

CARLINVILLE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

February 2, 2026

The Carlinville Library Board met in regular session Monday, January 5, 2026. President Kris Rosentreter called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Members physically present were Peg Fehr, Jenna Rosentreter, Polly Eldred, Liz Burdell, Jessica Yeager, and Dana Yowell, along with Library Director Hannah Miller. A quorum was present.

Public Comments and Correspondence: Director Miller passed out correspondence from Illinois Heartland Library Systems asking for members to consider running to represent our library on the IHLS Board of Directors.

The regular minutes of the January 5 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 budget appears to be in line with no areas of concern. 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.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: This committee met for the first time in February. Aikin is the chairperson. Fehr said they discussed the process of identifying new board members. K Rosentreter passed out a handout of what different items they could be discussing in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW CHAPTER 12 OF SERVING OUR PUBLIC: Aikin reported on Chapter 12-technology.

NEW BUSINESS

None

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

15 new library cards were issued in January. 16 resident card renewals were recorded in January and 11 non-resident cards were renewed. 2278 total physical items were checked out in January. 639 additional e-resources were checked out on Libby this month by 328 unique users.

Storytime had 48 kids and 34 adults for 4 sessions in January..

Chess Club had 8 participants on January 12.

12 kids and 10 adults came to a special Winter Sensory Storytime with Mallory Bendorf..

“Cooking the Books” club had 7 attendees on January 15.

Bingo, in collaboration with Carlinville Area Hospital, had no attendees December 3. It seems like there is interest but no one has actually shown up.

There were 7 kids for Legos after school on January 2nd and 7 kids for Stop-Motion on January 9.

CrafterSchool on January 29 had 10 kids and 6 adults to make pens, foil sculpture skiers, tie-dye snowflakes and yeti traps. A yeti-themed scavenger hunt finished the event.

Community Engagement: The Macoupin Art Collected has an art project from their Expressive Arts group on display at the library.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:56 PM

Submitted by Secretary Dana Yowell