

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

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Trustees Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Bayer made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 17, 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 \$73,825.85 for the month of June 2026. Trustee Andriano seconded and motion carried by roll call of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(Statistical Reports Attached)

Director DePatis stated the following:

- **Legal:** The 2% Building and Maintenance Levy notice was published in The Daily Journal on June 24. The public hearing notice for the FY2027-28 Budget and Appropriations is being published on July 15 in The Daily Journal. The 2026-27 OCLC contract was signed and returned to the Illinois State Library.
- **Grants:** The contract for the FY2027 Security grant has been completed. The Library's sam.gov listing was updated.
- **Personnel:** Youth Services Associate Britini Broughton has accepted a job at a local school and will not be returning from her sabbatical. McKenna will continue in the Youth Services Department.
- **Materials:** The Library will be adding a video game collection this fall including both Switch and PS5 games.
- **Programs:** Plant a Seed, Read summer reading programs continue through July 31. Check out the Library's calendar for upcoming programs including 2 Mason Jar Bouquet workshops with the local Flat Rock Farm Co. that is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The summer lunch program runs through August 6. Summer pantry on June 23 served 114 families and July 14 served 140 families. The final mobile pantry is scheduled for August 11 from 5-6:30pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Roof Repairs:** Due to the cost of replacing the roof, the job will be put out for bids. Director DePatis is currently working on the logistics for the repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **FOIA Policy Update:** Motion by Trustee Allen to update Freedom of Information Act part C which reports total amount of operating budget for the current fiscal year and Part E which reports number of persons currently employed. Trustee Edme seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

- **Fire Sprinkler Flushing:** Due to debris being present in the fire sprinkler system, Matco will begin a flush of the overhead sprinkler pipes in September. On September 1st, they will fill the lines with water and check for leaks. On September 2nd, they will check the pressure and then on September 3rd, they will flush the lines. The library will be closed on September 3rd when the lines are flushed. Director DePatis is working on the logistics for the best solution to cover library computers and book shelves for protection against water damage in the event that leaks occur.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Trudeau
Secretary

Marie Cowden
Recording Secretary