

Bradley Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting May 20, 2026
Drassler Conference Room

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and appointed Lucson Edme acting Secretary.

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

Trustees Absent: Jessica Trudeau

Also Present: Jodie DePatis, Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Edme 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 \$76,761.20 for the month of April 2026. Trustee Allen 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:** The air conditioning repairs to the West side unit have been completed as well as Spring PM. Glade also completed the annual backflow prevention testing. MATCO performed annual sprinkler testing on May 1 and found we have a faulty regulator on the air compressor. It was also discovered that there is a small leak in an attic pipe. The cost to make that repair is \$2,350. Materials have been ordered for both repairs.
- **Programs:** The Youth Department hatched 17 chicks and had them here for a week before being delivered to the University of Illinois Extension Office on May 15. The Seed Library is now open. BPL has renewed our participation in the ILP program for 2026-27. Staff are finalizing plans and getting ready for the Plant a Seed, Read summer reading programs that run from June 1-July 31. Brochures will be out shortly. The Friends of the Library are assisting with funding and volunteers for the annual parking lot party scheduled for June 12 from 6-8pm. Board members are encouraged to help out at this event. The summer lunch program begins June 8-August 6. Lunches are served Monday-Thursday from 11:30am-12:30pm. Summer pantries are scheduled for June 23, July 14, and August 11 from 5-6:30pm. Volunteers are needed.
- **Grants:** The monitoring report for the FY2026 PNG grant has been completed. The RAILS Continuing Education grant funded event featuring Becky Spratford was held on April 21 with over 30 attendees including all BPL staff members. Participants enjoyed this program on reader's advisory skills.
- **Continuing Education:** Director DePatis attended a webinar on ADA Title II Compliance for Digital Resources and an HR Source webinar on Escaping Employee Handbook Mistakes. Youth Services Assistant McKenna Jones completed a 6-week course entitled Playing Around: The Library's Role in Playful Learning for Young Children through the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool. YS Assistant Jones and YS Associate Dee Vent attended a webinar entitled Creating Interactive Storytimes with Music, Play, and More through ALA.
- **Legal:** Our HR Source membership has been renewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Friends of the Library:** Trustee Bayer stated the following financial figures for the Friends group:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Starting Balance			\$2,748.73
Book Sale (\$293.50 credit card direct to library)	\$1,694.35		\$4,443.08
Friends Membership Renewals	\$55.00		\$4,498.08
Oberweis Fundraiser	\$311.05		\$4,809.13
Adult Summer Reading		\$764.00	\$4,045.13
Children's Summer Reading		\$513.00	\$3,532.13
Parking Lot Party		\$723.00	\$2,809.13

- **Personnel Committee:** A proposed salary schedule was distributed for the 2026-2027 year. Discussion included the possible addition of a part-time and a full-time library associate. These would be current employees with new titles and additional responsibilities. The proposed salary schedule as approved by this committee not to exceed \$475,000 as the budget allows.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Sec. 6, Pt 1: Rules of Conduct (food & drink):** Motion by Trustee Andriano that patrons may not have food or drink in the library. Trustee Goodwin seconded and motion carried by roll call of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
- **Roof Repairs:** Waiting for the adjuster's report.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: Nick asked if an email could be sent out with a reminder about the upcoming pantries. An email will be sent out.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:40 p.m. Trustee Allen made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hawkins seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucson Edme
Acting Secretary

Marie Cowden
Recording Secretary