

**Bradley Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting August 20, 2025
Drassler Conference Room**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Trustees Present: Jody Andriano, Karen Bayer, Lucson Edme, Paula Goodwin, Brandon Hawkins, Jessica Trudeau

Trustees Absent: Nick Allen

Also Present: Jodie DePatis, Director, Marie Cowden, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2025 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Goodwin 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 \$47,791.58 for the month of July 2025. Trustee Andriano seconded and motion carried by roll call of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(Statistical Reports Attached)

Director DePatis stated the following:

- **Building:** There is a roof leak in the Conference room. Langlois Roofing has been called to repair it. A bat was discovered in the building near closing on August 13. The bat was found and removed by animal control on the morning of August 15th and is considered to be an isolated incident.
- **Programs:** Youth summer reading continues until August 15 for the Dragon cards reading incentive. The adult summer reading program had 262 people register with 118 completing the program. Youth Services Associate Dee Vent, Information Services Coordinator Christina Loraine, and Director DePatis manned the Library's table and gave out prizes to students and adults at the National Night Out on August 5. Youth programs are resuming the week of September 14. The 2nd summer mobile pantry on July 17 served 107 families, and the final pantry of the summer on August 14 served 120 families. Due to the success of the Library's mobile pantries, the Northern Illinois Food Bank is adding another pantry at the Library in November in addition to the December and March dates. The free summer lunch program for 18 and under ended on August 7. A soft opening for the Library's MakerLab is scheduled for Saturday, September 20. Cricut, heat presses, Glowforge, and Accuquilt will be available to use. The makerspace will be open for Bradley Public Library cardholders on selected Thursdays and Saturdays with registration required. Future plans include adding 3D printing and opening the space to non-cardholders.
- **Legal:** The FY2026-27 Budget and Appropriations hearing notice was published in The Daily Journal on July 19.
- **Computers:** Director DePatis attended the July 30th PrairieCat Delegates meeting. The new PrairieCat app is on track for a fall start.
- **Grants:** The FY25 PNG encumbrance report was completed. The 2025-26 erate start of service Form 486 was completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **FY 2026-27 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance (25-02):** Director DePatis distributed and Trustee Andriano made a motion to approve. Trustee Trudeau seconded and motion carried by roll call of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- **Proposed FY2026-27 Levy:** Director DePatis distributed and discussed. She informed Trustees of the proposed levy to be an increase of 4.9%.
- **Annual Sexual Harassment Training for Elected/Appointed Officials:** Trustees completed the annual sexual harassment training for elected/appointed officials by watching the video provided by the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:50 p.m. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Andriano seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Trudeau
Secretary

Marie Cowden
Recording Secretary