

CARLINVILLE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

August 3, 2025

The Carlinville Library Board met in regular session Monday, August 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: Director Miller passed around a thank you note from Sarah Smith of Michigan in honor of her Pressler cousins who enjoy the library. Burdell mentioned the success of the Summer Reading Program and highlighted the Mad Scientist program as a fan favorite.

The regular minutes of the July 7 meeting were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. No one had any corrections so the minutes stand approved as read.

A copy of the financial report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. Treasurer J Rosentreter noted the Macoupin County property tax bills are due later this year (9/19 and 10/31) so tax income will be sent to the library later than usual. A motion was made by Aikin and seconded that the treasurer's report and paying of bills be accepted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING:

President K Rosentreter distributed a list of the standing committees that will begin to meet soon. If anyone has any questions, please contact K Rosentreter.

NEWSPAPER DIGITIZATION PROJECT: Director Miller has been in contact with a company who digitizes newspapers for other Illinois libraries. She will investigate further.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT ON TAX LEVIES: K Rosentreter contacted Peoria Attorney Phillip Lenzini who is an expert in Illinois Library Law and assists as many as 240 Illinois libraries. They had a long discussion regarding tax levies. K Rosentreter will discuss further with the new Standing Committee on Finance and then discuss with the Board.

HIRING NEW PART-TIME STAFF: Erin Sanson will be leaving her part time library position soon. Director Miller will need to hire someone to replace Erin.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

10 new library cards were made in July. 23 resident card renewals were recorded in July and 6 non-resident cards were renewed. 2695 total physical items were checked out in July. 674 additional e-resources were checked out on Libby this month by 295 unique users.

The Wowbrary library newsletter is getting set up and will go live on August 16th.

Director Miller submitted quarterly reports for both ILSOS Tech Grant and for the DECK grant in July.

Linda Snyder and Kathy Smith chose the library as the recipient for the Ladies Golf League fundraiser August 4th.

Pre-K Storytime welcomed 99 kids and 51 caregivers attending the 10 sessions in July. School-Aged Storytime welcomed 50 kids for 3 sessions. 29 kids came to the LEGO Free building and Stop Motion on July 11th.

Six kids attended Crafternoon on July 3rd to make air dry clay landscapes and scenes, July 18th Crafternoon had 8 kids for puffy paint mixing and July 23rd Crafternoon had 13 kids for foil art bugs and a puffy paint repeat, per request.

Summer Special Events: Mad Science St Louis was here July 9th to perform for a crowd of 70. Lacey from Wild Times Exotics was back on July 16th to show off 7 very interesting and very unusual animals for a crowd of 85.

Chess Club had 9 attendees of all ages July 14, and 8 attending July 28.

“Cook the Books” club met on July 17th with 9 people in attendance.

Max Schaad from Blackburn taught a kids’ class on building a PC on July 23rd. 4 kids attended and were very happy to learn parts of the computer and try their hand at putting the pieces together. Max is continuing to volunteer teaching these classes into the Fall.

Junk Journal met on July 5th with 7 attending.

Picnic Storytime on July 21st was cancelled because of the extreme heat and the prediction of storms.

SUMMER READING was a big success. We had over 100 kids participate in the reading logs.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:21 PM

Submitted by Secretary Dana Yowell