

Bradley Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting April 15, 2026
Drassler Conference Room

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

Trustees Present: Jody Andriano, Karen Bayer, Lucson Edme (arrived 6:06 p.m.), 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 March 18, 2026 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Goodwin 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 \$29,631.01 for the month of March 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 inspected the roof and reported that there was damage due to the storms on March 10 that was significant enough to notify insurance. Cook and Kocher Insurance has been contacted and an adjuster will be out to determine damage. The outside flag pulley system was damaged during the storms as well. A Freedom Flag, our flag vendor, will be coming out to make repairs. The new tables for the art room were installed on March 27. Carpets in the main areas of the Library were cleaned the weekend of March 29-30. River Valley Pest Management came out to treat a suspected bedbug. No other bugs were found during the inspection.
- **Programs:** Our 8th annual prom dress event was successful with 122 dresses finding new homes. The Youth Department will be hatching chicks from April 15-May 15. Chicks are expected to begin hatching around May 6th. May is a light programming month as staff are finalizing plans and getting for summer reading programs. This year's theme is Plant a Seed, Read. The annual parking lot party is scheduled for June 12 from 6-8pm. Information Services Coordinator Christina Loraine will be debuting a Seed Library shortly. It will be housed in our old card catalog.
- **Grants:** The first quarterly report for the FY2026 PNG grant has been turned in. Makerspace programs began in February with custom t-shirt projects. Teens are now working on 3D printed projects. Many items have been ordered and programming plans are being finalized. Erate form 471 to confirm Internet vendor for FY2026-27 was filed. If approved, BPL will receive an 80% discount on Internet services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Friends of the Library:** Trustee Bayer stated that a fundraiser for the library would be occurring next Thursday, April 23rd at Oberweis Dairy. Coupons would be handed out at the upcoming book sale on Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th. Books that are not sold at the sale will be picked up on Saturday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Statement of Economic Interest:** Trustee Bayer reminded trustees to complete their Statement of Economic Interest forms before the May 1 deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2025 Tax Computation Report:** Director DePatis stated that the library will be receiving an increase of \$42,000 over last year.
- **Commercial/Liability Insurance Renewal:** Director DePatis distributed information on renewal and stated the average industry increase is between 7-11%. The commercial and liability insurance will be renewed with an 8% increase with Cook & Kocher Insurance Group for the 2026-2027 term.
- **Personnel Committee date for salary meeting:** Wednesday, May 6th at 4:30 p.m.
- **Finance Committee date for budget meeting:** Wednesday, June 3rd at 5 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:52 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, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Trudeau
Secretary

Marie Cowden
Recording Secretary