented.)

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

Motion (6-0).

8. Discussion Items

A. Discussion of Per Capita Grant Requirement (Recommended Motion: none, discussion only.)

Director Hamilton led a review of 4 sections of the Illinois Public Library Standards.

B. Discussion of Strategic Planning Consultant Request for Proposals (Recommended Motion: none, discussion only.)

The Board provided feedback on the draft Strategic Planning Consultant Request for Proposals.

C. Discussion of Process to Review Library Foundation Bylaws (Recommended Motion: none, discussion only.)

Director Hamilton asked for input on the method and timing of reviewing the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board Bylaws. Board Member McCormick will perform a preliminary review with the Director and report back to the Board with recommendations.

9. Comments by Trustees

Board Member Hollister enjoyed the program with Steve Vogel. Board Member Libert shared that she works at WGLT and is happy to have been appointed to the Library Board.

10. Adjournment

Board Member Libert made a motion, seconded by Board Member Hollister, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Motion (6-0).