

CARLINVILLE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

June 3, 2025

The Carlinsville Library Board met in regular session Monday, June 3, 2025. President Kris Rosentreter called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Members physically present were Liz Burdell, Diane Aikin, Peg Fehr, Jenna Rosentreter, Tom Emery and Dana Yowell, along with Library Director Hannah Miller. A quorum was present.

Public Comments and Correspondence: none

SWEAR IN NEW TRUSTEE: Jessica Yeager read the Oath of Office aloud and will be our new Board member.

The regular minutes of the May 5 meeting were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting . One correction was mentioned; the minutes were approved with the correction noted.

A copy of the financial report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. After some discussion a motion was made by Fehr and seconded that the treasurer's report and paying of bills be accepted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

JANITOR'S CONTRACT REVISION: The library custodian will be off for several months due to illness. Her husband has assisted her in cleaning the library previously; they requested he take over the position for the duration of her illness. A motion was made by Emery and seconded; the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING:

President Rosentreter passed out 3 recommended committees with a description/duties of what each committee may look like. Each of these committees would meet bi-monthly or quarterly, based on determined need once established. He asked each board member to review the list before the July meeting. At the July meeting each member should rank their preference on the list and return it to K Rosentreter.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS:

The committee to nominate officers, Emery and Aikin, presented the nominating slate of officers for the coming fiscal year. Kris Rosentreter as President, Polly Eldred as Vice President, Dana Yowell as Secretary and Jenna Rosentreter as Treasurer. No one had any additions or suggestions. Emery made the motion to accept the slate of officers and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

VOTE ON NON-RESIDENT RENEWAL FEES:

After some discussion it was decided to leave the non-resident yearly fee at \$70. A motion was made by Emery and seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

11 new library cards were made in May. 10 resident card renewals were recorded in May and 8 non-resident cards were renewed. 2179 total physical items were checked out in May. 599 additional e-resources were checked out on Libby this month by 280 unique users.

Director Miller submitted additional information to the Illinois Arts Council General Operating Funds grant. This will be a 3 year grant, renewed each year. H Miller also submitted another quarterly financial and narrative report for the DECK grant which the grant manager is finally working through the paperwork this month. The Digital Equity Capacity grant fund that H Miller applied for in March has been defunded at the Federal level. The money was already allocated by congress in 2021 to get Americans in all 50 states on equal footing when it comes to digital skills and access to technology.

Shaunessey Green, a Carlinville resident, volunteered his time to weeding the outdoor landscaping.

A local 7 year old donated \$500 to the library, part of the \$3000 she raised after sending out a Facebook video saying that she'd like to raise funds to help local people.

Summer reading began June 2. Thank you to all of the prize sponsors. C and H Miller set up a table at the Carlinville Fine Arts Fair on May 6th. They passed out over 100 Summer Reading sign-up forms.

Storytime welcomed 42 kids and 25 caregivers during the 3 sessions in May. 7 kids, 3 adults came to the LEGO Free building on May 2, and 3 kids came to Stop-Motion Animation on May 9.

8 kids attended CrafterSchool on May 7. The library sponsored 2 Art Extravaganza sessions in May. A total of 27 kids attended.

The first annual Chess Tournament was held on May 12 with 24 people of all ages participating. The Tournament was a huge success thanks to Luke Aikin and his family. Excellent media coverage appeared in multiple regional newspapers thanks to Tom Emery.

"Cook the Books" club met on May 17th with 7 people in attendance. The theme was Smitten Kitchen cookbook recipes.

An Intro to Junk Journals class was held on May 3 with 7 people in attendance. They learned different collage techniques. Those who came expressed interest in a meet-up for junk journaling at the library. The first one will be June 7 from 10am-noon.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 PM

Submitted by Secretary Dana Yowell