

**Bradley Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting March 19, 2025
Drassler Conference Room**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Trustees Present: Karen Bayer, Madonna Benoit, Lucson Edme, Jessica Trudeau

Trustees Absent: Nick Allen, Brandon Hawkins

Also Present: Jodie DePatis, Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Benoit made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2025 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Trudeau seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF VENDOR PAYMENTS:

Trustee Bayer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and to accept vendor payments in the amount of \$27,000.96 for the month of February 2025. Trustee Edme seconded and motion carried by roll call of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(Statistical Reports Attached)

Director DePatis stated the following:

- **Building:** Carpets were cleaned on March 16 & 17 in the main areas of the library. The Drassler room carpet will be scheduled for cleaning in August after the lunch program concludes.
- **Continuing Education:** All staff meetings were held on February 21 and March 6. Youth Service Associates Dee Vent and Britini Broughton attended the 2-day Illinois Library Association Youth Conference in Normal on February 27 & 28. Dee completed a 4-week course entitled Sustainably Growing Your Summer Reading Program through the University of Wisconsin Madison iSchool continuing education department. Britini is currently taking a 6-week class entitled Connect and Engage: Effective Youth Outreach Strategies for Libraries also through the iSchool.
- **Misc:** Director DePatis shared information on the proposed cuts to the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and how it could affect the library.
- **Programs:** Bradley Central students visited on March 12 and participated in several activities as a behavior reward. Upcoming programs needing volunteers include a mobile pantry set for March 26, 2025 during spring break and our 7th annual Say Yes to the Prom Dress event scheduled for March 29 & 30 and April 5. The 2025 summer reading program theme is Level Up at Your Library and will have a dragon theme.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Friends Liaison:** Trustee Bayer stated that after buying crafts for Santa visit and refreshments for Strings in The Stacks in December, the Friends account balance is \$1,201.33. A book sale is planned for April 25th & 26th. The Friends are also planning a Culver's fundraiser in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **2025 Consolidated Election:** Trustee Bayer reminded Trustees of the upcoming election on Tuesday, April 1st.
- **Statement of Economic Interest:** Trustee Bayer reminded Trustees to submit Statement of Economic Interest if they haven't completed it yet.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee Bayer informed Trustees that she received a letter from a patron regarding a non-service dog brought into the library by another person.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:34 p.m. Trustee Trudeau made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Benoit seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madonna Benoit
Secretary

Marie Cowden
Recording Secretary