

CARLINVILLE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

September 2, 2025

The Carlinville Library Board met in regular session Monday, September 2, 2025. President Kris Rosentreter called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Members physically present were Peg Fehr, Jenna Rosentreter, Polly Eldred, Jessica Yeager, Tom Emery and Dana Yowell, along with Library Director Hannah Miller. A quorum was present.

Public Comments and Correspondence: None

The regular minutes of the August 4 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 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

PARKING LOT RESEALED: Mayor Downey reached out to President K Rosentreter regarding the library's cost of our share for the parking lot being resealed and restriped.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING: President K Rosentreter will discuss these committees at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ENERGY TRANSITION COMMUNITY GRANT UPDATE: Director Miller indicated that the library passed Phase One of this Grant process. The second phase involves much more detail; which is due October 31. This money is being offered to rejuvenate our area since the Monterey Coal Mine closed.

DISCUSS BOARD PORTION OF PER CAPITA GRANT REQUIREMENTS-Serving Our Public: Library Standards 4.0: Director Miller passed out assigned chapters to report on during October, November and January's meetings.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

9 new library cards were made in August. 17 resident card renewals were recorded in August and 10 non-resident cards were renewed. 2309 total physical items were checked out in August. 557 additional e-resources were checked out on Libby this month by 297 unique users.

The Wowbrary library newsletter went live on August 16 and will roll it out to patrons in September.

Linda Snyder and Kathy Smith chose the library as the recipient for the Ladies Golf League fundraiser August 4th. They designated using the money for children's programs. A motion was made by Eldred and seconded to use some of the money for new tables and a rug in the Children's area. The motion was passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

A book fair will be held at the library Saturday, September 20. This is in conjunction with the Historical Society's Fall Festival. The conference room will be where the majority of books for sale will be displayed. Fehr volunteered to spearhead the organization of this project.

Pre-K Storytime welcomed 31 kids and 18 caregivers attending the 4 sessions in August. 6 kids with 6 adults came to the LEGO Free building and Stop Motion on August 1, with 6 adults coming on August 8th. Crafternoon on August 22nd had 9 kids to make tube bracelets.

Jaclyn Hellums agreed to host another special storytime for kids with the book Mossy by Jan Brett on August 5th. Jaclyn was a summer reading volunteer who posted about her storytime on Facebook and got such a big response from families wishing they had known about it. She had 11 kids and 7 adults for Mossy Storytime.

Chess Club had 4 attendees on August 25th. The library will host a second Chess Tournament on September 29th.

"Cook the Books" club did not meet in August. Max Schaad from Blackburn taught "Demystifying AI" on August 21st. Two people attended.

The library was represented at CHS Rock the Block on August 11th. The kids made bookmarks and library card information and upcoming library events were handed out.

Director Miller noted the annual Library Crawl is coming up again in October. Library staff is encouraged to participate as it is a great resource to gain new ideas from other libraries. A motion was made by Fehr and seconded to offer travel reimbursement for staff who participate. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Merchant's Night on the local Square to celebrate Halloween was discussed. H Miller indicated it is expensive to purchase candy so Eldred offered to donate the candy. Yeager suggested also possibly giving away bookmarks.

A new offering for older adults has been added to the library schedule. Bingo will be a monthly event organized by Vicky Walker from Carlinville Area Hospital and Clinics in cooperation with H Miller.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:13 PM; Submitted by Secretary Dana Yowell