

Bradley Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting March 18, 2026
Drassler Conference Room

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and appointed Lucson Edme acting Secretary.

Trustees Present: Jody Andriano, Nick Allen, Karen Bayer, Lucson Edme, Paula Goodwin, Brandon Hawkins

Trustees Absent: Jessica Trudeau

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Edme made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2026 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Hawkins seconded and 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 \$36,685.25 for the month of February 2026. 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:** Langlois is scheduled to inspect the roof to determine if there was any damage due to the storms on March 10. KPI completed some ballast replacements and other electrical repair work. Protection Associates completed the annual fire alarm inspection. The new tables for the art room are scheduled to be delivered on March 27. BPL will be closed on March 30 for cleaning of the carpet in the main areas of the library.
- **Personnel:** McKenna Jones will be moving from Circulation to Youth Services permanently so we will be searching for a replacement for her evening and weekend circulation position.
- **Programs:** The mobile pantry on March 16 served 92 families. The prom dress event had a successful first weekend with the final day to take home a free prom dress being Saturday, March 21.
- **Grants:** The contract for the FY2026 PNG grant has been executed. Orders are being placed and programming plans are being finalized. Information Services Coordinator Christina Loraine has secured a \$1,600 Continuing Education grant through RAILS to have reader's advisory expert Becky Spratford come to BPL for an afternoon and evening workshop on reader's advisory. The library will be closing at noon on April 21 so all staff can attend. Staff from neighboring libraries are also invited to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Friends Liaison:** Trustee Bayer reported an upcoming book sale on April 16th and 17th and mentioned the purchase of gumball machine for the Children's Department. She also stated the following financial figures for the Friends group:

		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
10/1/2025	Balance Carried			\$1,594.58
10/4/2025	Book Sale	\$1,798.25		\$3,392.83
	(credit card payments-direct to library)	(282.50)		
	Donation Box	\$36.90		\$3,429.73
	Total Book Sale (\$2117.65)			
10/4/2025	Friends Membership	\$30.00		\$3,459.73
10/8/2025	Spring Animal Program		\$200.00	\$3,259.73
12/1/2025	Winter Program			
	(Cookies/Refreshments for Santa/Strings in the Stacks)		\$100.00	\$3,159.73
12/14/2025	Meijer Gift Card for Winter Program	\$100.00		\$3,259.73
12/15/2025	Karen Bayer-Cookies		\$53.00	\$3,206.73
3/11/2026	Gumball Machine		\$358.00	\$2,848.73

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Statement of Economic Interest:** Trustee Bayer reminded Trustees to submit Statement of Economic Interest if they haven't completed it yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Holiday Closings-July & December:** Trustee Allen made a motion to approve the library holiday closings for Friday, July 3, 2026 and Saturday, December 26, 2026. Trustee Goodwin seconded and motion carried by roll call of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:21 p.m. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Edme seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Lucson Edme
 Acting Secretary

 Marie Cowden
 Recording Secretary